

Attending: Tracey Watts, Jennifer Jeanfreau, Chris Chambers, Kate Adams, Ted Cotton, John Sebastian, Mary Waguespack, Barbara Ewell, Dale Hrebik, Kelly Wilson, Robert Bell, John Biguenet, Martin Pousson, Phaniel Egejuru, Melanie McCay, Andrew Macdonald, John Mosier.

Presiding: Mary McCay

Minutes of the September 2006 Meeting were unanimously approved.

Announcements:

1. There is more student assistantship money for WAC. Please let Melanie know the names of good writers who might be happy to work for WAC.
2. Jason Barry will read from his new novel on Wednesday, October 18 at 7 P.M. in the Audubon Room. Announce to writing classes.
3. Martin Pousson and Kaitlin Ketchem are meeting with Whitney Johnson from Tulane to work on setting up an intercollegiate reading series.

Reports:

1. Council of Chairs met and there was discussion of new handbook for HUNS. Science wants greater representation.
2. Senate Report. The Senate questions Walter Harris and Kevin Wildes about Pathways. Kate plans to bring up the Loyno Info Blog at the next Senate meeting.
3. Melanie reported on the University Test of Critical Thinking and Writing. It will be electronically graded. No faculty will see tests. There is a disconnect between assessment and faculty participation in grading or in understanding student writing needs. We know that we will need a sophomore course and will make that recommendation in a letter to Walter. There will also be discussion of more Writing Intensive courses.

New Business:

1. Melanie McKay's Common Curriculum Course, Detective Fiction, was discussed, approved unanimously, and will be sent forward with department approval.
2. Kate Adams brought the revised placement scales to the department for approval. Since the placement scales must be changed because the test we were using (SAT II) is being phased out, we have recommended a new scale. Discussion of the scale, copied below, pointed out that many of the best schools exempt no one, UVA requires 710 on the SAT Writing for exemption and Berkeley requires 680. The approved recommended scale is as follows:

ENGL T122 and T1215

ACT Combined English Writing

30

SAT Writing

680

Exempt from ENGL T122
(carries no credit)

21-29	501-679	Schedule ENGL T122
20	500 or below	Take Engl. Placement test
CEEB AP Program Engl <u>Lang</u> and Comp: 4 or above Given AP Credit for ENGL T122		
CEEB AP Program Engl <u>Lit</u> and Comp: 4 or above Given AP credit for ENGL T125		

Meeting adjourned at 1:15.