APA Committee on Philosophy in Two-Year Colleges

2011-2012 Annual Report

Submitted by Bill Hartmann, Chair

The 2011-2012 year was another busy year for this committee. We participated at the Pacific and Central meetings. Besides ongoing work with job placement at the community college, the Committee made definite progress on the credentialing issue for community colleges.

At the Central, “How to Obtain a Position at the Community College” was chaired by Bill Hartmann and involved Thomas Urban Nanchi Umennachi, Thomas Herrnstein, Anthony Thomas Mark Thorsby. The same presentation was given the Pacific by Bill Hartmann, Marc Bubo, Mark Thorsby and Anthony Thomas. We provide a forum for graduate students and job candidates to learn about academic life at two-year colleges and get practical job advice. About 10 attended both at the Central and Pacific. Over the past five years, 10 graduate students have reported that by attending our session, they were able to obtain a community college position with our help.

Also, the Central Division meeting saw our second formal discussion of the credential issue. Our session, “Credentialing” was chaired by Thomas Urban and involved Bill Hartman, Brian Huschle and Nanchi Umennachi. The same topic was presented by Mark Thorsby and Anthony Thomas at the Pacific. They were smallish groups but the discussions were lively and we certainly used all the time allotted to us. Thomas Urban will continue to take the lead on this subject. After the sessions adjourned, we proceeded to lunch and extended the conversations further.

The Committee began this tradition a number of years back and it is one of our more important functions. Since most communication is done long-distance via internet, it is important to maximize face-to-face interactions when we can. This lunch gathering is an ideal context for members to get to know each other.

We want to welcome our new members, whose terms began this July: Donna Werner, Thomas Urban (Vice chair), Basil Smith and Kristen L. Zbikowski. The committee would like to thank the following outgoing members for their service: Marc Bobro, Kevin Durand and Robert Sutton

I am grateful to serve as chair.

Humbly Submitted,

Bill Hartmann, Chair

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