Department Meeting

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March 25, 2013

Meeting called to order at 12:03. The minutes of the December 3, 2012 meeting were approved, and the agenda for the current meeting were approved.

**Faculty present:** Aasand (presiding), Anders, Bassett, Bischoff, Dehr, Fleming, Hume, Kaufmann, Lin, Rumsey, Stapleton, Stewart, Sun, Webb-Sunderhaus, White

**Information items:**

* Congratulations to faculty for their recent accomplishments.
  + To Mary Ann for her distinguished lecturer award.
  + Curtis for *Dare to Dream...Change the World*, a winner for the 2013 "Notable Books for a Global Society Award" and also one of the "Best Children's Books of the Year”;he was chosen by our Indiana Poet Laureate to read this Wednesday at Notre Dame for The Borderlands Project.
  + Damian, publication of *“Jesus*, that is *hælend* : Hebrew Names and the Vernacular Savior in Anglo-Saxon England” (*The Journal of English and Germanic Philology*) and awarding of COAS Enhancement of Teaching Award
  + George for book of poetry, *The Mining Camps of the Mouth*--a book of poems about Colorado; a poem in the *Denver Quarterly*, and several new poems out in variou*s* other journals.
  + Sara was awarded a PRF grant for this summer; named to the Executive Board of the Council on Basic Writing and nominated for the College Section Steering Committee of NCTE
* Committee updates: Nothing to report
* Request for L202/L371 and American literature adjustments to core curriculum.
  + Recommendations have been approved locally and await IU approval prior to bulletin changes
* Faculty Affairs Committee approval of P&T procedures.
  + Both college and university FACs have approved changes that will go into effect in the Fall
* April 18th COAS Honors Banquet

**Old Business:**

* Online student evaluations
  + Crucial for those going up for promotion and tenure. Ad hoc committee will be meeting soon.
* Options 1 & 2 ad hoc committee:
  + Waiting on senate deliberation on faculty loads

**New Business:**

* General Education Proposals
  + The Coordinating Committee is meeting tomorrow. The new general education program is on Hardin’s web site. Moving from discipline based to outcome based criteria. There was discussion and Suzanne proposed that we form an ad hoc committee. We will add general education courses to our next meeting agenda.
* Budget
  + Hardin is drafting proposals to fill our recently vacated positions.
* Graduate Program Revisions
  + Reduce the core to 2 courses and reduce the concentrations. We will discuss further at our next meeting.

**Items from the Floor**

**Adjourned at 12:30 pm**

**Next meeting: April 22, 2013**