

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND PHILOSOPHY
DEPARTMENT MEETING
MINUTES**

TUESDAY, March 6, 2007; 2:30p; LA 256

Attending: J. Adkison, B. Attebery, J. Attebery, T. Engebretsen, H. Hellwig, T. Klein, D. Lattin, S. Launspaugh, C. Levenson, T. Montgomery, B. Norman, M. Norton, R. Schmidt, D. Shein, B. Schultz, L. Shutters, J. Skidmore, L. Sorensen, S. Swetnam, R. Wahl, C. Whitaker.

I. Announcements:

- a) Susan Goslee has accepted the Creative Writing tenure track position.
- b) Deb Shein announced that the departmental monthly calendar of events is now available online, and requested updates of recent awards and publications to keep faculty web pages current.

II. Committees

Graduate: tenure track faculty should fill out the Graduate Committee's questionnaire.

Undergraduate: work on curricular reform is in progress.

Composition: a) a panel discussion on podcasting is scheduled for Friday, April 13 at 2p.

b) the Graduate Student Teaching Award nominations are closed.

c) the Student Essay Contest will be open for nominations through early April, and will carry cash awards TBD.

d) the English 90 Textbook Committee has drawn up a list of 10 approved texts.

e) Tom Pfister will be piloting a stretch composition course, 101/102, in the fall.

f) the committee is interested in designing ESL sections for Engl 102 and 110. Please give any feedback to Hal.

g) Engl 307 guideline review is on hold for now

h) the supplemental text list for Engl 101 and 102 is on hold.

Research and Professional Development: expect a philosophical presentation after Spring Break.

Philosophy: Philosophers: please coordinate colloquia schedules with Russell.

Faculty Senate: no announcements

III. "Proposal from Graduate Committee: MSC to add catalog language requiring from MA applicants a brief statement (around 500 words) of academic and professional goals.

IV. Department Enrollment Numbers: handouts were distributed that analyze departmental credit hours per numerous categories. Any analytical conclusions should be addressed to Terry.

V. Potential Hiring for Next Year: Terry will distribute a ballot to rank preferences for hiring for at least three positions next year. This prioritizing should facilitate quicker ad development for fall deadlines.

VI. Proposal to Restructure PPR Process: P&P developed a draft, which was distributed for discussion at a subsequent meeting.

Adjourned 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, T. Montgomery, Ass't Chair