

Department of English, Literature, and Journalism  
Minutes  
April 5, 2016  
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**Present:** Alvarez-Galvan, Aquino, Arterburn, Avila, Bartman, Brantingham, Cannon, Danson, DePaola, Dougherty, Edson, Enke, Frahs, Garrett, Gomez, Hallsted, Hight, Karn, Kordich, Loera-Ramirez, Mageean, McCormick, Muniz, Myers, O'Brien, Quintana-Mullane, Staylor, Thomas

**Absent:** Alvarez, Churchill, Horton, McFaul

**On-Leave:** Gold Wright

**Reassigned:** Allende

**Hiring Committee:** Estrada, Farve, Harper, Whalen

**Student Media Policy Meeting:** Albertson

**EDC Meeting:** Olds

- I. Call to Order: 2:30 p.m.
- II. Approval of March 1, 2016 Minutes.
- III. Reports:
  - A. Chair: Whalen emailed report.
  - B. Academic Senate: Holly Cannon emailed report.

Tom Edson mentioned that the current Study Abroad Program may be replaced by a new model administrated by an outside agency. Discussion followed.
  - C. Faculty Association: Alvarez-Galvan, Loera.
    1. Maya discussed a proposal to increase FA fees for full-time faculty and decrease fees for adjunct faculty. A motion to increase FA fees by \$1.50 per paycheck carried.
    2. Maya discussed the possibility of creating a Task Force to review emergency preparedness on campus. Faculty are mandated reporters for sexual assault.
    3. Maya announced that the Parachutes and Ladders XV: Inspired Teaching Conference will take place Friday, April 15.
  - D. Assessment and Matriculation: Pam Arterburn on behalf of Mike Harper
    1. Our funding will be tied to the Common Assessment Test beginning Spring 2017.
    2. The CAT does not include a writing sample.
    3. We do not know if we will still be able to use the AWE.
  - E. Basic Skills: Michele Dougherty
    1. Michele announced an upcoming California Acceleration Project Workshop. Interested faculty should watch their email for time and date.

- F. Writer's Day: John Brantingham and Lloyd Aquino  
Lloyd announced that the 9th Annual Writer's Weekend will begin April 22.  
The fee is \$5.00.
- G. Writing Center: No report.
- H. Journalism: No report.
- IV. Department Issues
  - A. Curriculum Approval
    - 1. Lit 6B approved
    - 2. Lit 40 approved
    - 3. English 64 approved
    - 4. English 65 approved
    - 5. English 66 approved
  - B. Motion to reschedule English department meeting times to the first Wednesday of each month from 2:30-4:30 carried. This will begin in Fall 2017.
  - C. Maya Alvarez-Galvin presented a motion to send a letter to Scroggins with recommendations for Mt. SAC emergency evacuation procedures. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.
- V. Campus-Wide Issues
  - Campus Response to State Regulations Regarding Firearms.  
Tom Edson moved that the department request that the FA work with the Administration to begin to design and implement a program to address developing a proactive program to address the possibility of gun violence on campus.  
Discussion ensued, and the department voted in favor of this motion.

Submitted by Paul Frahs