

IVC English Department

Meeting Minutes
28 February 2013
Room 2727 noon

PRESENT

Baukholt, Robert	Heumann, Michael	Samaniego, Olivia
Bemis, Roberta	Lay, Nancy	Shaner, Christina
Cormier, Judy	Morris, Audrey	Tirado, Xochitl
Davis, Lincoln	Patterson, James	Zielinski, David
Dorantes, Kathleen	Rapp, Frank	

ABSENT

McNeece, Brian	Rowley, Deirdre	Ruhl, Taylor
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GUESTS

Dorsey, Tanya	Williams, Harriet
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I. Call to Order (J. Patterson)

Meeting was called to order at 12:05pm.

II. Consent Agenda (Approval of Minutes)

James tabled the motion to approve the minutes of 24 January 2013 as the minutes were inadvertently left out of the packet for members to review.

(MST – K. Dorantes/J. Cormier)

III. Announcements

No specific announcements at this time.

IV. Action Items

1. Class Selection Process for the English Department (motion pending)

At the end of our last meeting, Deirdre Rowley made a motion regarding our class selection starting with the fall selection.

Since our last meeting James has had several conversations with Kathy Berry and Sheila from Human Resources seeking clarification regarding class selection. Because Nancy Lay can only teach reading, the district has an obligation to provide her with a full 15 units of reading. We will start with our normal selection process as we have done so in the past using the seniority list, but the minute that James sees that there are only 15 units of reading left, he will stamp those as closed unless Nancy has already chosen.

Nancy wanted to clarify that it's not a matter of her only wanting to teach reading, rather than she was only hired to teach reading. James added that reading is Nancy's primary discipline and mentioned that several faculty have five or six faculty service areas (FSA's).

James asked the members if they wanted a motion to have Nancy actually pick her load first; the members agreed.

Kathleen made the motion that Nancy choose her load first.
(MSC - K. Dorantes/F. Rapp)

2. Selection of Academic Senate Representative for English Department

James hopes that everyone received the email where Dr. Ruhl is asking the department how they want to select their Academic Senate Representative, from each area. They were to let Toni Gamboa know their wishes. The final results were that each department will select an Academic Senate Rep. Today in the meeting they were asked to nominate an English Rep. It is a one-year appointment. Members could nominate themselves if they so wished.

Frank Rapp nominated David Zielinski. There being no other nominations, a vote was taken and Zielinski was designated A.S. rep by acclamation.
(MSC – F. Rapp/R. Baukholt)

3. Selection of Summer School classes by Full-time Faculty

The summer school schedule, which includes two sessions, was populated.

Important information shared by James Patterson regarding Engl 101 taught in Session #1:

James stated that he needed to make a clear statement to those instructors teaching Engl 101 during the first session.

The way they're putting the schedule into BANNER, it will be possible for someone to sign up for Engl 101 in the first five-week session and go ahead and sign up for Engl 201 in the second session. He will be knocking on doors at the end of the last week of the first session so that he can find out which students are not going to make it so he can make sure those students are taken off the roster because once they walk into class and are marked present, they cannot be pulled. Then it's double-jeopardy for the student because they failed 201 and they cannot go back and take Engl 101, a lower level. So expect to see James during this time.

4. Program Learning Outcomes Assessment

Discussion was postponed until the March meeting.

V. Discussion

Michael commented that that on the FCMAT Report there was a recommendation of increasing class sizes but he didn't know what they'll do as far as English classes go.

Lincoln wanted to share that he received a memo from Travis Gregory. In that memo it is stated that Travis is trying to change the Student Complaint Policy. One change would be that the student would no longer have to go to the teacher first but rather go directly to an administrator. Another change would be that the complaint could be filed anonymously. Disciplinary action could start without teachers knowing the student complainants' names, and therefore the teachers would be less able to defend themselves against the accusations.

James asked if anyone knew if it had gone to the Senate yet and the response was that it has not.

James shared some information regarding negotiations that he learned from Sidney Rice. The District wishes to eliminate 199-day contracts and make them all 177-day contracts. They also would like to have all department chairs teach a full load and do department chair work on an extra duty contract basis. James did that once as chair for Humanities back in 2000 and knows he cannot do it!

David mentioned that that is the District's first response, their low-ball offer. They're very vague about compensating. What the negotiating team wants is responses from the unit members.

Michael said that they proposed the same exact thing last year. He said that the 199-day thing is much less important than the release time.

Christina threw out her impression that it is part of an on-going attempt to interfere with shared governance. The District would like to get rid of more democratically elected representation and voices of faculty and make the chair role something less desirable, keep people busy, out of the way.

David reminded everyone that the contract as it stands now allows for all this reassigned time, so if they don't want to give it up, then just don't give it up.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm.