

Notes from PLC Meeting---Eastern Initiative  
Department of English and Theatre  
April 27, 2011

Present: Tom Butler, Kim Creech, Lisa Bosley, Gill Hunter, Sally Martin, Gaby Bedetti,  
Rob Milde, Paula Kristofik

### **Ideas/suggestions/recommendations and next steps**

\*\*Lisa reminded everyone of the May 11 Meeting: The purpose of the meeting is for the five PLC's from the various disciplines to share their work thus far with each other and with other people from the university such as General Education Committee members and department chairs. The day will also include a working session for us to get down to the nitty-gritty in "aligning syllabi."

\*\*Paula suggested we think about a 4 C's conference presentation. We discussed need to keep thinking about possibilities for collaborative presentations and articles.

\*\*Revised syllabi---which three syllabi will we revise by August 8, 2011? This means we will have "good rough drafts" of revised syllabi. Decided on ENG 101, 301 and 210. We decided that we do not need to work on developmental syllabi since a CPE group is developing statewide standards for reading and writing based on the common core standards.

The following said that they were interested and willing to work on these syllabi over the summer:

ENG 101 and 301: Lisa, Paula, Rob and Sally

ENG 210: Gaby, Gill, Tom and Chris

Lisa will send out an inquiry about two days to get together during summer to work on these syllabi. We will get a start on them at the May 11 meeting.

\*\* Lisa noted that Kevin was absent from today's meeting because he was meeting with Sara Zeigler about support for adjunct professional development this summer: this is a result of our last PLC meeting where we discussed the need for pd for adjuncts who teach ENG 101 and 102.

### **Resources/research:**

\*\*Focus on standards

Kim and Rob---reported on their standards work with secondary schools

Sally and Gill---walked us through deconstructing standards (work they have done with the Writing Project)

Completed paperwork for stipend

- Supplemental Pay forms
- Outside Employment Approval forms

Lisa handed out an article by Richard Miller, “The Coming Apocalypse,” as food for thought for next meeting, on the need to consider technology as we think about our pedagogy. Sally noted that the standards addressing technology are still under consideration.

A couple of people said that they appreciated the article from last time, “Bringing Our Brains to the Humanities,” but there wasn’t time to discuss it today.

**Next meeting May 11, 2011**