

**English Department Meeting**  
**21 January 2016**  
**Hartnett Hall 330**

*Present:* S. Aleshire, R. Fischer, E. Furuseth, R. Kibler, H. Nelson, M. Sherve, S. Tangney, N. Thom-Arens

*Approval of Minutes.* Margaret **moved** to approve; Robert called the **second**. **Minutes approved.**

*Scheduling:*

Shaunanne noted the difficulty of scheduling courses without conflicts in terms of time (topics courses and required courses at the same hour) and type of courses in a semester (competing topics courses).

Four-year plans for BA and BSE as well as course rotations were submitted for corrections before posting on the English Website with a “subject to change” disclaimer.

*Curriculum:*

Margaret **moved** to approve *Contemporary American Poetry* as a topics course offering. Harold called the **second**. **Motion approved.**

Harold **moved** to drop *Frontier Literature* as a topics course offering and add *Studies in 19<sup>th</sup> Century American Culture and Literature*. Robert called the **second**. **Motion approved.**

*Bakken:* Moving schedule of events (Rick Bass and Deborah Marquardt) from Monday, March 21, to Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*Sigma Tau Delta and transfer student concerns:* English Club students need to be recruited for Sigma Tau. Two Gretchen Collier and Lisa Monte de Oca have submitted papers to the Sigma Tau Conference in Minneapolis. A mandatory meeting for majors may be called.

*Shakespeare Fest:* April 23 celebration for Shakespeare’s birthday.

*Next meeting:* Thursday, February 18th at 12:30