**Language Arts Division Meeting – March 16, 2018**

**In attendance:** Ann Marie Wagstaff, Rachel Tatro-Duarte, Melissa Long, Katherine Benander, Chris Ebert, Connie Gutierrez, Reagen Dozier, Elizabeth Buchanan, and Joy Lawrence. Araceli Carranza joined us at noon.

**Division Reports**

*Elizabeth*

The Literacy Center - We did not get Computer Commons A. There’s only so much classroom space versus office space we’re allowed to have based on funding. We’re going to need to find another way for the campus to solve the office space problem. We’re going to be using the testing center in the LRC for now. A map was distributed and discussed. We need to work on making the entrance welcoming instead of intimidating.

One Book – We want to form a committee to do the one book program like they do at Bakersfield College. We want to use *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander. We want to connect this to CHAP (Individual Ideas). We’ll see if we can use the John Reid fund to get Michelle Alexander to come speak at our campus. Reagen will look into this. An email will be sent out to see who wants to join the committee.

*Joy*

The Harry Potter Book Club is a go. There are now 13 members. We will continue to promote it in hopes of helping it grow.

*Reagen*

ESL Stipend – Supplemental Materials Project has been approved. All 7 adjuncts will be given stipends to work over the summer. They will submit proposals in April. There will be a summer ESL workshop where they will discuss the approaches they’ll use to integrate the information into the class.

Roy’s sentence improvement project for 14 lessons has been approved. He will be sharing those lessons with the division.

*Connie*

Went to a conference last week in Ontario – California Language Teachers Association. There were a lot of new concepts and new technology presented. A lot of good resources were shared at the conference. Next year the conference will be in San Jose.

*Chris*

The library will have a table for fun summer reading set out. Email Chris titles of books you’d like to have included, and he will order them.

*Katherine B.*

Outreach Committee – They have money for new brochures. We do not know how many we can get per division. We don’t have student clubs online. They need to be prominently displayed online. That would help with interest.

Guided pathways – Many in the Academic Senate are concerned and want to be cautious and protect the arts and students. We are legally mandated to offer course substitutions. E101A, E50 may be affected. If a student fails a class multiple times (but they have done well in all of their other courses), we are legally required to give a course substitution to show the student has learned what they needed to without passing the course. This course cannot be in the student’s major. We cannot prevent a student from being successful who can demonstrate those skills in other places. We cannot say no, but we can put together a policy. We’re supposed to have a policy in place already. We need to make sure this policy is in place before we have students who need this option.

*Melissa L.*

Outcomes Committee – They have a completed database (almost completed anyway). Student Services employees are writing SAOs (Service Area Outcomes). They are assessing the first GELOs (General Education Learning Outcomes). With accreditation coming up, Outcomes need to be assessed, including the ILOs (Institutional Learning Outcomes). Our division is the most behind.

CAP Conference – Presented in three sessions. Attended session on contract grading, which she found interesting. Fawn experimented with contract grading this semester. There is some anxiety about integrating reading for AB-705.

Central Valley Higher Education Consortium – Melissa is the co-chair for the Valley to implement AB-705. This is a faculty driven and faculty led consortium.

*Rachel*

Theta Theta chapter for the Honor Society for International Study. Attended the induction ceremony. Rachel talked about the Virtual Reality program where the museum looks like it does in real life. She’s going to bring the system here for us to try.

The Orpheus publication is looking for student essays for publication. Pass this information along to anyone who would be interested.

*Ann Marie*

A Porterville College student will be published in the Orpheus publication.

Ann Marie will be meeting with Alex Schultz (Public Relations) next week. Let her know if you have any questions for him.

**PC Connect** – April 16th and 17th

We will need volunteers to help. It will go until 8:00 at night.

**Scholarship** – April 20th

Susan will be in town on that day. A get together (perhaps lunch) with her will be planned if anyone is interested.

**New Copier** **in the LRC Hallway**

We got a one-time budget request, and we got a brand new copier (maybe even the best copier on campus). Come by and check it out. We no longer have a stand alone printer. Instead, we print directly to the copier. IT and Dolores will be replacing the toner for us, which means we won’t have to pay for toner out of our budget. We do still have several hundred dollars in our supply budget. Let Ann Marie know if you need any supplies.

**English Major Meet and Greet**

We want to have one next semester. There are errors in the catalog that will be fixed. Melissa L. and Katherine B. volunteered to help with the Meet and Greet.

**SLOs on Syllabi**

Because of accreditation, Miranda is going through every syllabus to make sure the correct SLOs are included. This is an accreditation issue. Some instructors are having trouble finding the correct SLOs in the SLO database. Ann Marie will send out the correct course outlines of record to all of us. Any incorrect SLOs need to be fixed on syllabi and resubmitted to Miranda.

**Security**

The union wrote a letter requesting the board to look into security on all three campuses. There was a failure of following procedures during the Friday of our last meeting. There had been some tension with a student who was yelling. Attention was brought to a Facebook post. Panic ensued without following protocol. Bill refers to this as our “Unplanned Drill.” Faculty, staff, and students, given the circumstances, acted appropriately. We will have a drill, and we will be getting training on what to do in the event of an active shooter. We need a plan for each building. There are issues relating to locks that are being looked into. There are some “problem doors” on campus that will need to be dealt with individually. We need to look into panic buttons in Student Services.

**English 120**

We’ve changed it to 101T: Reading and Understanding Literature.

**Preparation for AB-705**

9/13 – 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM at PC in the SCCR.

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* The agenda for both meetings was distributed and reviewed. Assemblywoman Jacqui Irwin is the one who wrote the AB-705 bill. It passed unanimously in the CA legislature. She is leading the task force implementing the guidelines. Unless we can show a student is highly unlikely to succeed, we have to place them at college level. Based on the data, we are not going to be allowed to place students below college level. We had a lively discussion about what we all think about the implementation of AB-705.

**Program Review**

We did not get a chance to do anything with program review. We will work on this during our meeting on May 4th and Ann Marie will write it over the summer.