

Theater Department Meeting Minutes

4/12/16

Present: Matthew Burgos, Christine Cummings & Richard Strand

Strand called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Burgos gave his Senate Report. Most relevant highlights included:
 - Suggesting we include THTR 9 & 11 as part of Dual Enrollment in the future.
 - Informing that faculty have free access to Linda.com online video tutorials.
 - Indicating he will check available theater texts on Open Education as an alternate to the expensive texts our students are currently required to buy, including Theater History.
 - Mentioning the campus goal of providing more LGBT focused classes.
- All voted in favor of eliminating Executive Committee and Full Senate from the curriculum process.
- Cummings gave her Faculty Association Report. Most relevant highlights included:
 - Mentioning the proposed task force to review Emergency Preparedness issues encountered during the bomb scare evacuation.
 - Informing that FA annual dues for full-time faculty will increase by \$15 while adjunct dues will decrease annually by \$7.50.
 - Indicating that the Anti-Bullying Task Force will be distributing surveys to faculty regarding “reasonable behavior” here at the college.
 - Informing that FA Achievement Award Scholarships are now available and Cummings offered to post this information for the students.
- Strand said he met with Don Sciore regarding curriculum development, including repeatability, and found him receptive and positive about our moving forth in creating new courses for our students.
- All discussed continuing issues with stand alone classes and brainstormed ways to discover how other colleges navigated through this issue.
- Strand informed that he will schedule a meeting with Steve Burgoon regarding Lab Parity.
- Strand updated 4-Year Review progress: THTR 11, Acting 1 and THTR 19, Costuming are at Stage 5, Strand will complete THTR 14, Stagecraft and Strand indicated his desire to include THTR 15, Play Rehearsal & Performance as well.
- Strand said that PIE is on TracDat5 and suggested all take advantage of training sessions now available.
- All discussed Emergency Preparedness process and issues including: the multiple calls made to Dr. Long and the necessity of this happening in the event of future threats, advising that exiting North seemed the best strategy, and hopes that campus wide all will improve evacuation procedures.
- Strand mentioned the Town Hall Meeting regarding a Campus Police Department taking place May 18th.
- Strand announced that the college will come under accreditation review next March.
- Strand indicated that the THTR SLO’s are completely mapped.
- Strand said he added classes in the Summer & Fall semesters because we were asked to grow in the Fall and he requested recommendations for potential adjunct professors to help cover them. Cummings will be teaching the two sections of THTR 11, Acting 1 this Summer Term.
- Strand informed that the Catalog will no longer be offered in print version in favor of online version.
- Cummings informed that she is preparing for our first ACTF Adjudication for *And Then There Were None* providing our students with the opportunity to compete and participate in the 2017 American College Theater Festival.

Strand adjourned the meeting at 12:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Cummings

