

Communication Department Meeting

October 8, 2014

26D 1220 4:30-6:30 PM

Present: John Vitullo (Chair), Julie Laverty, Roxan Arntson, Danny Cantrell (notes), Ken Klawitter, Roger Willis-Raymondo, Jeff Archibald, J. Edward Stevenson, CLS Ferguson

I. General Announcements

II. Action Items

- A. **Approved** September Minutes.
- B. **Approved** Aligning with CID for all SPCH classes. John will notify State.

III. Department

- A. Spring Schedule was distributed and confirmed.
- B. Winter textbook forms were distributed, signed, and return to **John**.
- C. Adjunct Evaluations: discussed the need for adjunct evaluations in the fall. Please contact **John** regarding which ones faculty can do.
- D. DSPS and Attendance Policy: **Danny** will meet with Grace regarding attendance policy & SPCH 1A attendance policy. General consensus was that the attendance accommodation was not reasonable for SPCH 1A.
- E. Black History Month Contest: **J. Edward** provided Phillip Maynard Black History Month Speech Contest logo & text for webpage. **J. Edward** is working with Melissa Berkeley to produce a 4-6 minute video. Please let **J. Edward** know by next week if you have suggestions on who should be featured. The department thanks **J. Edward** for all of his hard work.
- F. Photocopies of Textbook-**John** spoke with Jim.
- G. "Leads" for courses: Discussed the idea of appointing faculty members as leads for classes.
- H. Online progress report for athletics: Discussed the new form.
- I. CSU Fresno Articulation : Discussed articulating SPCH 15 or SPCH 17 with their COMM 15 class.
- J. 58 AAT's have been awarded thus far. Discussed promoting additional AAT degrees.
- K. Forensics Summit: Thanks to **Liesel** for hosting and all of the faculty for contributing their ideas.
- L. SPCH 6 Projects: **John** met with group for breakout room in 1411; **Danny** met with group for Fall Champs.
- M. Start with Speech: no news.

IV. Division News

- A. Instruction has ranked the RTF's. COMM not in the top 20. FON jumped by about 20.

V. Curriculum (SIC)

- A. John attended a workshop on 9/16: Chancellors office looking at curriculum much closer and **John** has good information.
- B. Persuasion: C-ID descriptor means it will probably be approved easily. Discussed concerns regarding placing persuasion in the AA whereas in AA-T is much easier. Discussed the need to inactivate 1B and

label persuasion as a new class (9 or 21). **Jeff** also discussed creating a computer mediated communication class. Could probably get an articulation with CSULA who has a lower division class. Could modify AA-T to include persuasion, cmc class at the same time. **Jeff** will take the lead on cmc and **Danny** will take lead on persuasion.

VI. Outcomes (SLO/GEO)

- A. AAT degree has no program outcomes accessed etc. Will schedule meeting to discuss. AAT can have same program outcomes as AA.
- B. Currently requesting SPCH 2, 8, 26 professors assess classes. **Roxan** agreed to help CLS.

VII. Reports

- A. Faculty Association (Roger): FA is moving to interest based bargaining. Lance is resigning and a VP election will be held next month. **John** volunteered for Department Chair task force. Re-opener survey will be coming out soon.
- B. Senate (Danny): Danny appointed to F-1 International student advisory committee. No big controversial items at this time.
- C. SSSC (CLS)

Information from Annel from the research department: She ran the numbers from Summer 2013 (we were closed), Fall 2013, Winter 2014, and Spring 2014. A total of 1,299 different students came to the SSSC for a total of 10,028 minutes during those semesters combined. 85.9% of the students who came to the SSSC for sign, came specifically for SIGN tutoring. 85.4% of the students who came to the SSSC for speech, came specifically for SPCH tutoring.

Perhaps more exciting, 2257 students total attempted to pass SIGN classes, 68.2% of which passed. 1134 students did not attend tutoring, only 63.6% of which passed, compared to the 414 students who attended tutoring, 86.2% of which passed.

Along these lines, 6208 students attempted to pass SPCH classes, 85.9% of which passed, compared to the 307 who attended tutoring, 88.7% of which passed.

The bottom line is this: We now have quantitative data to support what we already knew anecdotally. Our space is used by a lot of students for a lot of hours, and it helps academically. On top of that, due to our limited hours, we aren't even servicing early morning students before class, evening students, or Friday students.

Workshops and Events This semester:

- a. Research Workshop—September, Thanks Professor Danny Cantrell
- b. PowerPoint Workshop—Today! Thanks Professor Roxan Arnston!
- c. Outlining Workshop—Katherine October 14, 3-4 pm 26A 1690
- d. Verbal Delivery Workshop—Professor Julie Laverty November 4, 4-5 pm 26D 3210
- e. Nonverbal Delivery Workshop—Professor Roger Willis-Raymondo November 20, 3-4 pm 26A 1690

- f. Speech & Sign Soapbox: An open mic meets speech practice meets Deaf poetry night meets sign interpreting practice. We intend to have these once a semester toward the end of the semester. Each will have a broad theme and go back and forth between a speech professor and a sign professor as the featured presenter. The first one, this fall is tentatively scheduled to be on the theme culture, with Professor Robert Augustus as the featured presenter. The Communication Club and ASL Club will be working with us on this. Date & Time TBD, we have a preliminary planning meeting tomorrow.
- D. Textbook: nothing to report.
- E. SPCH 1A Coordinators (CLS, John): nothing to report.
- F. Forensics (Roger): First tournament this weekend. Fall retreat successful. Evening with Forensics, Tuesday, Nov 18. Fall Champs (Dec 5-7) planning underway. Transfer fair night next week.
- G. Communication Club (Julie): Congratulations on Join-A-Club day booth award (2nd place/\$75)! Planning all-club flash mob & marketing piece for website. CLS will be coming to teach poetry sometime soon. Joining up with an elementary school to work with students.
- H. Scholarship Committee (Roger, Liesel): **Approved** changes to forensics scholarship – require three team events; GPA 2.7; good standing – due by November 18. Tan-Goulet for communication major students. Suggested comm club membership. **Approved** comm. club membership as a bonus but not requirement. Roger will have copies available soon.
- I. Intramural (Kenny, John): December 4th.
- J. Part-Time Hiring Committee: still hiring, please send people.

Upcoming Events

(Let me know if you would like something added.)

| September | | | | October | | | |
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| 9/10 | Department Meeting | 4:30-6:00PM | 26D-1220 | 10/8 | Department Meeting | 4:30-6:30PM | 226D-1220 |
| | BT Meeting | 6:30PM | FH | | | | |
| 9/20 | Forensics Summit | ? | Reinhouse | | | | |
| November | | | | December | | | |
| 11/12 | Department Meeting | 4:30-6:30PM | 26D-1220 | 12/4 | Intramural | 3:00-7:00PM | TBA |
| 11/18 | Evening with Forensics | 7:00-9:00PM | 13- | ? | PT Recognition | 7:00PM | TBA |
| | | | | 12/ 5-7 | Fall Champs (IE) | | Mt. SAC |
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