

## **Minutes English Department Faculty Meeting Friday 13 October 2017**

In attendance: Glynis Ridley, Susan Ryan, Susan Griffin, Mary P. Sheridan, Bronwyn Williams, Hristomir Stanev, Beth Willey, Elaine Wise, Joe Turner, Karen Kopelson, Kiki Petrosino, Andrew Rabin, Deborah Lutz, Bruce Horner, Timothy Johnson, Mary Rosner, Karen Chandler, Matthew Biberman, Andrea Olinger, Rick Wysocki, Frank Kelderman, Kristi Maxwell, Amy Clukey, Mary Rosner, Dale Hachten, David Anderson, Steve Jones, Joan D'Antoni, Frances McDonald (taking minutes).

### **Welcome (2:05pm)**

#### **Announcements**

- The minutes from the previous two department meetings (morning and afternoon of 8/17) were approved.
- Chairs are meeting with the Dean to discuss the current financial and staffing situation on Monday (10/16).
- An open forum to discuss the professional writing minor is scheduled for Wednesday 10/18, in Ekstrom E254, from noon – 1:30pm.
- The course request email will be sent out in the next week. It will include new questions about interest in: a) online teaching and b) the new classroom building.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Axton reading by Sarah Gorham and Jeffrey Skinner will be held on Oct. 19, at 7:30pm in Bingham Poetry Room.
- Leslie Jamison will deliver the Axton Writer's Keynote reading on Oct. 21 from 5pm-7pm at the Tim Faulkner Gallery.
- The 2017 Watson Visiting Scholar, LuMing Mao, is delivering a public lecture on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> at 4pm, in Chao. The reception will be held at Bruce Horner's house at 7pm.
- Ellen Gruber Garvey will deliver a talk titled "Paper Monuments" on Oct. 27, 5:30pm-6:30pm in HUM 300.

#### **Undergraduate Committee: New Syllabi**

- Discussion of the four introductory classes for non-majors presented by the Undergraduate Committee.
- Discussion of potential overlap of proposed courses with Humanities.
- The Undergraduate Committee will differentiate the language of outcomes/assessments between the four syllabi.
- **Motion:** allow the Undergraduate Committee to move the four syllabi along to the Curriculum Committee.
  - Unanimous vote bar 1 abstention.
  - Motion carried.

The meeting concluded at 2:30, to be followed by a workshop on Implicit Bias Training led by UofL's Director of Diversity Education, Marian Vasser.