Language Arts Department Meeting Minutes for May 1, 2015


Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:37 a.m.

A. Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of the meeting were approved.

B. Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs Advisory Council—Robert
The Council met today. In Fall 2015 our department will discuss future needs for our projected growth.

Institutional Effectiveness Committee—Robert
Members discussed student and faculty surveys and agreed that identified ways to improve the current system.

Planning and Budget Council—Robert
The past few meetings departments have been pitching their budget requests. The LA Dept., the Dev. Ed. and Journalism positions are in the process of being filled. Our department is requesting a full-time speech position and additional tutors in both writing and speech classes.

Curriculum Committee—Janine
Curriculum met on April 14, 2015.

The following courses were modified for system-alignment purposes:

MATH 231, Calculus III

ICS 100, Computing Literacy and Apps

ICS 141, Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science I

ICS 215, Introduction to Scripting

ICS 101, Digital Tools for the Information World

ICS 211, Introduction to Computer Science II

IS 103, Introduction to College was modified so the pre-requisite is no longer ENG 22. This course is suitable for students at all levels.

ANSC 258, Clinical Laboratory Techniques II was modified to make more efficient use of the lab space.

ENG 280, Book Production: Rainbird Literary and Art Journal was modified to reflect the name change to Pueo Literary and Art Journal.
Faculty Senate—Jenny

Jenny e-mailed the following report:

1. The strategic plan is complete. Morton will share the final version on his visits to UHCC campuses. He will visit WCC on April 27.
2. There was a motion to have the Faculty Senate create an ad hoc committee to look into the possibility of creating guidelines and a proposal for a WCC S-Designation (Sustainability Designation). There was a discussion concerning the prominence of sustainability in the new strategic plan. It was noted that if we get it up on the discussion board prior to the end of the semester, there’s a chance that it may be overlooked. Thus, the proposal to create such an ad hoc committee will likely be added to the discussion board next year.

Master Plan Advisory Committee (Lance)

Did not meet.

C. Old Business

Mānaleo Computer Lab and Lounge:
Alex has installed the requested typing program to the computers in the lab.

Karyl has arranged for the Hawai‘i State Foundation of Culture and Arts to meet with our department on Tuesday, May 5 at 10 a.m. to select art to display in the lobby.

Kainoa Makua’s Award:
The department is still collecting funds for this award. Donations are optional. Kainoa, a positive and inspirational student whose artistic efforts have helped provide an arts identity as a liberal “arts” college, is being recognized for her contributions to:
- Film Club
- Video journalism—a key element in WCC receiving Creative Media funding.
- Artistic and poetic contributions to the campus, including Rain Bird, Open Mic, and Out Loud in the Library.

D. New Business

Book Orders:
Remember to place your book orders for Fall 2015.

Hiring Process:
Journalism position: Committee has made a recommendation.
Dev. Ed position: The position has been re-advertised to include “tenure track.”

Reflection on Department Goals and Accomplishments this Academic Year

Members reflected on our following accomplishments:
- Established our Mānaleo Computer Writing Lab and Lounge
- Raised over $4500 funds to honor MJ Lewis, PhD
- Published awesome Ka ʻOhana issues and Rain Bird literary journal
- Renamed Rain Bird to Pueo
- Assessed a number of courses
- Established Kailua and Kahuku Pilot Programs
Hosted Out Loud events
Hosted Open Mic events
Integrated courses with creative media
Received funds from Chris Lee, ACM
Redesigned Dev. Ed. sequence
Worked with counselors to reduce cap and increase resources for Dev. Ed.
Created ENG 200, ENG 204C, JOURN 150
Renamed JOURN 205 to 250
Extended writing center hours
Offered WAC during summer
Jenny named as member of next year’s Community College Champions
Maintained Speech Lab
Hosted Intramural Debate Championship (fall)
Participated in Pan-Pacific Debate Tournament
Created and hosted the Language Arts Oasis for Palikū Arts Festival

E. Announcements

Janine and Libby shared parting thoughts, thanking members, and saying they love us.
Lance and Janine presented booklets from Out Loud, March 18, 2015
Rain Bird launch: Wednesday, May 6, beginning at 11:30 a.m.
Ka ‘Ohana will be available May 11
The Writing Center will be open May 5 and May 6 until 10 p.m.; walk-ins only.
The Writing Center first and second session, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 12-3 p.m. The tutor will be Nicole Middleton. Her e-mail is: njmiddle@edu. She is available for in-class visits.

Submitted by:
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