

Theater Department Meeting Minutes
3/17/15

Present: Matthew Burgos, Ralph Eastman & Richard Strand

Strand called the meeting to order at 11:22 a.m.

REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Strand discussed the enrollment situation. Sections are being cancelled earlier than ever. Christine Cummings Intro to Theater class managed to fill at last moment.
- Strand mentioned that there was an opportunity to reinstate dual enrollment for professors teaching off-site. The faculty wasn't interested in reinstating it.
- Strand announced that the Department budget has been cut nearly in half since the start of the recession. We have never been compensated for the loss of, and salary for, a part-time shop technician. He has asked for more money to cover student hourly workers in the shop. The reduced budget is affecting the Department's LHE as the faculty can only choose to produce single set, small cast shows.
- Strand said that the Theater sign move to share the Dance door from the backstage entrance (which no one uses) has been delayed as a result of new categories on the work order paperwork.
- Strand announced that he continues to raise the issue of problems with audience parking in campus lots.
- Strand said the Division was asking for ideas to improve adjunct faculty retention. Faculty was confused as this has never been a problem for this Department.
- Strand announced that he will conduct adjunct evaluations of Brooks, Cockrum and Ogden. Eastman will do the class visitation of Cummings.
- Strand announced that chances appear good that he'll get permission to offer a one year fulltime replacement position for Eastman.
- Burgos reported that Faculty Association discussion of the academic schedule has been tabled.
- Strand announced that next Theater season includes *Boeing Boeing*, *The Student Shows*, *And Then There Were None* and *Rabbit Hole*.

Strand adjourned the meeting at 12:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Eastman