

Presiding: Mary A. McCay

Attending: Kate Adams, John Biguenet, Christopher Chambers, Ted Cotton, Phanuel Egejuru, Katie Ford, Ron Foust, Tony Lala, John Sebastian, Robert Bell, Ray McGowan, Paulette Swartzfager. DSAC Rep: Claire Marie Nemanich.

Minutes for January 2005 meeting approved unanimously.

Announcements:

Robert Bell announced that funding for ESL tutors had been cut from the WAC lab, so there are no more ESL tutors.

Chris Chambers announced that the public library was doing a series on Poets talking about poets. He will try to get Bieber funding so Loyola can participate in the program.

Reports:

Mary McCay reported on the Tech Lab requests for the English department. The requests were for computers and software to enhance student learning.

Ignation and Spirit of Loyola Awards. The chair urged faculty members to nominate qualified English seniors for these two important university awards.

Honors Courses and Honors in English:

Mary McCay reported that Lynn Koplitz had requested another section of Honors English for fall 2005. This led to a discussion of how the department was going to deal with the new configuration of the Honors Program. McCay said she was working on a proposal for a new honors class, Ted Cotton has submitted a proposal for Honors in English. We will continue to discuss both the honors program and the honors in English program at the next meeting.

Pre-requisites:

Katie Ford asked that 311 and 312 be pre-requisites for 411 and 412. While no decision was made about the issue, the Chair will offer 311 and 312 each semester and 411 and 412 in the spring. That way, students will have the opportunity to take the 300-level course either semester.

QEP:

Kate Adams announced the QEP title. It is "Thinking Critically, Acting Justly," but there is no actual plan as yet. She urged the English department to become involved in the process and to suggest ways that our department could work the Critical thinking component into our curriculum. Since we already teach critical thinking as the center of ENGL T122, we should find ways to help make that the cornerstone of the QEP.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 and the Tenured members went into a closed personnel session.