

Department of English, Literature, and Journalism

Minutes

April 7, 2015

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Present: Albertson, Allende, Alvarez-Galvan, Aquino, Arterburn, Avila, Bartman, Brantingham, Cannon, Churchill, Danson, Dougherty, Enke, Estrada, Farve, Garrett, Gold Wright, Gomez, Karn, Kordich, Loera-Ramirez, Mageean, McCormick, McFaul, Myers, Olds, Quintana-Mullane, Thomas, Whalen

Absent: Alvarez, DePaola, Frahs, Harper, O'Brien, Staylor

Leave: Edson, Hight, Horton

- I. Margie Whalen called the meeting to order at 2:34.
- II. Approval of December 2, 2014 minutes.
- III. Reports:
 - a. Chair's Report: We are not required to put SLO's on our syllabi, but it is an option. Our minutes needn't reflect all details about our curricular changes. Dual enrollment is being considered by the California legislature. Margie presented information on the success of Pathways success rates. The data suggest that Pathways classes are successful for many students, but more data is needed. There are a number of variables that need to be better defined.
 - b. Academic Senate: Holly Cannon reported that there is a push to increase faculty involvement in the Senate. Nominations are open for senators at large.
 - c. Faculty Association: Maya Alvarez-Galvan reported that we will need two faculty representatives next year. The department will consider ways to facilitate department involvement in campus-wide committees.
 - d. Assessment and Matriculation: Michelle Dougherty reported that students who initially place between English 67/68 or 68/1A will only need two multiple measure points to move to the more advanced class. Students who place between LERN 81/67 will need three multiple measures to

advance. The department voted to approve this with the understanding that we would continue to study the effects on student success.

- e. Writer's Day: John Brantingham announced that the Writer's Day Committee is still accepting submissions for writer's weekend.
- f. Writing Center: Richard Myers reported that there is still a Writing Center.
- g. Journalism: Tony Albertson reported that Substance is reporting on both local and Mt. SAC stories. The new site is [Medium.com/sac.media@saconsene.com](https://medium.com/sac.media@saconsene.com)

Nominations for Department Chair and Adjunct Faculty Mentors: Kristina Allende opened nominations for department chair 2015-2017. Currently Margie Whalen is the only nominee. Nominations will remain open until the May meeting. Margie Whalen opened nominations for Adjunct Faculty Mentors. Michelle Dougherty and Richard Myers were nominated. Nominations will remain open until the May meeting.

Hybrid Class Meeting Discussion: Kristina Allende led a discussion of hybrid class meetings. Contractually, we must meet on campus 50% of the time when teaching hybrid classes. The department will vote whether or not to reaffirm this definition of the hybrid model at the May meeting.

Course Rotation Plan: Betsy McCormick proposed that we move some English literature classes to evening in order to serve an increasing demand. Margie Whalen will Adjust this plan for future discussion. Proposed changes to Lit 14 were approved by the department.

Recorder: Jim Thomas