

English Department

Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2011

Present

Baukholt, Robert
Cormier, Judy
Loper, Amy
Rapp, Frank
Shaner, Christina

Bemis, Roberta
Dorantes, Kathleen
McNeece, Brian
Rowley, Deirdre
Tirado, Xochitl

Biley, Patti
Heumann, Michael
Paine, Robin
Samaniego, Olivia
Zielinski, David

Absent

Howell, Kevin

Lay, Nancy

Patterson, James

Guests

Singh, Joanne

Farrell, Diane

I. Call to order

Michael Heumann called to order the regular meeting of the **English Department Meeting** at **4:45pm** on **February 23** in **room 2751**.

II. Welcome and Introduction

Michael welcomed Xochitl Tirado as a full-time temp for the division.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes of November 3, 2011 were approved.
(MSC – **R. Bemis/R. Baukholt**)

IV. California Standards for English—Marilyn Burt

- a) Marilyn Burt couldn't be at the meeting but will come to the Writing Meeting in March.

V. Reports

a) Dean Brian McNeece

Brian reported that there are lots of great things in the future for student's success. IVC is applying for a twenty million dollar grant that if acquired, will go towards helping with that.

Brian is part of a committee that is going to re-evaluate priority registration. They are looking at ways to get qualified incoming freshmen in to classes without having to wait several semesters before getting in to certain classes.

b) Academic Senate

Robert Baukholt mentioned that at the meeting pretty much all that was discussed was Dr. Gould's retirement!

Also discussed was the fact that faculty should be more proactive in committee commitments so that they are better represented.

Robert also said that faculty should be expecting an announcement to choose English Reps soon.

c) Curriculum

Michael mentioned that colleges are currently dealing with AB 1440. AB 1440 gives students a clear path to transferring by setting up direct guidelines for CSU's to agree upon.

d) Basic Skills

Frank mentioned that at the end of 2012, the Basic Skills Committee will have to provide a very detailed report on how BS monies were used.

Frank said that for 2010/2011 we'd go with what we had in 2009/2010, also, we got cut another \$28,000.

e) Distance Ed

David reported that the next meeting is on March 3rd.

We're just one course away from students being able to complete their 60-unit GE credits on-line.

David said that for the DE page we have got to come up with a more efficient way to get the information from the Divisions.

Andres sent out an email advising faculty to take E-tudes 101.

f) ATLAS

Michael reported that ATLAS is largely a technology grant. The first ATLAS training conference to train the trainers was held before the semester began, he felt it was a success.

VI. Action Items

- a) No Items

VII. Discussion

a) Comprehensive Program Review of English Transfer

Michael said that we're supposed to do Comprehensive Program Review every three years, this year we're doing it for the English Transfer level, from Engl 100 courses and above. Any input/feedback from the group is welcome.

It was noted the enrollment for Engl 111 has diminished since 2007.

b) Revising Basic Skills Sequences—Call for Volunteers

The Basic Skills sequence will have to be revised because currently we have a problem. A student is limited to only 30 units of basic skill courses, after that, the college cannot receive apportionment for the student and students cannot receive financial aid.

Deirdre and Patti volunteered to help out with Reading BS classes and Kathleen and Judy agreed to help out with the Writing part of it.

After the meeting, Robert and Frank agreed to help out with Writing also.

c) English 99 Common Final Statistics

(Michael shared the results of the common final).

In March we will have a Reading & Writing Meeting.

Michael asked that the assessment for the second SLO be done for Reading. In the fall, one for writing is due.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm