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Department of English Meeting**August 16, 2012****10:30am – 12:00pm****Minutes**

1. Minutes from April 20, 2012 meeting were approved
2. Announcements

a. Administrative

- i. The Consultation Committee for the next director will hold a meeting open to the public on Tuesday, August 14 in CH-326.
- ii. A new air conditioner was installed in CH-319.
- iii. Over the summer we offered a total of 3 courses and had to cancel two as a result of low enrollment.
- iv. New whiteboards will arrive this week to replace the defective boards that were installed last year.
- v. The money that the department usually gets from students' technology fee was used last year to invest in improving campus wide WIFI. We should see improvements in Chardón shortly.
- vi. We have set up an email function on the photocopier so that professors and TAs can scan documents and send them directly to their email. Directions will be posted above the copy machine shortly.
- vii. Please email ALL syllabi to Rosita by August 17, 2012
- viii. Classroom keys can be picked up with Kathy at your earliest convenience. Remember that if you lose a key it could come at a considerable monetary cost. Please make sure to take care of your keys.
- ix. Due to little demand we did not offer the pre-basic institute this summer. Many students who took the pre-basic exit exam have passed and have been placed into 3101. Those who did not will be scheduled for a pre-basic institute in the future provided we have the demand.
- x. Two weeks ago, Rosita Rivera and others from the Orientation Committee welcomed 20 new freshmen to the Department.
- xi. Please make sure to turn off computers and air conditioners at the end of each day. **Projectors should be turned off at the end of EACH CLASS period.**
- xii. Four hybrid courses are being offered this semester. We look forward to professor's feedback at the end of the semester.
- xiii. NSF still has UPRM and Central Administration on probation stemming from issues with our reporting of Time and Effort

b. Accolades:

- i. Cathy Mazak with the help of Rosita Rivera and Kevin Carroll and colleagues from three other universities submitted an NSF grant for a total of \$3.1 million of which approximately 1.8 would come to UPRM

- ii. Linda Rodriguez has two works that will soon be published:
 - 1. Poem: *The Coconut Man*, *The Caribbean Writer* 26th Issue, University of the Virgin Islands. Forthcoming Fall 2012.
 - 2. Essay: “Escalera para Electra: The Lost Text of the Latin American Boom” will be re-published in a forthcoming collection dedicated to Dominican women novelists published between 1893 and 2011.
 - 3. And participated in this summer’s Voices of Our Nation Arts Foundation held at Berkeley and worked with Willie Perdomo as part of the workshop “Building a Poetry Collection.”
- iii. Leo Flores presented his work on E-Poetry at various conferences over the summer (Buffalo, NY, Paris, France, and West Virginia). He is currently on leave for the year as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Bergen in Norway. We wish him all the best.
- iv. Graduation was a huge success with 10 professors from the department attending the largest group of graduates from the Department ever!
- v. Ricia Chansky and Eric Lamore both graded AP exams for a week in Louisville, KY and both gave presentations at the International Auto/Biography Association Conference in Canberra, Australia this summer.
- vi. From September 4 until the 7, CeIBA and the Department will be hosting two scholars from Columbia who will be giving a variety of talks regarding language policy in Columbia and their studies in Bilingualism.
- vii. Sonja Mongar’s project “Esta Vida Boricua” went live in May and to date has more than 2,239 visits and (5,777 page views). www.estavidaboricua.com
- viii. NCTE certification: Rosa Roman and Myrna Rivera: The English Department at the University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez is a Nationally Recognized Program as of August 2, 2012! Congratulations to all our student teachers who collaborated with us to attain this prestigious recognition.
- ix. Mabel Ortiz’s birthday was yesterday (August 15) Happy Birthday!
- x. Fernando Rodriguez (Undergraduate student) presented a paper at a prestigious literature conference in France over the summer.

3. Elections

- a. The faculty elected two members to the **Personnel Committee**. Both members will serve three year appointments to replace M. Ortiz & J. Casey. The new members are:

- 1. **Sandra Rios**
- 2. **Elizabeth Dayton**

- b. The faculty elected six members to the **Graduate Committee**. All members will serve three-year appointments. The elected members will replace the expired appointments of, L. Rodriguez, E. Lamore, C. Mazak, M. Sefranek, M. Leonard, B. Morales)

The new members are:

- 1. **Nick Haydock**
- 2. **Cathy Mazak**
- 3. **Mary Sefranek**
- 4. **José Irizarry**
- 5. **Eric Lamore**
- 6. **Rosa Román**

- c. The faculty elected four members to the **Grievance Committee** who will all serve two year appointments. All four of the candidates who had finished their two-year appointment were re-elected to the position.

The members are:

1. **W. Morciglio**
2. **L. Chott**
3. **R. Román**
4. **L. Rodríguez**

4. G. Griggs announced that the PC will present updated information regarding promotion and tenure for 2012-2013 in the next department meeting.
5. **APPROVED MOTION:** The Curriculum Committee's motion to approve two writing courses was passed. The two courses below will be forwarded to the Curriculum Committee at the faculty level.
 - a. INGL 3286 CREATIVE WRITING: FICTION
 - b. INGL 3175 POETRY WRITING
6. K. Carroll briefly presented the enrollment numbers for the first semester of the academic year. The numbers indicate that the department is doing a better job in keeping empty seats to a minimum and maximizing our teaching resources. The point was also made that while the amount of TAs has remained at approximately 22, their class sizes are smaller (Average 24) and most are teaching only one section.
7. **APPROVED MOTION:** The document titled Annual Committee Reports that was distributed by the interim director before the meeting was accepted and approved by the faculty.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Kevin Carroll

Department of English Meeting
September 11, 2012
10:30am – 12:00pm
Minutes

Motion: Minutes from the August 16, 2012 department meeting were approved with no opposition.

1. Announcements

- a. Two English professors from Columbia gave talks on Wednesday night for C. Mazak and R. Roman's courses in research and teacher preparation
 - b. October 16th we will have a Meet and Greet for Undergraduate Students 10:30am in Ch-326
 - c. Graduate Student Meet and Greet, co-hosted with RUMEGA will take place Friday, Sept. 7th at 4:30pm in Ch-326
 - d. B. Morales was officially named the Director of Graduate Studies UPRM
 - e. Over the summer, the Central Administration created a committee representing all campuses to develop a University wide program to certify bilingual education teachers. B. Morales, K. Carroll and R. Rivera are participating on the committee.
 - f. L. Chott is collecting \$10 per semester for the activity fee. Please pay in cash or a personal check written out to "cash." He will provide a receipt upon receiving the donation.
 - g. L. Rodriguez has published a poem "The Coconut Man" in a new publication titled: *The Caribbean Writer: The Literary Gem of the Caribbean*.
 - h. The English Writing Center will be hiring a new coordinator for the spring semester. Directions on how to apply will be disseminated soon.
 - i. R. Chansky has been named an editorial consultant to the Univ. of Wisconsin Press Autobiography Studies Series
 - j. The journal that R. Chansky co-edits (a/b: Auto: Biography Studies) – is sponsoring a Graduate Research Assistant in the MAEE
 - k. K. Carroll was asked to serve on the Editorial Review Board for PROFILE – a Peer Reviewed Journal on Teachers' Professional Development
<http://www.revistas.unal.edu.co/index.php/profile/index>
 - l. E. Dayton has arranged for Dr. Ana Celia Zentella to give a series of talks on Thursday, Nov. 8th. More details to come shortly
 - m. R. Rivera has arranged a Dorsia Smith Silva from UPR-RP to come and give a book talk of her edited volume: *Latina/Chicana Mothering* on October 24 at 10:30am in Ch-326.
 - n. The deadline to submit proposals to teach hybrid classes for the spring semester is **October 15th**. All submissions should be submitted to kevin.carroll@upr.edu
 - o. Please remember to confirm student attendance if you have not done so already.
 - p. Last week, R. Román gave three presentations at a Department of Education sponsored gathering of over 100 teachers from around the island
2. G. Griggs gave a presentation to the department regarding the Personnel Committee Procedures for the academic year
3. S. Mongar briefly presented her project: *Está Vida Boricua* that she has been working on this project with a group of undergraduate and graduate students.
4. R. Chansky made a second announcement of the new changes to the admission criteria for the MAEE. They are as follows:

Old Prerequisites:

INGL 3351: American Literature to 1860 or INGL 3352: American Literature 1860 to Modern Period

INGL 3321: English Literature to 1798 *or* INGL 3322: English Literature 1798 to Modern Period
INGL 3225: Introduction to Linguistics *or* INGL 3227: Phonetics of English
INGL 4205 Morphology and Syntax *or* INGL 4206 Structure of English

New Prerequisites:

A survey of literature in English course

A second survey of literature in English course or an upper level literature seminar

An introduction to linguistics course

An advanced grammar course

5. At the end of the meeting, K. Carroll handed out a form used for planning course offerings for the spring semester. Each sector was charged with discussing who would teach what courses before professors fill out their course preference form. The purpose of the exercise is to cut down on professors submitting requests for the same courses.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05pm

Minutes submitted by Kevin Carroll

Department of English Meeting
November 20, 2012
10:30am – 12:00pm
Minutes

1. Minutes from September 11, 2012 meeting were approved with minor corrections
2. Announcements
 - a. N.V. Vicente was recently awarded tenure. Congratulations!
 - b. N. V. Vicente also had her paper titled: Decolonizing English teaching in Puerto Rico accepted at the 13th Annual Curriculum and Pedagogy Conference in New Orleans - Nov. 7-10
 - c. Eric D. Lamore's second university press book, *Teaching Olaudah Equiano's Narrative: Pedagogical Strategies and New Perspectives*, was published on October 5 by the University of Tennessee Press. Over two hundred individuals ordered advanced copies of this book. This book has been nominated for the SHEAR book prize presented by the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic.
 - d. Jocelyn Gélige has been named the new coordinator of the English Writing Center. She will start in January
 - e. The College of Arts and Sciences awarded Ricia Chansky and Mary Leonard individual research incentives for \$701.08 and \$1,985 respectively
 - f. Those who wish to request additional funds for the second round of Arts and Sciences research incentive have until Friday, Nov. 16th to submit their request.
 - g. Applications for course releases are due by Thursday, Nov. 15th to Associate Dean Miguel Castro.
 - h. Undergraduate Meet and Greet is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 15th at 10:30am in CH-326. Please come and meet our new students (we have received 15 transfer students this semester).
 - i. We have scheduled a final Department Meeting for December 7th in Ch-326 at 9:00am to finalize the semester and congratulate Prof. Ismael Rivera on his retirement.
 - j. Ricia Chansky has been named Affiliate Researcher at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 - k. The annual Open House for high school students is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4th at 8:00am in Coliseo Mangual.
 - l. Mary Leonard announced previous and upcoming events from the film certificate
 - m. The talks given by Dr. Ana Celia Zentella on Thursday November 8th were a huge success thanks to the work of Elizabeth Dayton. Over 130 students and faculty, representing multiple departments across the university, attended the events. Thanks was also given to the numerous people who helped out with the event: S. Rios, E. Pratt, E. Lamore, R. Chansky, R. Rivera, K. Carroll, J. Gélige, M. Sefranek, C. Mazak, S. Soto and C. Herbas.
3. Ellen Pratt, Sandy Rios, Mary Leonard and Sonja Mongar shared their experiences offering hybrid courses this semester. Professors asked questions regarding the offering of hybrid courses and answers were provided.
4. **APPROVED MOTION:** To approve the following courses to be offered in hybrid form in the future:
 - a. INGL 3238: Creative writing – Sonja Mongar
 - b. INGL 3268: Writing for the Media – Jocelyn Gélige
 - c. INGL 3104: Intermediate II – Ellen Pratt
 - d. CINE 4002: Film History from 1950 – Mary Leonard

5. After the passing of the four hybrid courses the department engaged in a discussion about whether or not courses in the basic sequence should be offered in hybrid form. After a lengthy discussion two motions were presented:

MOTION that did not pass: All courses offered by the department should be eligible to be taught in hybrid form.

Approved Motion: All hybrid course proposals should go first to the corresponding sector/committee, then to the Departmental Curriculum Committee and then to be seen by the Department.

There was no time for new business and the meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.

Minutes submitted by Kevin Carroll

Department of English Meeting

December 7, 2012

9:45am – 11:00am

Minutes

1. Minutes from November 20, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously
2. The following announcements were presented to the faculty:
 - a. Final grades must be submitted via “Mi Portal” by noon (Dept. goal). Please email or bring in your grade book for our files.
 - b. Classes for the second semester will start on Wednesday, January 16, 2012
 - c. The meeting schedule for next semester will be circulated shortly
 - d. R. Roman, José Irizarry and S. Mongar presented their work at the first gathering of the *Opening Doors* series. The second *Opening Doors* will be held in February and the theme is Publishing Books in Academia; the guest speakers will be N. Haydock, N. Batra, E. Lamore and René Rodríguez.
 - e. AForMAR 3 met its first group of 88 teachers from public schools in secondary education on Saturday, December 1. Rosa Roman will be working with 22 English teachers for ten Saturdays and in June with the AForMAR Summer Congress. Next Saturday will be the first meeting for the elementary level and another group of 88 teachers from English, Spanish, Math, and Science will participate in AForMAR 3.
 - f. Three faculty members—R. Chansky, L. Flores, and E. Lamore—presented at the American Studies Association Conference (November 14-17) in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Four undergraduate students from the Department attended the conference and two graduate students—Krista Roberts and Heri Albertorio—delivered mini-presentations in an open forum for graduate students.
 - g. E. Pratt announced final presentations for her graduate course INGL 6030 which will take place on Thursday, December 13 at 1:30pm in Ch-319.
 - h. M. Sefranek announced the final presentations for the students finishing University Teacher Development (UTD) which will be held in the Salón Tarzan on Monday, December 17th at 7:00pm.
3. Senator A. Rodriguez informed the department members on the latest events in the faculty Senate where the members recently asked for the resignation of the Chancellor. A. Rodriguez provided the rationale behind the request for the resignation and thoughts on how the senate will continue their work into the near future.
4. R. Román presented her idea of creating an education sector to account for the work associated with maintaining NCTE and NCATE Accreditations as well as the ever-changing PR Dept. of Education requirements for teacher certification.

APPROVED MOTION: Professors currently working with the Teacher Preparation Program will put together/prepare a presentation outlining the possible mission, objectives, courses, and sector members of a potential Education Sector. This presentation will be placed at the top of the agenda for the first meeting after the director of the department has received it. (Motion passed unanimously)

5. In new business a few items were brought up:
 - a. The report regarding exams being offered outside of class hours and in the evenings has been delayed because M. Sefranek is still trying to recover data that was lost.
 - b. A discussion was had regarding confirming student attendance and the ambiguity in assessing students’ attendance midway through the semester without any policy or definitions of what it means to be attending or not attending. K. Carroll said that he would

do some research and develop a departmental policy to be presented at the beginning of the next semester.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00am and was followed by a retirement celebration for Dr. Ismael Rivera.

Minutes submitted by: Kevin S. Carroll

Department of English Meeting
January 31, 2012
10:30am – 12:00pm
Minutes

1. Minutes from December 7, 2012 were approved unanimously
2. Announcements
 - a. The Dean's Office awarded Drs. N. Haydock, R. Chansky, E. Dayton, and L. Rodriguez course load reductions for the spring semester.
 - b. E. Dayton was awarded \$2,500 from the Dean of Arts and Sciences for her research titled: "The Acoustic Production and Perception of Monophthongs and the diphthongs /aw/ in English and Spanish"
 - c. E. Lamore was the Guest Editor of the recently published special issue of *a/b: Auto/biography Studies* (27.1) devoted to African American Life Writing. In addition to editing this special issue, he also contributed an article, titled "The Futures of African American Life Writing."
 - d. B. Morales, G. Griggs and M. Ortiz have all received a course load reduction to work on the Middle States Accreditation. Betsy will be working with Mission and Goals, Mabel will work with General Education and Gayle with Faculty.
 - e. Ricia A. Chansky and Eric D. Lamore were selected to serve as readers for the Advanced Placement Literature exam in Louisville, Kentucky in June 2013
 - f. R. Chansky has been asked to be an editorial consultant on two autobiography studies texts, one for Sage Publications and one for Demeter Press. She also hosted a function for autobiography studies scholars at the 2013 MLA Convention.
 - g. Nandita Batra attended Slavoj Žižek's symposium and talk on Modernism at the South Bank Centre, London in November 2012.
 - h. Four new office computers have been purchased for administrative staff
 - i. The department is in the process of purchasing new chairs for Ch 325 to replace the old red chairs
 - j. Please make sure to turn off your lights, fans and projectors when you finish each class. If you are the last one to teach in the room for the day, make sure the computer and AC unit (if applicable) are turned off.
 - k. PC Announcements
 - l. On January 21st, K. Carroll gave a presentation in the Dept. of Foreign Languages at the University of Bangalore in India.
 - m. K. Carroll has been named the Division G (Social Context of Education) Program Chair for the 2014 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia for the American Educational Research Association.
 - n. J. Géliga would like to ask professors to encourage their students to seek out the services of the English Writing Center. She would also like to remind professors that forms were left in their mailbox and emailed to them to request EWC tutor visits to their classrooms.
 - o. Retired Professor, Nidia Tirú is very sick. During the meeting we will collect money to send her flowers.
3. Q&A with Dean López Garriga: The following issues/concerns were discussed:
 - a. Sabbaticals
 - b. Student representative from the English Department at the Faculty level
 - c. Retirement
 - d. Chardón: Building conditions

- i. The faculty expressed concerns regarding the poor condition of the building and safety issues
- e. Hiring of new faculty
- f. Ethics hours
 - i. Discussion about ethic hours not appearing online as evidence for faculty to meet the ethic hours requirement
- h. Figueroa Chapel
 - i. The Dean mentioned that the Faculty should be able to start using the facilities in August 2013
 - ii. The faculty suggested scheduling a meeting or bringing the Dean of Administration to Chardón
- 4. Report on course enrollment for Spring 2012-2013
 - a. The report on course enrollment was presented and discussed. Issues of class size was a concern addressed by some of the faculty.
- 5. Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm

Submitted by: Rosita L. Rivera

Department of English Meeting
February 28, 2013
10:30am – 12:00pm
Minutes

1. Minutes from the January 21, 2013 meeting were approved.
2. Announcements
 - a. LLBA Petition for access to The CSA Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts was petitioned by two student representatives from ALPHA.

MOTION 1: That the Department of English fully support the acquisition of LLBA. (**Motion passed unanimously**)

MOTION 2: That the chair of the Department's Library Committee (Pro. Roberto López) write a letter to the Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Darnyd Ortiz stating the importance of LLBA for our students and Department (**Motion passed unanimously**)

- b. Puerto Rican Literature in English (INGL 6516) is now official and on the books.
- c. INGL 3300 (Special Topics) has officially been changed to allow students to approve up to 6 credits in the course.
- d. INGL 6996/University Teaching Development (taught by **Dr. M. Sefranek** in the 2012-2013 academic year) **UPDATE:** on Feb. 12th, **Drs. R. Chansky and E. Lamore** presented "Juggling Acts: Balancing Tasks and Time" to support enrolled graduate students consider multiple ways of integrating their course-based learning and teaching responsibilities. On February 14th, hosted by graduate students *Franciso Torres and Jadira Traverso*, **Dr. R. Román** presented, "All You Need is Love: Now Show it in your Syllabus", a CEP sponsored workshop to support instructors in the analysis and revision of the discourses in their syllabi. Today, February 28th, **Dr. N. Haydock**, hosted by graduate students *Layla Colón Vale and Odette Ortiz*, presents the CEP sponsored workshop, "Beowulf in Film: Incorporating the Art of Teaching Film in the Literature Classroom". Other CEP-sponsored workshops presented by graduate students this semester included: "Eat, Speak, Learn: Incorporating Recipes and Food in the Classroom" with *Eva Rodríguez and Krista Roberts* on February 21st, 2013, and "Learn How to K.I.S.S.," an interactive presentation on why and how to keep classroom instruction short and simple, with *Kevin Bathke and Didier Brunot*, on February 26th. Look out for numerous other upcoming CEP sponsored workshops presented, co-presented, or hosted by graduate students of the English Dept. in the Dept. calendar and blog. Come out to support their numerous contributions to professional development at the Colegio (as well as to obtain CEP hours).
- e. L. Flores' scholarly blog, I ♥ E-Poetry, was the first runner up in the "Best DH blog, article, or short publication" category in the 2012 Digital Humanities Awards. <http://dhawards.org/dhawards2012/results/>
- f. Dr. J. A. Géliga Vargas will be co-presenting, with Canny Bellido, the book *Arrancando Mitos de Raíz* (Unearthing Racial Myths) by Dr. Isar Godreau [et.al.](#) (2013). It's a resource guide for teachers, based on years of ethnographic fieldwork in public schools, to promote anti-racist education in the teaching of the African heritage in Puerto Rico. The book presentation will take place on March 19 at 10:30 in Celis 116 **AND** Dr. J. A. Géliga Vargas will participate on a panel titled *Estrategias exitosas para dirigir a estudiantes graduados a conseguir su grado* (Successful strategies to guide graduate students to complete their degrees), cohosted by CEP and OGS. The panel, which includes members from all the UPRM faculties, will take place on March 12 at 10:30 in Celis 116.
- g. B. Morales, G. Griggs and Dana Collins (Humanities) prepared the presentation: "Beyond the Traditional Writing Center: The University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus

(UPRM) Bilingual Writing Center,” which was presented by B. Morales and D. Collins at the UWC 20th Anniversary Celebration & Symposium at The University of Texas at Austin from Feb. 23-24.

- h. UPRM’s Renewal for the PR Council of Education License, Dr. Noemí Maldonado (Humanities) is our faculty liaison to the Arts and Sciences Committee. The Director and Associate Director will work to supply the committee with any information they request.
 - i. Update from the MA Literature Committee (N. Batra)
 - j. R. Chanksy has been asked to judge research proposals in identity studies for the 2013 Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek – Vlaanderen, FWO (Belgian Research Foundation Awards).
 - k. Eric D. Lamore's second university press book, *Teaching Olaudah Equiano's Narrative: Pedagogical Strategies and New Perspectives*, has been nominated for a second award: the 2013 William Sanders Scarborough Prize presented by the Modern Language Association. This award is given in recognition of an outstanding study of black American literature or culture.
 - l. Dr. Luis Moll from University of Arizona will be giving a talk on his current research in incorporating students’ funds of knowledge using a sociocultural framework on Thursday, March 14th at 10:30am in Celis 009 & 010. At 4:30pm he will also be on a panel, which is open to the public, titled “Writing in the Academy” with Drs. J. Géliga Vargas and Lisette Rolón Collazo from Humanities. Attendees are encouraged to bring questions and topics to discuss regarding academic writing, collaborative writing, teaching it, and actually doing it. The event at 4:30pm will be held in Salón Tarzan (Cafeteria Annex).
 - m. Prof. Nidia Tirú’s family wants to thank all of the professors in the Department who went to visit Nidia in her house over the last few weeks.
3. The Personnel Committee, in consultation with the director, has decided to request the following tenure-track positions in the following order:
- i. Position #1- The Department of English at the University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez (UPRM) is seeking applicants for a tenure-track position at the level of Assistant Professor starting July 1, 20XX. Candidates should hold a doctoral degree in second language acquisition (SLA) or related field. Teaching, research experience and a track record of academic publishing is expected. Knowledge of Spanish is necessary. The candidate would be expected to teach ESL courses across the skill levels as well as periodically teaching linguistics courses.
 - ii. Position #2- The Department of English at the University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez (UPRM) is seeking applicants for a tenure-track position at the level of Assistant Professor starting July 1, 20XX. Candidates should hold a doctoral degree in Rhetoric and Composition or related field. Teaching, research experience and a track record of academic publishing is expected. Knowledge of Spanish is desirable. The candidate would be expected to teach primarily advanced English courses to first year students whose first language is Spanish as well as technical writing, public speaking and other communication courses.
 - iii. Position #3- The Department of English at the University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez (UPRM) is seeking applicants for a tenure-track position at the level of Assistant Professor starting July 1, 20XX. Candidates should hold a doctoral degree in second language acquisition (SLA) or related field. Teaching, research experience and a track record of academic publishing is expected. Knowledge of Spanish is

necessary. The candidate would be expected to teach ESL across the skill levels as well as periodically teaching linguistic courses.

There was a lengthy conversation regarding the three requested positions. Statistics on professors retiring were provided and have been provided at the end of this document.

4. A short discussion was had regarding a Departmental policy on confirming student attendance and it was decided that the topic should be table the discussion until the next meeting.
5. Meeting adjourned at 12:05pm.

Minutes submitted by: Kevin Carroll

**Report regarding loss of professors
Presented February 28, 2013
Department Meeting
Prepared by: Kevin Carroll, Ph.D.**

List of English professors who have left or retired, their teaching area and amount of credits taught per semester in each area

Left for another institution:

1. Dr. Shannon Bischoff – Intermediate/Linguistics (2010 Summer) (6 credits intermediate & 6 credits 4000 linguistics)

Retired or will retire:

2. Dr. Eileen Blau - ESL / Linguistics (2010-2011) (12 credits basic sequence)
3. Prof. Carmen Maldonado - ESL (2010-2011) (12 credits basic sequence)
4. Prof. Maruja Acevedo Toledo - ESL (2011-2012) (12 credits basic sequence)
5. Prof. Nidia Tirú (2011-2012) - ESL / Advanced (6 credits intermediate sequence & 6 credits advanced sequence)
6. Dr. Ismael Rivera (2012-2013) – Advanced I/II and 1 or 2 4000 classes (9 advanced 3 credits of 4000 level Literature)
7. Dr. Judith Casey will retire (June 2013) ESL (12 credits Advanced)

Professors who have left or retired by credits taught per year in area or sector:

Basic Sequence	24, 24, 24, 24 =	96 Credits
Intermediate & Electives	12, 12, =	24 Credits
Advanced Sequence	12, 18 =	30 Credits
4000 Level Linguistics	12 =	12 Credits
4000 Level Literature	6 =	<u>6 Credits</u>
TOTAL CREDITS LOST		168 Credits per year

Department of English Meeting

April 18, 2013

10:30am – 11:55pm

Minutes

1. Minutes from February 28, 2013 meeting were approved
2. Announcements
 - a. L. Flores' current work in digital preservation was highlighted in *The Signal*, the Library of Congress' digital preservation blog:
<http://blogs.loc.gov/digitalpreservation/2013/03/quest-for-the-critical-e-dition-an-interview-with-leonardo-flores/> Ricky Padilla, a graduating English major from our Department, who is currently on an internship at the Library of Congress was the idea behind the piece.
 - b. Several members of the English Department--faculty, graduate and undergraduate students--participated in the College English Association-Caribbean Chapter conference on "Technology and the Humanities" held in Arecibo a few days ago (15-16 March):
 - i. "The House that Kickstarter Built: A Look at How an Internet-Based Crowdfunding Service is Affecting and Reshaping the Publishing of Graphic Novels" by Heri J. Albertorio Pizarro, UPR Mayagüez
 - ii. "'Sure a poet is a sage/ A Humanist, Physician to all men': Keats's conflict between Medicine and Poetry" by Nandita Batra, UPR Mayagüez
 - iii. "Study of Canonic and Contemporary Usage of Time Travelling and Time Machines: Dickens, Irving, Wells, Colfer and Barjavel" by René M. Rodríguez, UPR Mayaguez
 - iv. "Exploring the Dimensions of Science and the Supernatural in Jekyll and Hyde and The Time Machine." by Layla Colón Vale
 - v. "The Nonconforming Body: Technology and the Representation of Normalcy in the Disabled Body" by Yamil Sárraga, UPR Mayagüez
 - vi. "Cutting-Edge Science: The Symbiotic Relationship Between Technology and Horror" by Fernando Rodríguez, UPR Mayagüez
 - vii. "Victorian Fear: Blood Transfusion and Vampires" by María Badillo, UPR Mayagüez
 - viii. In addition, Maria Badillo was elected Secretary of the CEA-CC for a two-year term.
 - c. C. Mazak and K. Carroll submitted an American Educational Research Association (AERA) Mini-Conference Grant for \$35,000 to explore and expand translanguaging in higher education.
 - d. C. Mazak presented at the National Association for Research in Science Teaching Conference on April 8, 2013.
 - e. C. Mazak and R. Rivera were invited to be associate researchers at the University of Chicago's prestigious Bilingualism Research Center.
 - f. R. Chansky has recently been featured on the Arts and Sciences' research page under Chronicles of Research @ UPRM: <http://www.uprm.edu/cms/index.php/page/379>.
 - g. R. Chansky's project, "Auto/Biography across the Americas: Reading beyond Geographic and Cultural Divides," won the award for Intercultural Research Project Design in the Humanities from the Zentrum für Interkulturelle Studien (Center for Intercultural Studies) at the Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, Germany.
 - h. R. Chansky was a judge for the NCTE Achievement Awards in Writing.
 - i. R. Rivera and former MAEE Graduate Edward Contreras presented at the American Association of Applied Linguistics (AAAL) Annual Conference in Dallas, Texas. (March

- 19) the paper was titled: *Bilingualism and Language Use in Text Messages Among University Students in Puerto Rico*
- j. Ricky Padilla got accepted to the MA in English program & will have a concentration in Cultural Studies at George Mason University (<http://english.gmu.edu/programs/la-ma-engl>). GMU and its Roy Rosenweig Center for History and New Media (<http://chnm.gmu.edu/>) is a leader in the digital humanities.
 - k. Recent MAEE Graduate Vanessa Mari Acevedo was offered a \$25,000 scholarship to start her doctoral studies at the University of Texas San Antonio. She was also accepted at the University of Arizona.
 - l. On Thursday, April 25th J. Géliga and Canny Bellido will present the book *Arrancando Mitos de Raíz* in Chardón 121. All are invited to attend and the event would be excellent for future teachers.
 - m. Dean López Garriga has approved the hiring of three tenure track positions. The hiring paperwork will now be sent to the Chancellor and President for their approval. The positions will be to start in August of 2014.
 - n. New chairs have been delivered for Ch-325 and 326.
 - o. We now have three additional computers for classrooms as well as an industrial laser jet printer, which will be used for a future printing station in Ch-326.
 - p. Open-ended questionnaires will no longer be scanned after they are administered. Thus, it is each professor's responsibility to hold on to their own open-ended responses if they want to use them for future promotion and tenure.
 - q. The MAEE program has received 24 applicants for the Fall 13 semester, making this a total of 36 applicants for this academic year!
 - r. The 5th annual Out Loud! Festival was held on April 8th. It was very successful. This year's event was dedicated to Nidia Tiru. There is also a new Out Loud! website at outloudfestival.blogspot.com that archives materials from all four previous years. This includes a youtube channel and a facebook pp.
 - s. UPRM Certificate student Hector Delgado won the best new filmmaker award for his film *Hola* in the 2013 Rincon Film Festival
 - t. UPRM Certificate grad Fran Casillas won an award for best student film and a \$2,000 scholarship to the New York Film Academy for his film *Red Velvet* in the 2013 Rincon Film Festival (the award was shared with another short film)
 - u. UPRM Certificate grad Alexander Rodriguez, who is now doing his masters in film at the New York Film Academy in Los Angeles, has had his short film *Hinder* selected for inclusion in the Short Film Corner section of the 2013 Cannes Film Festival
 - v. English Department and Film Certificate graduate Derly Perez will be starting her MFA in film at Columbia University next semester.
 - w. Mary Leonard, and a group of UPRM Film Certificate students will be participating in an activity with filmmaker Jacobo Morales in Mayagüez this Saturday: **Hacia un cine de autor puertorriqueño** un conversatorio con Jacobo Morales, Chemi Gonzalez, Mary Leonard y los jóvenes cineastas del Certificado en Cine de la UPRM **Sábado, 20 de abril de 2013 En el Auditorio del Museo Eugenio María de Hostos A las 10:00 am** Habrá transportación desde el palacio de los deportes a partir de las 9:00am
 - x. After three years as the interim and now director of the Department of English, Kevin Carroll has decided he will step down from the position at the beginning of the fall semester. He will be making a recommendation to the Dean of Arts and Sciences that Leonardo Flores take his place in an interim capacity until a permanent director can be named. The Dean of Arts and Sciences has also communicated that other faculty members who would like to make a recommendation as to who should be the next interim director

should make their recommendations directly to him. The Dean will in-turn interview those recommended by other faculty members.

After the K. Carroll's announcement that he would be stepping down as director, a conversation ensued regarding whether or not the department at large should recommend the current associate director for the interim director position when the director steps down.

MOTION: That the current Associate Director, Dr. Rosita Rivera, be recommended on behalf of the department to fill the director's position, an in interim capacity, when it becomes available. (A friendly amendment was accepted to postpone a decision on the motion until after Dr. Rivera had some time to think about the motion. This motion will be tended to at the beginning of the next department meeting).

3. Update on new faculty lines and part time/temporary hires
 - a. K. Carroll provided an update on the Department's attempt to acquire three new lines. The Dean of Arts and Sciences has approved our request for the three new positions and the requests will now move up to the Chancellor's office for approval.
 - b. The process by which temporary/part-time hires are hired. The process is as follows:
 - i. A potential professor sends a resume to the director of the Department
 - ii. The Personnel Committee evaluates the candidate
 - iii. The Personnel Committee writes a letter to the director approving or not approving the applicant (generally the letter specifies the classes that the applicant is prepared to teach)
 - iv. When it is determined that there is specific departmental need, the Director starts the hiring process by requesting the hire from the Dean of Arts and Sciences and the Chancellor.

It was also announced that the Personnel Committee and the Director have decided to recommend the part-time hiring of Dr. Clarena Larrotta, a former MAEE graduate and a tenured, Associate Professor at the University of Texas at San Marcos.

MOTION: That we end the discussion on temporary hires and move on to the next item on the agenda. **Motion Passed.**

4. **ELECTION:** Personnel Committee Elections were held for two, three-year terms (B. Morales and G. Griggs' terms expired). Jocelyn Géliga Vargas and Catherine Mazak were both elected to serve three-year terms. Thus, their terms will expire in the summer of 2016.
5. G. Griggs briefly described a new set of instruments used to evaluate professors for promotion and tenure. The instruments were created in the College of Business Administration and recently translated by the current Personnel Committee. The Personnel Committee is requesting that professors look over the documents and send them any feedback they have on the documents.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55am.

Minutes prepared by Kevin Carroll