

English Department Meeting
29 August 2019
Hartnett Hall 301

Present: S. Aleshire, G. Collier, E. Furusest, R. Fischer, E. Furusest, R. Kibler, C. Lozensky, P. Kurtz, S. Stinson

Approval of Minutes: Again delayed until next meeting

Curriculum Review: In progress and more work to follow but will be completed this semester.

Program Review: Lysbeth Benkert will arrive sometime this semester to conduct the curriculum Review

Election of Department Offices: Nomination of **Sarah Aleshire to be Coordinator**. Sarah accepts the nomination. **Unanimous approval** by ballot. Sarah will serve from 2019—2020 for the next 3 year term as Coordinator. Applause and cheers followed. **Ron defaulted for secretary and voted so.**

Sign Language as a Foreign Language: Robert moves that we accept American Sign Language as a Foreign Language. Sarah called the second. **Motion passed.**

Wordstock and Notstock: October 24-25, Melissa Lozada-Oliva will be the speaker/poet. Thursday at 7:30 will be her performance in the NW Arts Center. Workshops Thursday at 1:00, Friday at 10. Slam in the Dam open mic Friday at 1:00. Promote to students. Request for covering 2 nights of her stay at a hotel. Sarah moves that English Dept. cover her lodging costs. Robert calls the second. **Motion passed.**

English Club: First meeting Sept. 3 at 1:00 in the English Club room is 308.

Assessment: The Department of Languages and Cultures will need a representative on the Assessment committee. Call for a volunteer will go out to English and Foreign Language.

Events in the works: Robert Burns Evening and a Shakespeare Fest is being planned for spring semester underway. Burns night should be proximate to the 25th of January (b-day date). Also, the North Dakota Arts Council funds “American Dream” events—application due by October 1st. Humanities Council for the 100th anniversary of the Woman’s Suffrage movement is in the works beginning in September. Ice Cream Scooping in the works for Hostfest. Writing Center scheduled to open September 9th.

Next meeting: 19 September 2019 (with scheduling to follow the pattern of the 3rd Thursday of each month).