

Department Minutes, March 3, 2005

Attending: Ted Cotton, John Sebastian, Andrew Macdonald, Paulette Richards, Chris Chambers, Paulette Swartzfager, Mary Waguespack, Katie Ford, Phaniel Egejuru, John Biguenet, Ron Foust, Jennifer Shimek, Dale Hrebik, Robert Bell, Kate Adams.

Presiding: Mary McCay

On Leave: Anne Frey and Peggy McCormack

1. Minutes for the February meeting were approved.

Reports:

Kate Adams reported on data collected about Freshmen writing, and she moved that exemption scores be raised from 650 to 700 for SAT and from j30-31 for ACT. After discussion, the motion was passed 13 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention.

New Business:

1. Awards for English majors: The department awarded two Julian Wasserman Outstanding Lit Major awards, two Excellence in Literature awards, two Outstanding Writing Major Awards, and two Excellence in Writing awards. Names will be posted after students are notified.
2. Honors in English: John Biguenet, Chris Chambers, Ted Cotton, and Katie Ford have been working on revising the honors in English requirements. Katie created a template for Poetry. John will create one for Fiction, Chris will create one for Screenwriting, and Kate Adams will create one for Creative Non-fiction.
3. Ted brought up the problem of coordinating our theses with the Honors Program since they are changing their calendar.
4. We also discussed the possibility of a seminar for people doing honors theses.
5. We need to Consider: Media theses and Lit theses. We also need to consider what is going to constitute honors after a thesis has been finished. We do not have honors with distinction.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:45 P.M.