

Department Meeting Minutes, Oct. 6, 2023

In attendance: David Anderson, Kristie Ennis, Stephen Schneider, Frank Kelderman, Sarah Strickley, Kristi Maxwell, Susan Ryan, Karen Chandler, Mark Mattes, Joshua Adams, Paul Griner, Ian Stansel, Karen Kopelson, Marie Pruitt, Matthew Biberman, Bronwyn Williams, Karen Hadley, Kylee Auten, Joe Turner, Andrea Olinger, Tim Johnson

Meeting called to order at 2 p.m.

- Announcements (upcoming readings and presentations, rescheduled Dean's visit and note to invite her to Axton Reading Series through her assistant Courtney Griffith, request from Sherri Wallace that faculty be more consistent in reporting community engagement to help maintain research status, upcoming Oct. 20 Workshop Discussion on AI Tools, 2-3 p.m., mention of Cotter Cup)
- Sarah Strickley, speaking for Undergraduate Committee: vote on removing 491 requirement in literature minor to assist with students doing online-only degree work; the UG committee has voted in support. The question: how to fill the gap created by the removal of the requirement. Suggested amendment: 491 or any 400-level or 500-level course. Unanimously in favor with one abstention.
- Strickley and Mark Mattes speak on 450/555 (Internship/Co-op Enrollment) and the current inability to use these credits to fulfill minor requirements. Proposal to allow minors to be able to take these courses to count toward their requirements and to task UG Committee with proposing how to integrate these courses into track. Unanimously in favor.
- Strickley speaks on 310 creating obstacles in enrollments in PPW track: we may need to reexamine 310 as a requirement for non-majors taking other classes in PPW track. Proposal to tack on language of "310 or instructor's permission." Discussion of the need to make 400+-level courses in PPW WR courses.
- Mattes speaks on internship program and proposal to lower GPA requirement, in keeping with practices of other departments (which have 2.5 GPA minimum rather than 3.0 GPA). Unanimous support of Mattes moving forward with this proposal.
- Tim Johnson speaks on #RaiseSomeL. Request for content for the upcoming fundraising effort. Reminder from Chandler: note the department has small budget for technological updates.
- Term line requests: deadline is Dec. (requests for tenure-track: spring deadline)

Meeting called to conclusion 3:10 p.m.