**Department Meeting**

February 11, 2015

12:00pm – 1:15pm, LA 148

**Faculty Present:**

Aasand, Anders, Bassett, Cain, Dehr, Fleming, Kalamaras, Kaufmann, Kopec, Lin, Roberts, Rumsey, Sandman, Stewart, Sun, Thompson, Webb-Sunderhaus, White

**Initial Business:**

Meeting called to order at 12:04

Agenda for February11, 2015 approved. Minutes from November 12, 2014 approved.

**Informational Items:**

* Kudos to:
  + **George Kalamaras** – Will be honored at CCCC.
  + **Curtis Crisler** – Judged in the Scholastic Arts & Writing Awards (high school/poetry);  Received funding from the Library Scholars Grant for Fall 2015 sabbatical; **3)** Fade, my one-act play published in the journal Eleven Eleven; Published poems "Working Class Insteps," "Block Party," and "Crossing Over at the Road not Taken," in Tidal Basin Review, Winter 2015 issue
  + **Suzanne Rumsey** - Received two grants (the ICC Engagement Grant for Service Learning and an IPFW Summer Research Grant for my book project “Rhetorics of Peace and Kindness: Letters from CPS Camp).
  + **Mary Ann Cain** - Had two poems in an anthology published by IU health systems, Indianapolis.
  + **Lidan Lin** - Had an essay "International Resounances in Virginia Woolf and Shen Congwen (Chinese)" accepted for publication by the *Journal of East-West Thought*.
  + **Sara Webb-Sunderhaus** – Co-edited (with Kim Donehower) volume, Re-Reading Appalachia, now under contract with the University Press of Kentucky.
  + **Troy Bassett** – Had an essay on the Victorian Four-Volume Novel accepted by *The Library*.
  + **Thomas Sabel** - Poem accepted by Red Paint Hill Publishing. Title “An August Beach on Sunday”
  + Mike Slagle (LTL) and Thomas Sabel have been scheduled to read at the First Friday reading event.
* Introduction of International Scholars:
  + Zhu Lin is visiting from Chongqing Jiaotong University for 1 year.
  + Xiao Wang is visiting scholar from Hebei Provincial Academy of Social Sciences.
  + Lianmei Zhang is here from Shandong Management University.
* Scholarships:
  + Beverly Hume’s husband has donated $10,000.00 to her memorial award.
  + Scholarship committee will be emailing soon with information. The department intern is working to improve the scholarship portion of the website and make it more user friendly.
  + Names of student nominees are due soon and all will receive an email from Kate.
* Committee Reports:
  + Status of Position Search:

Thanks to everyone on the committee and all who volunteered for your work. The decision will be made once all candidate visits have concluded.

* Effects of Enrollments:
  + The department, like all COAS departments, experienced a decline in Spring 2015 but the decline was below the COAS average.
  + Changes are forthcoming in the funding and scheduling of summer sessions, with the onus placed on departments for maintaining its own budget. This will require strategic scheduling in order to meet our targeted budget.
* Graduation Auditing Process:
  + Please be sure to use the notes tab into Myblueprint when advising with students and contact Christa and Hardin when asking for substitutions, waivers, and exceptions.
  + Graduation certification is now completed at the department level. Advisors will receive an email with the names of students who have applied for graduation and who will need to be verified.
* Visiting Writers Series:
  + Reading is at 12pm, Monday, February 16, 2015.
* IPFW grads, students, and faculty will host a reception at CCCC’s on Fri, March 03rd

**Old Business:**

* **Dean Candidate Visit:**
  + Thank you to all who attended the candidate talks. We have not heard of an official decision.
  + The department voted through Qualtrics to bring Dr. Link in as a tenured professor if he is chosen as the new Dean of COAS.
* **Lachlan Whalen (Discussion):**
  + Discussion ensued on the request to bring Dr. Lachlan Whalen into the department. Discussion of the dual-career couple policy and the teaching role within the department also ensued.
  + A motion was made and seconded to have a Qualtrics poll asking the voting members of the department if Dr. Whalen should be invited as a tenured, associate professor of English (Rumsey/Cain). An amendment was made and seconded to make the responses “yes,” “no,” and “abstain” (Cain/Webb-Sunderhaus). Discussion ensued on the motion. Chad Thompson called for the question, which passed with 16 ayes and 1 abstention
  + The ballot will be distributed over the weekend with a Monday, noon deadline.
* **Using Doodle:**
  + Faculty agreed to use Doodle as a tool to help schedule department meetings.
  + The April meeting will be scheduled using Doodle.
* **Enchiridion Revisions:**
  + Discussion postponed.

**New Business:**

* **Assessment Reports 2014:**
  + Hardin will post the reports so that everyone has access to them.

**Items from the Floor:**

* Visiting Writer’s Series begins, March 2nd. The department meeting set for the same date will be rescheduled.
* Faculty Senate – Rachel’s term is ending. The department is asking for nominees for departmental voting.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:27 PM**

**Next Meeting:**

* March 04, 2015 at 12pm in LA 148.