

Minutes of May 24, 2012 ECC English Department meeting

Meeting convened at 1:00 pm.

Elise Geraghty presiding, Dean Tom Lew attending, the following faculty also in attendance:

The meeting began on a high note: Dean Lew announced the hiring of Elise Geraghty as permanent Associate Dean of Humanities. Faculty greeted the news with warm applause.

Dean Lew also read several Applause cards written by appreciative students in praise of Professors Darryl Thompson and Mary Ann Leiby.

Program Review and English SLO

Permanent Associate Dean Geraghty explained the process by which faculty can access ECC's Program Review site via CurricUNET, demonstrating on-screen the steps needed to navigate to the site.

Bruce Peppard continued the discussion of Program Review and presented the latest iteration of the English B SLO, soliciting comments on recently proposed changes. After a brief discussion Pete Marcoux moved to vote and was seconded by Dana Crotwell. The proposed changes to the English B SLO were approved unanimously.

Rachel Williams noted the existence of minor processing errors on CurricUNET and solicited faculty input in hunting them down.

After congratulating Ms. Williams on being named new Honors Transfer Program Coordinator, Ms. Geraghty reminded faculty of the fall 2012 deadline for putting SLO assessment reports into the system.

Announcements

Pete Marcoux announced the annual student reading from *Myriad*, ECC's literary journal, scheduled for 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 31, in the Distance Education classroom adjacent to the library.

Briita Halonen announced that since her term as the VP of Faculty Development, and as such her role as an Academic Senator, is coming to an end this semester, there will be an opening for a new Academic Senator from the Humanities Division. She encouraged any interested faculty to contact her or Chris Gold, Academic Senate President, for more information.

Dean Lew echoed Elise's earlier comment congratulating Rachel Williams as new HTP coordinator. Dean Lew noted that an impressive number of English Department members

have served over the years as HTP coordinators, including a young Steve Waterworth.

Dean Lew happily announced the department's recent hiring of three new full-time English instructors: Ashley Gallagher, Dr. Stephanie Merz, and Dr. Christina Nagao. He also thanked the screening committee members – Matt Cheung, Susan Corbin, Claudia Lee and Darryl Thompson – for their hard work in helping to make the selections.

Confusion re: Summer Add/Drop Date

Associate Dean Geraghty pointed out a significant error in ECC's printed catalog of summer 2012 classes: the dates listed for dropping a summer school class with no notation are incorrect. Elise asked that faculty inform students of the correct dates: June 21 for 6-week classes, June 25 for 8-week classes.

New Repeatability Rules

Dean Lew reminded faculty of the new state regulations regarding course repeatability. Students will be limited to 3 attempts at taking a class in which they receive a grade, including a W. The dean noted that this rule promised "a new and different world for community colleges."

Elise Geraghty announced that Matt Cheung has been appointed Faculty Co-Chair of the Accreditation Study.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Submitted by Gene Armao