

**Department of English — Minutes of the T/TT Faculty Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 19, 2016**

**Submitted by: Regina Nelson**

Attending:

Maria Bachman, Julie Barger, Pat Bradley, Jimmie Cain, Jim Comas, Eric Detweiler, Ellen Donovan, Kevin Donovan, Jill Hague, Martha Hixon, Elyce Helford, Allen Hibbard, Bob Holtzclaw, Mark Jackson, Ron Kates, Bill Levine, Alfred Lutz, Jenny Marchant, Carl Ostrowski, Kate Pantelides, Bob Petersen, Mischa Renfro. (*Also*, Lucy Langworthy, Matt Hibdon, Sarah Perkins).

Absent:

Mohammed Albakry, Claudia Barnett, Will Brantley, Robert Bray, Gaylord Brewer, Aleka Blackwell, Elvira Casal, Bene Cox, Laura Dubek, Tricia Gaitely, Becky King, Justyna Kostkowska, Michael Neth, Pete McCluskey, Rhonda McDaniel, Ted Sherman, Kathleen Therrien, Laura White. (*On leave:* Amy Kaufman, Jid Lee)

- I. Maria Bachman called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.
- II. Announcements/Reminders
  - Summer Course Requests
  - Intention to Travel
  - Remembering David Lavery. Requesting ideas beyond scholarship fund. Pop Culture Media Center?
  - Reminder to post online tributes to Dr. Lavery on the English website.
  - Fall Colloquium: Monday, October 24 (at home of Dr. Robert Bray)
- III. MA restructuring proposal (sent via email on 10/11)
  - MA funding & assistantships
    - Discussion on restructuring led by Kevin Donovan
  - Motion: to vote on the proposal to restructure the MA program. (Jim Comas; seconded by Martha Hixon).
    - Ballot will be sent out via email on Thursday, October 20.
- IV. English Major Core Proposal
  - Oak tree model with different branches vs “silo” effect
  - Discussion
    - Benefits of required foundation/core courses for all majors regardless of concentration
    - Revisions to individual concentrations; few additional changes would be needed if each concentration utilizes the “English Major Core
    - Recommendations to adopt similar terminology across concentrations.
    - Recommendation to list courses rather than “areas” to better accommodate student needs.
  - Motion: to approve the core and area concentration as generally conceptualized in the proposed document. (Elyce Helford; seconded by Kevin Donovan)
    - For clarification of vote, Ron Kates presented chart of the core plus the four concentrations (as proposed). Motion to move to electronic votes on the proposals.
- V. Announcement (Ron Kates) – Handouts of upper division classes offered in the spring will be available on Nicole’s desk. Faculty should distribute these handouts to students in their classes to build excitement about spring registration.
- VI. Department Mission Statement
  - To be finalized at November faculty meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01pm.