

## Minutes from Department Meeting, Nov. 1, 2019

In attendance: Kristi Maxwell, Karen Kopelson, Frank Kelderman, Andrew Rabin, Tobias Lee (PhD liaison), Susan Ryan, Ian Stansel, Sarah Strickley, Amy Clukey, Bronwyn Williams, Karen Hadley, Bruce Horner, Andrea Olinger, Steve Smith, Elaine Wise, Hristomir Stanev, Tim Johnson, Joe Turner, Mark Mattes, Glynis Ridley, Joan D'Antoni, Karen Chandler, Dale Hachten, David Anderson

- Ridley calls meeting to order (2:04 p.m.)
- Minutes from Aug. 2019 meeting approved with friendly amendment to minutes of afternoon meeting of 8/14/19: Amy Clukey presented the Honors report and not, as the draft minutes stated, David Anderson
- Announcements
  - Grad Student Appreciation Event Nov. 6 (Turner)
  - Thanks to faculty who donated books for raffle (Olinger)
  - *Miracle Monocle* has published its first micro-anthology, with official launch planned during Writer's Block Festival, Nov. 16 (Stansel)
  - Kelderman will give talk Nov. 6 at Locust Grove, 1:15 p.m.
- Overview of Grad Committee proposal to change transfer credit policy (Turner)
  - Vote: unanimously in favor of changing transfer credit policy, based on Grad Committee recommendation
- Explanation of decision re: Watson Conference 2020 (Kopelson)
  - Talks planned with Endowments Office
  - Restructuring planned for 2021
  - Discussion of concerns
  - Assurance the conference will go on in some form or another (Williams)
- Discussion re: change in teaching loads for PhD students and negative impact on AD/RA positions
  - Initial brainstorming re: how to address this negative impact
- Ridley calls to conclude meeting (2:52 p.m.)