

September 14, 2005
Undergraduate Studies Committee
Meeting held at 2:00pm

Members Present: Craig Bertolett (Chair), Chris Forhan, Cedrick May, Marc Silverstein, Isabelle Thompson, Don Wehrs, Julie Hinz

Announcements: 4th and 5th of October the Haley Center Poetry Project, fifth anniversary of this event; James Ryan will be running a panel on how to apply to graduate school on the 26th of September; The Auburn Circle is looking for submissions in all categories from students, faculty and staff, deadline is October 1st.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the last USC meeting were accepted unanimously

- Chair is in the process of drafting the English department's offerings for the 2006-2007 schedule so the program will meet student needs. The new schedule will be circulated once it is completed.
- The Chair announces that there seems to be enough demand for another section of History of the English Language, possibly as a permanent offering for each year.
- Chair proposes that the current ENGL 4180 course (Rhetorical Theory and Practice) be offered at the 3000 level and in its place the department should add a topics course. The original idea behind 4180 was that it be treated as a topics course, but its current parameters are too broad to allow rhetoric faculty to treat as a topics course that would allow them to teach their research interests.
- ENGL 4010 (The Personal Essay) and ENGL 4200 (Fiction Writing) two courses that are in high demand. Linguistics and Rhetoric classes continue to also generate high demand.
- Chair disseminated packets of student papers for evaluation. The deadline for completion of the disseminated papers was set for September 26th. The committee also discussed the standards for the assessment of student papers.