

Department of English

Meeting of tenured/tenure track faculty on 8/17

11:00 a.m. – noon. HM205

Present:

Joshua Adams, David Anderson, Matthew Biberman, Karen Chandler, Karen Hadley, Tim Johnson, Andrea Olinger, Mark Mattes, Megan Poole, Andrew Rabin, Glynis Ridley (Chair), Susan Ryan, Stephen Schneider, Mary P. Sheridan, Ian Stansel, Bronwyn Williams

Apologies:

Amy Clukey, Alan Golding, Deborah Lutz, Joe Turner (grad orientation day), Hristomir Stanev

1. Announcements: Personnel

1.1 Reminder that six members of the Department are taking sabbatical leave in 22-23 – Karen Chandler (Sp23) Paul Griner (F22), Frank Kelderman (F22), Karen Kopelson (F22), Kristi Maxwell (F22), Mary P. Sheridan (Sp 23).

Thanks to Joe Turner for stepping up as Acting DGS in F22 and to Tim Johnson who will be Acting Director UG in Sp23.

1.2 At the request of Faculty Affairs, elections to Department Personnel Committee were held at the end of the Sp 22 semester. PC members for 22-23 are confirmed as Amy Clukey, Paul Griner, Tim Johnson, Andrew Rabin (Chair), Ian Stansel. Karen Hadley is Alt. and will serve in place of Paul Griner in F22, when he is on sabbatical.

Mandatory personnel actions for 22-23: pre-tenure review of Megan Poole. Dept PC will also serve as the search committee for the next dept Chair, who will begin on 07/01/23.

1.3 Remaining committee assignments and dept meeting dates out by end of week.

1.4 Vacant lines

Congratulations to Bronwyn Williams named as Endowed Chair in Rhetoric and Composition. Williams succeeds Bruce Horner, now in phased retirement. Ridley noted that Williams was appointed full professor in 2009, and his distinguished publication record includes 7 books and edited collections and 38 chapters and journal articles.

Confirmation that only six new tt searches have been authorized across A&S in 22-23, plus authorization of one further search resulting from a failed search in 21-22. All are deemed necessary due to accreditation issues. Because of the A&S budget situation, no other searches will occur.

2. Announcements: Budget

The College budget balanced at the end of 21-22 only because of an injection of \$800k from central administration. This was needed even after the A&S Dean's office swept one-half of all departments' Z accounts. (Z accounts have traditionally been rainy day accounts and have not previously been swept at the end of the fiscal year.) English lost approx. \$20k to the June '22 raid on departments' Z accounts. The so-called 'new budget model' has not caused A&S budgetary problems but has made them more readily apparent. All departments' General Funds accounts are, in effect, frozen and departments are required to use gift and any remaining money in Z accounts for a range of expenditures including copying.

Ridley initially announced that, because of this situation, no research/travel money would be available for tenured faculty in 22-23. But in response to a question from Mattes, Ridley agreed to see if a very modest amount of money (\$200-300) might be allowed each tenured faculty member in order to renew professional society memberships, which may allow access to funding and research opportunities.

Chair will work with tenured-track faculty to establish if they have any start-up money remaining and may fund tt research/travel up to \$1k in 21-22 from a Z account.

In response to question from Hadley, Ridley confirmed that approx. \$20k remaining in a Z account constitutes the entirety of the department's reserves in case of emergency needs e.g. ptl to cover a class, or computer breakdown etc.

3. Chair candidates to succeed Ridley and commence on 07/01/23 announced as Matthew Biberman and Karen Chandler. As Chair of Dept PC, Andrew Rabin explained a planned series of Q&As with the two candidates, to be run by PC, in advance of a secret ballot election. It is hoped to have a Chair Elect named before the end of the Fall semester.

4. There being no further business, the meeting closed at noon, with a request from Hadley that Ridley, as a member of the Provost's Strategic Planning Committee, give a brief report on the work of that committee with the afternoon's other reports.