

Department of English & Philosophy Meeting Minutes for October 5, 2004

Attending:

Adkison, J	Goldbeck, J	Montgomery, T.	Strickland, Mike
Adkison, S	Hellwig, H	Mulvey, B	Wahl, R
Attebery, B	Johnson, A	Norton, M.	Whitaker, C
Attebery, J	Johnson, M	Norman, B	Willoughby, V.
Cantrill, D	King, K	Reedy, Penelope	Winston, J.
Comer, K	Klein, T	Schmidt, R	
Engebretsen, T	Launspach, S	Skidmore, J.	

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

Announcements

Accreditation team will be here Oct. 13-15th. They will have an exit presentation concerning issues the University may need to address on the afternoon of the 15th.

Faculty were encouraged to look over standards 2, 3, and 4 and be familiar with the self-study and mission goals of the university (see handout), and also examine the resources online at:

<<http://www.isu.edu/academicaffairs/accreditation>>

The College Advisory Committee will be visiting Friday, Oct. 22nd (more information to follow).

Committee Reports

Research & Prof. Development: Reviewing the library collection in areas of genre and literary theory (as it relates to genre). Work in progress seminars beginning soon – contact Jim Skidmore with proposals. For sharing ideas about research presentations, contact Brian Norman.

Composition: After considering a number of possible texts, the Composition Committee decided that Elaine Maimons *A Writers Resource: A Handbook for Writing and Research* would be recommended to the university as one common handbook for English 101 and 102. The Committee also conducted a review of all 90, 101, and 102 syllabi with respect to goals and outcomes, ADA and plagiarism statements, and writing requirements. The Committee is sponsoring a panel discussion on Nov. 12th. See the handouts on a new handbook and syllabi review (sent via e-mail).

Faculty Senate:	Notice concerning incentive goals will be distributed soon. Also, the Foundation Board would like to meet with faculty (see e-mail notice) on Oct. 21st at 4 pm.
Other/Special Committees?	American Studies: American Studies is bringing in a lecturer Oct. 28th, 7pm, concerning the Ghost Dance as practiced at Fort Hall.

Old Business

Review of the Core Curriculum (deferred from last spring):

English 211, 301, and 491 – new course descriptions revised (handout in faculty meeting) after feedback last spring. Copy will be corrected and then faculty polled to approve or reject the revised descriptions.

New Business

Department reviewed faculty mentoring program guide from the Biology Department and discussed the idea with respect to our own guidelines and preferences. An Ad-Hoc committee was suggested to incorporate discussion suggestions (to include who should participate and guidelines for participation) in advancing a faculty mentoring program. P&P will appoint this committee (Kathleen King and Tom Klein have volunteered to serve – other volunteers are welcome).

Self-study document for accreditation process: Department now needs to write an action plan in response to the External Department Review.

Accreditation review noted the need for continuing to recruit minority hires. Also, the review noted that there needs to be some further consideration of curricular goals and integration, the connections between the American Studies program and the English course offerings and focus, and the need for more information concerning recent graduates of BA, MA, and DA programs. Development of the TOESL program, improved technology support, and salaries were noted as additional concerns on the external review.

Suggestions for these or other issues should be e-mailed to or discussed with the chair. Also, the Department's original self-studies should be reviewed in connection with the External Review.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.