Committee on Philosophy in Two-Year Colleges

2012-2013 Membership

Bill Hartmann, chair (2013)

Thomas Urban, associate chair (2013)

Brian Huschle (2013)

A.J. Kreider (2016)

Rick Mayock (2014)

Basil Smith (2015)

Anthony Thomas (2014)

Mark Thorsby (2014)

Nnachi Umennachi (2013)

Donna Werner (2015)

Kristen Zbikowski (2015)

Daw-Nay Evans, ex officio (2015)
The 2012-2013 year was another busy year for the 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, Thomas Herrnstein, Mark Thorsby and Basil Smith. The same presentation was given the Pacific by Marc Bubo, Mark Thorsby and Basil Smith. 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 at the Central and 30 at the Pacific! A major reason for the well-attended Pacific was that the committee developed a list of graduate advisors and placement officers from around the country and invited them to the session on securing a job. To further bolster job placement at community colleges the 2 year chair is now ex-officio for the Academic Career Opportunities and Placement Committee. Over the past six years, 16 graduate students have reported that by attending our session, they were able to obtain a community college position with our help.

Also, the Central and Pacific Division meeting saw our third formal discussion of the credentialing issue. Our session, “Credentialing” was chaired by Thomas Urban and involved Bill Hartman, Brian, Mark Thorsby and Basil Smith. The same topic was presented by Mark Thorsby, Basil Smith and Marc Bubo 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 important topic. After the sessions adjourned, we proceeded to lunch and extended the conversations further.

The Committee began this tradition of holding a luncheon meeting 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 less formal 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: Thomas Urban, 2013-2016 Chair (Houston Community College), Robert Boyd (Fresno City College), A. J. Kreider (Miami Dade Community College), Rick Mayock (West Los Angeles College), and Alexandra Perry (Bergen Community College).

I am grateful to have served as chair for the past three years.

Humbly Submitted,
Bill Hartmann, 2010-2013 Chair
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