Department of English Meeting February 3rd, 2017


Meeting began at 2:00 pm in ML 411

I. Update on Public and Applied Humanities Proposal from COH
   A. COH proposal will most likely be tabled again until the MOU is further discussed.

II. Development Updates
   A. Estate gift from Edie Jarolim, New Fellowship for Undergrad English Majors (Betty Fink), and Foundation Contribution ($10k) toward Mary Helen Richardson Scholarship

III. Vote on Professional and Technical Writing Candidates: Ann Shivers-McNair, Halcyon M. Lawrence, Stephanie West-Puckett (candidates were ranked in this order)
   A. There was discussion on the ranking of candidates.
   B. The Department voted in favor of the acceptability of Anne Shivers-McNair as the primary choice, and Halcyon M. Lawrence as the secondary choice, per the committee’s recommendations.

IV. Nominations for Annual Performance Review Committee
   A. Meg Lota Brown (already on committee in replacement of Larry Evers), Farid Matuk, Joshua Wilson

V. Nominations for Promotion & Tenure Committee
   A. Fenton Johnson, Tenney Nathanson, and Homer Pettey

VI. Update on revised English Major/ revised Creative Writing Major (Zwinger and Monson)
A. There was discussion on the ordering of teaching certain classes, such as 380 and 280. There was general consensus in pursuing a major that is flexible but with enough academic rigor.

VII. Feedback on Mission Statement

A. Lee wanted to make sure that the Department’s mission statement showed a broadening of horizons, and wanted to convey that this is a value-embedded discipline.

B. There was discussion about eliminating negative rhetoric, and shortening the statement to make it more user-friendly for freshman in English. There was further discussion about a “Statement on Respect” as opposed to a Mission Statement.

VIII. Hannah Ensor up for Creative Writing Affiliation (Monson)

A. Tabled