

Minutes for English Dept. Meeting, Feb. 8, 2019

In attendance: Kristi Maxwell, Frank Kelderman, Steve Smith, Joe Turner, Amy Clukey, Mark Mattes, Bruce Horner, Andrea Olinger, David Anderson, Karen Chandler, Ian Stansel, Kiki Petrosino, Beth Willey, Hristomir Stanev, Glynis Ridley, Andrew Rabin, Dale Billingsley, Tim Johnson, Deborah Lutz, Karen Kopelson, Mary P Sheridan, Bronwyn Williams, Elaine Wise, Matthew Biberman, Joan D'Antoni, Julia Dietrich

Glynis Ridley calls meeting to order, 2:02 p.m.

- Announcements:
 - Lutz: March 6 Talk, HUM 300, 5 p.m., "Friendship Albums"
 - Rabin: Upcoming Wittreich Lectures, April 10
 - Stansel: Sarah Strickley reads tonight at the Bard's Town at 7 p.m.
 - Mattes: April 12 is The Futures of Handwriting Conference
 - Olinger: Frank Kelderman will present for the Discourse and Semiotics Group next week
 - Clukey: Call for potential Honors students
 - Turner: March 1, PhD luncheon
 - Willey: Turn in mid-term progress reports
 - D'Antoni: African-American Read-in, 2/11
 - Ridley: use ENG-MEET Listserv to remind colleagues about upcoming events
- Move to approve the minutes from the Jan. 2019 meeting (Approved)
- Announcement and discussion re: new lower graduate teaching load and additional online course offerings (including DE training)
 - Meeting with grad students 2/21
- Discussion re: restructuring the major
 - Structure of the Core
 - Scheduling Implications
 - Possibility for Variation
 - Where Literature Fits
 - Enrollment Patterns:
 - Less likely to take courses that meet on Fridays and 3 days a week
 - + Prior familiarity with topic
 - + Familiarity with professor
 - Media and Cultural Studies (in other English programs/models)
 - Courses Attracting Non-majors
 - Literature, Writing, and [x] (highlighting "writing" in the course names)
 - All new course proposals should be accompanied by a sample syllabus and a willingness to teach regularly

- ENGL 304 (possibility of name change from Creative Nonfiction to The Essay and move into core)
 - Suggestion for #2 in Structure in the Core: the Essay, Intertextuality, Texts and Contexts, etc.
 - Retitle “English or American Literatures” to “English or American Studies”
 - Homework from the Chair: send ideas about #2 (in tentative structure for redesigned English major)
- Other Business
 - University Press of Kentucky: press representatives coming 3/1 (book proposals)
- Meeting concluded, 3:26 p.m.