

English Department Minutes

Fall Flex Day, August 24, 2017

1. New Adjuncts

Debra will be reaching out to the new adjunct faculty and give connect with full-time faculty.

2. Multiple Measures (Scott Kushigemachi)

If AB 705 passes in October, students will be placed in English and math classes based on their high school G.P.A. with the goal that students will complete transfer-level English and mathematics within a one-year timeframe. A pilot program, scheduled to launch in Spring '18, will use G.P.A. as the criteria for placing 50 English students based on their high school G.P.A. A larger pilot of approximately 500 students will take place in the fall. This affects incoming high school graduates. Assessment test scores will still be used for placing international students and students who have been out of high school for a few years. If the bill passes, it will take effect Fall 2018; however, it is unknown at this time when schools will be required to fully implement the changes.

3. English A, RWA Coordinator

Stephanie Merz is the new English A - RWA Coordinator and will be focusing on consistency, coordinating changes, running workshops, and more.

4. Reading Coordinator

Rhea Lewitzki is the new Reading Coordinator. Three reading meetings are scheduled for adjunct faculty during the first week of school. Adjunct faculty will be paid to attend one of the meetings.

5. FYE Summer Bridge (Darrell Thompson)

Darrel shared the success of the FYE Summer Bridge program in which 100 students participated. In the program, students who were originally placed as low as English B and English 82 were retested at the end of the two-week program. The majority of the students improved their scores.

6. Topics for Department Meetings

Debra asked faculty to let her know what topics they would like to share at future department meetings so that the time spent is meaningful and valuable.

7. Canvas Update

Canvas shells are ready for online classes. The interface between Canvas and Colleague is not ready for face-to-face classes yet. Suzanne Gates has a Welcome Module for Canvas that she is willing to share. Marcoux pointed out that Instructure.Com can provide the option for faculty to set up web pages for free, so instructors can make sources available.