

English Department

MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2015
Room 2721 12:55 p.m.

PRESENT

Bemis, Robert	Dorantes, Kathleen	Heumann, Michael
Howell, Kevin	Lay, Nancy	Morris, Audrey
Patterson, James	Rowley, Deirdre	Shaner, Christina
Tirado, Xochitl	Zielinski, David	

ABSENT

Baukholt, Robert	Cormier, Judy	Garcia, Olivia
Rapp, Frank	Simpson, Scott	

GUESTS

Dorsey, Tanya	Norris, Terry
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I. Call to Order (Kathleen Dorantes)

The meeting was called to order at 12:55pm.

II. Welcome

Kathleen welcomed everyone.

III. Approval of Minutes – June 11, 2015

The minutes of September 14, 2015 were approved as presented.

IV. Discussion Items

1. English Classes at External Campuses

IVC came up with an agreement with ICOE to offer regular classes at three different external sites--Brawley, Calexico and El Centro. Kathleen said she thought the program might begin in fall 2016, and that ENGL 008 would be a good class to offer in Calexico.

James offered to teach ENGL and SPCH classes at one of the sites. Nancy said she would be interested in teaching READ 018.

Classes would have to be scheduled after the high school classes are let out. Kathleen said that the earliest a class could start would be 3:30 p.m.

The question regarding being able to claim mileage came up. Dean Zielinski said that if you're leaving from home and going to any of the sites, you cannot claim mileage. If you're leaving from IVC to the site then you can claim it.

2. English 008 Class Innovations

Kathleen said that English 8 students struggle a lot with their English. She wondered what we can do to help those particular students. Would a co-requisite class help? Maybe a co-requisite class with a lab component? Maybe it could be a 5 or even a 6-unit class.

Xochitl asked if we would be able to have regular ENGL 008s and then the 008s for ESL students.

David mentioned that ESL has been talking about coming up with an ESL class that complements ENGL 008 and 009.

3. English 009 Essay Grading Rubric

Kathleen said the English Standards Committee has come up with a grading rubric for English 9 essays, and she passed out a copy to everyone. James said he has been using the English 110 rubric in his ENGL 110 classes.

V. Reports

1. Chair's Report

a. Scheduling

Kathleen reported that we're currently staffing the Winter 2017 schedule.

b. Tenure Announcements

Congratulations went out to Audrey Morris, Xochitl Tirado and Kevin Howell. All were granted Tenure.

2. Reading Task Force

Audrey said the Reading Task Force is scheduled to meet the following Monday. Currently they're looking at statistics. Audrey and Nancy are going to the College Reading and Learning Association conference in Portland in early November.

3. Student Success and Equity Committee

James announced that there would be a meeting on Wednesday in the Board Room. He mentioned that the State Legislature has changed its focus on orientation enrollment and support. The State Legislature expanded the list of target groups. A lot of the money is going to Veterans and Foster Youth. The state is keeping an eye on all this money.

4. Academic Senate Report

Michael said that the biggest topic at the meeting was the presentation that Diane Harris and Alex Garza gave on ESL. In the presentation they asked that the Senate support credit ESL. The Senate will vote on that at the meeting held that week.

5. Writing Lab

Terry Norris said he is wrapping up training with three tutors.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28pm.