

Department of English & Philosophy Meeting Minutes for March 1, 2005

Attending:

English

Jennifer Adkison
Brian Attebery
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Keith Comer
Terry Engebretsen
Hal Hellwig
Margaret Johnson
Kathleen King

Tom Klein
Tracy Montgomery
Bern Mulvey
Brian Norman
Vince Willoughby
Jessica Winston
Dawn Lattin
Kay Walter

Philosophy

Carl Levenson
Jim Skidmore
Russell Wahl
Melissa Norton
Jim Skidmore

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

Reports from Standing Committees

Policy & Personnel:

Graduate:

MA students are taking their comprehensive exams today. Applications are being reviewed for new admissions.

Research & Prof. Development:

“What’s new in your field” Texas Tech’s composition program this Friday, March 4th in room 152 at 3 pm (Keith Comer).

English Undergraduate:

No news to report.

Philosophy Undergraduate:

Philosophy presentation on logic diagrams (Bill McCurdy) this Friday, March 4th in room 152 at 3 pm.

Composition:

English 101 textbook review is underway.
Student essay contest nominees are being accepted.
Graduate instructor teaching award nominations are being accepted.
The committee will be reviewing televised courses and a new visual rhetoric course.
Some form of writing-intensive program at ISU is being discussed.
“Teaching grammar in context” brown bag will be Wednesday, March 9th.

Special Programs:

Brown bag discussion on writing CVs (for graduate students) is being prepared.

March 22 – panel discussion on getting academic articles through the peer review process.

Similar panel next fall will address creative writing/nonfiction applications.

Native American poet Carter Revard will be attending the graduate student conference this spring as a featured speaker.

Faculty Senate:

Possibility of faculty club at the current Pocatello Swim & Tennis Club location (University Ave).

Determination of fees and potential support is being addressed.

Faculty Senate voted in favor of giving domestic partner benefits (Bengal Card variety).

Announcements

An offer has been extended to Brent Walter for the new position in ESOL. The Department is awaiting his decision (pending receipt of the actual offer from the Dean).

New Business

Writing Degree Options – proposed changes, especially with respect to the professional writing line.

Terry addressed the need for revision (noted in previous Department Five-Year planning). Hal noted the specific changes and the various course requirements involved. Susan had concern about the internships, desiring other options or a different focus than journalism emphasis. The proposed changes would permit three different areas/foci for English 410, with students required to take two of those (general internship, ISU-specific, journalism focused). Jennifer Attebery and Tom Klein asked if there were sufficient faculty in the Department to teach these sections. Terry noted that many of these courses are already offered by various instructors, and faculty are capable of offering these courses. Margaret and Russell noted that we need to have specific course numbers for major requirements (specifically, the 399 courses in editing and copywriting and the 499 course in visual rhetoric). Margaret wanted to know how often these various courses would be offered in the rotation. Discussion concerning the various MC and Art options addressed the issue of additional options from those Department depending upon availability. Terry will draft a revision to the proposal with course numbers and their sequence in the Department curriculum for faculty consideration, along with Kathleen's explanation of the creative writing / professional writing double major option.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.