

Department of English & Philosophy Meeting Minutes for September 6, 2005

Attending:

English

Jennifer Adkison
Steve Adkison
Brian Attebery
Keith Comer
Terry Engebretsen
Janne Goldbeck
Hal Hellwig
Alan Johnson
Kathleen King

Tom Klein
Tracy Montgomery
Bern Mulvey
Brian Norman
Susan Swetnam
Vince Willoughby
Jessica Winston
Brent Wolter
Mark Dodd

Philosophy

Melissa Norton

The meeting began at 2:30 p.m.

Reports from Committees

Faculty Senate:

Tom discussed the Faculty Senate's position on the summer administrative pay raises.

Other Committees

Jessica noted that Graduate Council plans to review the 4XXg/5XXg course numbering system. Please let Jessica know if you have any comments about the current approach.

New Business

The two alternatives for a new hire in the Department were discussed (Specialist in Late Medieval Literature or Specialist in Late Victorian/Modernist British Literature). A number of faculty expressed a preference for the position in Late Medieval studies. Some interest for this position with an Old English emphasis or specialty as well was indicated, as was a desire to replace the initial alternative of "history of criticism" with "history of the language." The final announcement will call for a "Specialist in Late Medieval British Literature" with "additional areas of expertise including History of the Book, History of the Language, or Gender Studies a plus." Seventeen faculty voted in favor of the Late Medieval British Literature position (there was also one abstention).

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.