

## **DEVW Departmental Minutes**

**Friday, April 15, 2011**

**HBC 411 1-3:00 p.m.**

### **Chair Report**

Stacey started off the meeting introducing Kendall Dudley Dingee, who will be teaching for the department starting this summer. We welcomed Kendall to DEVW.

- Effective fall 2011, the DWAs will start meeting with the counselors and advisors on their respective campuses. Laura will spearhead this initiative and Joy Clark, our departmental IA, has volunteered to assist. One PowerPoint presentation (PPP) will be put together and piloted this summer at EVC, and full implementation will occur fall 2011.
- The DEVED Plan was discussed, and changes were submitted. These suggestions will be shared at the next DEVED Chairs' meeting. There were no suggestions submitted regarding the DEVED Philosophy and Definition. DEVED FAQs were discussed, and those additional questions/comments will be added to the document and shared at the next DEVED Chairs' meeting.

### **Faculty report**

Deanna suggested changing our grading session into a faculty calibration session, and while this option generated a lively discussion, the department decided against implementing it. However, it was decided that the beginning-of-semester calibration session will be reserved solely for calibration. Frank will bring three essays, and these will be discussed fully. The hope is that we will all be better calibrated for our grading sessions.

### **Ad hoc committee report**

Jeanne introduced some ideas regarding the length requirement for the exit essays, name change of the exit essays and some suggestions regarding prompts for each level. It was decided that there will not be a length requirement, but faculty are encouraged to remind students that under-developed essays may be returned ungraded because they were not well developed. As a result of our discussion, the following changes will be **effective fall 2011**.

- The midterm will be renamed **Exit Essay 1**, and the final will be renamed **Exit Essay 2**.
- DE VW 0310, WSI, will use basic prompts; DE VW 0320, WSII, will use scenario prompts; and DE VW 0330, WSIII, will continue to use persuasive prompts.
- DE VW 0320—WSII and DE VW 0330—WSIII essays will be graded according to a **4-paragraph P/F scale instead of the current 5-paragraph P/F scale**. Caryn and Patti will revise the P/F scale to reflect this change.
- Essays that earn a score of **16-20** will be brought to the grading sessions.

### **UPDATE Report**

- Frank encouraged folks to submit their proposals and/or volunteer for the CASP conference to be held in Austin in October 2011.
- Caryn shared with us some data from the THECB indicating that based on current trends, if our students continue on this path, they will not be successful. She encouraged us to keep this in mind and to think of new ways to better serve our students.
- Joy mentioned that the IA workshops are working really well, and students are attending on a regular basis.