

## Theater Department Meeting Minutes

10/8/13

Present: Matthew Burgos, Ralph Eastman & Richard Strand

Strand called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m.

### **REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Strand announced that he will do the four year review of THTR 25.
- Strand noted that our writing a new class for THTR 60 (Children's Theater) can't be approved for 2014. He will write it as a stacked class to deal with the issue of repeatability. This must be done by May 30<sup>th</sup> to have the new class ready for 2015.
- Strand announced that that he'd been in touch with Bernardo Solano of Cal Poly's Theater Department and had invited him and his students to attend the Thursday final dress rehearsal of *Dead Man's Cell Phone*. They are still trying to work out how the two departments can have more contact. Cal Poly is especially interested in our technical theater students transferring to there.
- The faculty discussed the SLO check list that we received from Jason Chevalier and focused on the suggested corrections for our THTR 14 SLOs.
- Strand asked if any faculty were using DVDs in class that required subtitling. None of the faculty is currently using any DVDs in their teaching.
- Strand reported that a temporary faculty replacement may be hired for Dan Smith's classes during his service as Faculty Senate President.
- Strand reported that faculty can use Banner to recommend a student for tutoring services.
- Strand said that, in order to offer a technical theater certificate, the Department will need an additional classroom as 2T-120 is being dedicated as an Acting training classroom. We further will need to move toward hiring a fourth faculty member to specialize in teaching technical theater specialties. He also wondered if Mt. SAC could sustain such a certificate as Citrus College is already offering several tech theater certificates.
- Strand announced that he will be traveling to Michigan for his late father's Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup> memorial service. He will leave after his class on October 17 and return to the College on Monday, October 21. He has made arrangements with the PAC staff to be available for any problems arising from the performances of *Dead Man's Cell Phone* that weekend.

- The faculty began discussion of selections for the 2013 – 14 production season. They included an original play by Ralph Eastman. They began to outline a number of ways that the production could be approached. Faculty will talk among themselves and return to this discussion at the next meeting.
- Burgos explained the Faculty Association's question of whether to change existing dental plans.

Strand adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ralph Eastman