

English Department Faculty Meeting

February 2, 2024

2:00 pm

Bingham Humanities 300

In attendance: Joshua Adams, David Anderson, Matthew Biberman, Karen Chandler (Chair), Joan D'Antoni, Paul Griner, Karen Hadley, Nina Hanee Jang (PTL rep), Frank Kelderman (Minutes), Karen Kopelson, Mark Mattes, Kristi Maxwell, Robin Mozer, Andrea Olinger, Marie Pruitt (Graduate student rep), Andrew Rabin, Mary P Sheridan, Hristomir Stanev, Sarah Strickley, Joe Turner, Bronwyn Williams

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Announcements

- The Dean approved two term faculty lines for department in Composition
- Monday Feb 12: African American Reading Day.
- CCHS sponsored film and talk at the Speed, 3-5 pm Sunday 2/4
- Miracle Monocle open mic Night, Wednesday 2/7 at 5:30
- Indigenous studies talk by Kimberly Wieser-Weryackwe Friday 2/2 at 4:00 in Bingham 101 followed by reception at Joan's house

Michael Menze presentation A&S Research Office

Michael Menze from A&S Research Office presented intention to ask departments what type of support the office can offer researchers in the humanities. M: Reminder about existing online webform for research proposals and commitment to faculty research support. Listening for what our needs are as scholars in the humanities. Information about 3/9th salary top-off with external grants, another incentive to seek support.

Discussion of proposal to having award/grant winning faculty explain their process and application as a way to learn about this

Bronwyn W: PIVOT is used to locate grants but not great help in finding opportunities for humanities research scholarship. Research Office can advice

Menze: Can advise on what terms to use when using PIVOT to look for opportunities. **Asresoff@louisville.edu** is the A&S research office email account. There's an investment in developing internal funding, though finding funding sources remains a challenge. Infoready is the system used for internal grant applications, though predominantly health sciences and STEM. For A&S Research Office, would be helpful what types of opportunities, or workshops would be helpful for A&S to offer more support. Menze email: Michael.menze@louisville.edu and cc ASRESOFF@louisville.edu.

Bronwyn W. and Paul G: Willing to advise faculty on Fulbright Scholarships. Leigh Botner in Research and Innovation Office identified as a helpful and supportive resource for research in humanities

Introduction of PTL Representative

Nina Hanee Jang is one of the PTL representatives in the department.

Undergraduate Report – Sarah Strickley

Sarah S: Facilitating four A&S scholarships: two forms online for students to use. Not only for exceptional students but also to help support continuing students. Important to nudge students towards them, have more applicants. Nine hours of English beyond 102 required to apply.

Watson Conference Update – Andrea Olinger

Andrea O: After anonymous complaint, AO received email from HR about fee structure compliance for the Thomas Watson Conference 2024. Now in compliance.

Andrea O: After this, conference website received scrutiny from the Provost's Office, University Counsel, and Assoc. Dean of DEI Sherri Wallace. Assoc. Dean Wallace asked for 3 or 4 edits to the Watson website language about inclusivity. Changes were proposed to language in the keynote speaker's abstract, statements about anti-Black racism, and suggestions for inclusive restaurants in Louisville. AO made the website changes that were asked for.

Discussion of concerns about a lack of support for anti-racist initiatives and inclusive programming.

Dept. Research Committee – Karen Hadley

Karen H: Began conversation of how research committee might support department, survey was sent out. Matthew B. and Karen H. discussed complications of finding resources to support research.

Karen H: Update on meeting of the research committee with the Dean of the College. Suggestions were made regarding travel funding, possibility of holding over money from one year to the other, and salary. Being told to give information and express needs; rhetoric of concerns being heard, but no commitments made.

Suggestion: adding memorandum to faculty annual evaluations indicating that all faculty research is now practically self-funded.

Meeting closed 3:15