

DEVW Departmental MINUTES

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

In attendance: Jeanne Chaltain, Joy Clark, Frank Cronin, Patti Dungan, Anelia Fairfield, Anne Fletcher, Jenifer Hamilton, Leslie Hancock, Alex Hernandez, (Flex), Deanna Johnson, Irene Lee, Bill Martin, Kim Martinez, Tina McGaughey, Donna McLemore, Caryn Newburger, Laura Ore, Evelyn Richesin, Karen Royall, Louella Tate, Susan Todd, Joe Wiseman, Brian Yansky.

Absent: Heidi Flynn, Susan Glover, Gretchen Polnac, Mary Tavcar, Shelly Walters, Ashley Williams.

Stacey started the meeting introducing a new faculty member, Karen Royall. She will be teaching a COMP 4.0 at RVS and SAC. Additionally, Deanna and Jeanne were appointed DWAs for their respective campus. There were still 2 classes that were not staffed, but a faculty agreed to meet them for the first week. The department reviewed the overload policy and DWAs agreed to notify faculty if their classes are to be overloaded by one. We discussed the midterm and final readings and agreed to replace the midterm reading #1 “**Stepping up Protection**” with “**Controversy Over Red Light Cameras in Texas**”. The readings for the final remain unchanged.

We then discussed the P/F scale in detail, but the only change for spring 2011 is that the thesis needs to be underlined for the student to receive that point. **The P/F scale already reflects this change.** Because there was great discussion regarding the P/F scale and its use, two adhoc committees were created. Patti will chair the P/F scale committee. Its members include Brian, Leslie, Nellie, Flex, and Caryn. The other adhoc committee will address alternative topics for the exit essay, and it will be chaired by Jeanne. It will meet on Friday, February 11th at NRG, 2:00 p.m. room TBA. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Jeanne. The adhoc committees will report back on April 15th and we will decide if we want to pilot anything for summer 2011.

We then concluded with the calibration session. Teams were put together and Frank facilitated discussion on the language portion of the P/F scale. This collaboration allowed for more lively debate on the scale and its use. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.