

English Department

MEETING MINUTES

December 3, 2018

3:00-4:00pm

Room 2721

PRESENT

Baukholt, Robert
Garcia, Olivia
Morris, Nancy
Sandoval, Angel
Spence, Cynthia

Beope, Nikolai
Heumann, Michael
Patterson, James
Shaner, Christina

Cormier, Judy
Lay, Nancy
Rowley, Deirdre
Simpson, Scott

ABSENT

Bemis, Roberta

Howell, Kevin

GUESTS

Tanya Dorsey

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm by Chair Michael Heumann.

II. Consent Agenda – December 8, 2018

(M/S/C R. Baukholt/James Patterson)

The minutes were approved as presented.

III. Discussion and Information Items

1. AB 705 Update

Cynthia shared that there will be an Acceleration Across California CAP's Third Annual Statewide Conference, February 21-23rd. On Thursday February 21 the pre-conference workshops will be held. The main conference will be on Friday and Saturday, February 22-23rd. It will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Sacramento. Michael said that there is money available for anyone who would like to go.

Michael said that normally at this time he would have a draft of what the schedule is going to look like for next fall. But for whatever reason he does not have that schedule yet. He's not been given the draft schedule to even edit. He thinks he's probably going to end up doing it at the start of spring and from there we'll probably pick classes for next fall. In the mean time he's hoping to get data from Norma Nuñez. The counselors have been going out to the high schools and hopefully they'll have a better idea GPA wise of how many students have a 2.6 GPA or higher and will go straight into 110 and the ones that have a lower GPA than that will be able to take the 110 with a co-req. We'll then have a better idea about how many sections with the co-req we need to create.

Judy asked if there's anyone who can explain to the incoming high school students that this is coming down the pipeline? They tell them when they're seniors and she feels this

is too late. Judy feels that students need to start building up their GPA earlier than when they are juniors and planning prom! Michael said that he honestly has no idea. He feels that Imperial has a little bit of an advantage because we have teachers that also teach at the high school and also the principal of Imperial High has this information also because he teaches here also. He feels that Calexico has a bit of a disconnect with what's going on. Michael said that's all he has right now and that hopefully when we come back from break he'll have more to share. He said that when we come back we'll really have to ramp up our plan for the 110 and the co-req.

Michael said that he visited Cynthia's 055 class this semester and it was a really interesting class and it opened up a lot of ideas on how we can take advantage of that time. We have never had anything like this before, where you could work with the students during class when they're doing their homework. The time spent in it is really beneficial, Michael said. Cynthia said that on the survey that she gave she got a lot of positive feedback. The students like the lab idea and it's working out well. Michael said that Math is doing their own co-req as well.

Olivia shared that at one of the conferences she recently attended, it was noted that IVC, surprisingly was one of the more forward thinking schools; a lot of colleges are barely going to get started with co-reqs in the fall whereas IVC has already started working on Multiple Measures and different matters for a while.

Michael said that he had been anticipating this kind of change for a while but didn't think it was going to be this drastic of a change as it has ended up being but at least we were somewhat prepared. Judy asked if we knew yet whether we are going to be keeping the ENGL 008's and 009's. Michael said that as far as he knows, we are. There's nothing to prevent us from teaching them. Students cannot be placed in to the classes, they can voluntarily take them. They have a year to complete their transfer English. He said the clock doesn't start until they take that class.

Cynthia shared that the only problem we would have is if we didn't have enough open 110's for them to take. As long as we have enough 110's open we're compliant with the law.

2. English 202 and Children's Lit

Michael said that Judy has been talking about a class for years which would involve ENGL 102 and 201. Michael thinks that now would be a good time to start talking about it, primarily because our 201s keep growing. Our 102s are filled (as are 225 and 226). We have more English Majors than we've ever had. And because we have more students going in to 110 we are going to have more students finish 110 and hence be eligible for those 200-level classes. Michael would like to start working on this after the first meeting in spring. Michael put the course outline together and put it out for everyone to look at. The process takes a while to get everything approved by the CSU'S and UC's He would like to vote on it at our first meeting when we come back in the spring. He doesn't anticipate teaching this class next fall but rather next spring at

the earliest. Michael called the class ENGL 202. It does combine two classes that we currently offer, 102 and 201. He said it'll be a four unit class that combines literature and argumentation. He guesses we can start out by offering a section or two of it and see how that goes. He thinks it's a perfect class for English Majors to take in lieu of 102 and 201.

Audrey has been talking about developing Children's Lit and she wanted to say a little bit about what she's planning on putting together. She shared a handout with info on the class that would be ENGL 180.

3. Protocols for Reserving Computer Labs

There are a limited number of computer classrooms and there are a lot people that like to use them. Now to sign up to take your class to the computer room it's kind of on a first come first serve basis so someone suggested to Michael that maybe we should come up with some kind of protocol to have more equal distribution of the computer classrooms. James asked how late they were open, Michael thinks until 8:00pm. They've been trying to get them to open them earlier and keep them open later. Deirdre shared that what works out well for her is taking her class every other week and not every week and then also for their final.

Cynthia mentioned that we are getting two more carts so in the spring we will have a total of four carts. Michael shared that when he first started and with the ACESSO Grant, they bought a computer cart but it was so much hassle just to get it working and getting everything plugged in and getting it charged, but they've improved the technology since then so it's a lot easier. Judy said that if we had rooms dedicated to them, we could just have locks on them and we wouldn't have to be hauling that cart around everywhere. Michael said that that is what Cynthia had in mind.

IV. Reports

- 1. English Standards**
- 2. Basic Skills**
- 3. SLO**
- 4. Distance Education**

V. Other

Congratulations to Nancy on her retirement. Nancy's retirement was celebrated with food and goodies. She shared that her and her husband have a place in Show Low, AZ and extended an invitation, everyone is welcome to come visit whenever they want to. She said it's very pretty there, lots of pine trees too! Cynthia presented a nice basket with lots of goodies in it.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57pm.