Tenured Meeting January 13, 2005

Presiding: Mary McCay

Attending: Kate Adams, John Biguenet, Ted Cotton, Phanuel Egejuru, Ron Foust, Andrew Macdonald, Paulette Richards,.

Peggy McCormack on medical leave, Melanie McKay on sabbatical.

Mary McCay reported on the budget request she had made in keeping with the Department Five-Year Plan: Money for a new Creative Writing hire, money for a speaker series, money for student gatherings for advising and career placement.

John Biguenet discussed the hire and also the possibility of making a proposal for a playwriting course since Ernest Ferlita has retired. We must determine what type of creative writing we need and what kind of configuration of specialties would best serve the department.

The tenured members also discussed the Honors Program and the Honors in English Program. We will have to discuss both issues in the Department meetings and reevaluate our Honors courses. Should we also have an Honors Composition course for students whose SAT scores would ordinarily exempt them from 122. The evaluation done by Kate Adams and the Writing faculty certainly corroborated that scores do not translate into good writing.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 P.M.