Department of English

Texas State University

# Departmental Committees

**2020-2021**

**I. Curriculum Committees**

***Advanced Studies.*** Advises Director of Advanced Studies; makes recommendations to faculty on course/curriculum development and program assessment; supports activities of Major/Minor Committee. Chair: Director of Advanced Studies. Continuing ex officio voting members: directors of departmental minors and emphases.

Susan Morrison, Chair

Deborah Balzhiser

Rebecca Bell-Metereau, ex officio (Media Studies) (on leave, fall)

John Blair, ex officio (Creative Writing)

Rebecca Jackson, ex officio (Writing and Rhetoric) (on leave, fall)

Roger Jones

Katie Kapurch (on leave, fall)

Lindy Kosmitis, ex officio (Teacher Preparation)

Simon Lee

Kathleen McClancy

Daniel Price, ex officio (Internships)

Sara Ramírez

Graeme Wend-Walker (on leave, spring)

Julie Weng

Nancy Wilson, ex officio (Writing and Rhetoric)

Steve Wilson

***Creative Writing.*** Advises Advanced Studies Director and Committee on undergraduate creative writing courses and development of undergraduate creative writing emphasis. Chair of committee appoints standing subcommittee to judge best poem and best piece of fiction for *Persona* awards. Director is ex officio member, Advanced Studies

John Blair, Chair

Jason Coates

Doug Dorst

Jennifer duBois

Chad Hammet

Will Jensen

Roger Jones

Susan Morrison, ex officio

Cecily Parks

Kathleen Peirce

Stan Rivkin

Sean Rose

***Graduate Studies.*** Advises Director of Graduate Studies; makes recommendations to Graduate Faculty on policies and procedures for graduate programs, curriculum, and faculty. Chair: Director of Graduate Studies. Continuing members: Directors of MA/Literature, MA/Technical Communication, MA/Rhetoric and Composition, and MFA programs; student representatives from MA, MA/TC, MA/RC, and MFA programs.

Teya Rosenberg, Chair

Doug Dorst

Eric Leake

Kathryn Ledbetter

Cecily Parks

Chris Dayley

Elizabeth Skerpan-Wheeler

Robert Tally

Steve Wilson

MA/Literature student representative: Luise Noe

Graduate students: Chelsi Pitts– MAL; Caitlin Starks – MA/TC; Clarice Blanco – MA/RC; Naomi Wilson MFA (Rose GA)

***First-Year English.*** Advises Director of Lower-Division Studies; makes recommendations to faculty on policies, curricula, and textbooks for first-year English. Chair: Director of Lower-Division Studies

Nancy Wilson, Chair

Mindy Adams

Deborah Balzhiser

Joanna Collins

Ellis-Lai, Laura

Fitzgerald, Keri

Chad Hammett

Stephen Harmon

Lindy Kosmitis

Christopher Margrave

Graeme Mullen

Keith Needham

Amanda North

Francine Pilkington

Octavio Pimentel

Ben Reed

Richard Robertson

Alicia Salzmann

Alan Schaefer

Amanda Scott

Laura Sims

Jon Marc Smith

Anne Winchell

***Sophomore Literature Committee.*** Advises Director of Lower-Division Studies; makes recommendations to faculty on policies and curricula for sophomore literature courses.

Nancy Wilson, Chair

John Blair

Jason Coates

Joe Falocco

Chad Hammett

Katie Kapurch (on leave, fall)

Susan Morrison, (ex officio)

Ben Reed

James Reeves

Jon Marc Smith

Laura Sims

Robert Tally

Steve Wilson

***Writing and Rhetoric Committee*.** Advises Advanced Studies Director and Committee about writing and rhetoric courses and the Writing and Rhetoric Emphasis. Advises the Coordinator of the Computer Labs on goals and policies, staffing decisions, and overall direction of the labs. Ex officio members: Director, Advanced Studies, and Lab Coordinator.

Rebecca Jackson, Chair

Nancy Wilson

Deborah Balzhiser

Joanna Collins

Corey Weber

Eric Leake

Susan Morrison, ex officio

Octavio Pimentel

Daniel Price

Sean Rose

Aimee Roundtree

Jon Marc Smith

***Internships.*** Develops and oversees policies and procedures for undergraduate internship program. Chair: Internship Coordinator

Daniel Price, Chair

Amanda Scott

Will Jenson

Susan Morrison

Sean Rose

Aimee Roundtree

Claire Richardson, LA advisor, ex officio

***Online Courses***. Assists with development of new online courses; reviews policies and procedures to achieve best practices.

Jason Coates, Chair

Deborah Balzhiser

John Blair

Laura Ellis-Lai

Roger Jones

Scott Mogull

Daniel Price

Laura Sims

Anne Winchell

Pinfan Zhu

***Teacher Preparation.*** Advises faculty on policies related to teacher preparation, including curricular requirements for teacher certification. Chair: Department Representative to Teacher Preparation Council. Ex officio member: Director, Advanced Studies.

Lindy Kosmitis, Chair

Mindy Adams

Keith Needham

Laura Sims

Susan Morrison, ex officio

***Curriculum Revision Committees***

***Student curriculum subcommittee— Susan Morrison point person***

Rebecca Bell-Metereau/Sara Ramirez co-chairs

Jason Coates

Eric Leake/Simon Lee

Joanna Collins

***Benchmarking curriculum subcommittee—Miriam Williams point person***

Becky Jackson/ James Reeves co-chairs

Cecily Parks

Dan Price

Rob Tally

***Faculty curriculum subcommittee—Steve Wilson point person***

Elizabeth Skerpan-Wheeler/Kate McClancey co-chairs

Graeme Wend-Walker

Julie Weng

Nancy Wilson

## II. Faculty Committees

***Faculty Review, Full Professors.*** Reviews and evaluates teaching, scholarly/creative activity, and service of full professors; recommends evaluations to the full professors; recommends changes in procedures for annual review. Members serve three-year terms, with a new member selected each fall by drawing a name from the roster of eligible full professors.

Kathryn Ledbetter (2020)

Roger Jones

Pinfan Zhu

***Faculty Review, Associate/Assistant Professors.*** Reviews and evaluates teaching, scholarly/creative activity, and service of assistant and associate professors; recommends evaluations to the senior faculty; recommends changes in procedures for annual review.

Susan Morrison, Chair

Rebecca Bell-Metereau (on leave, fall)

Miriam Williams

***Faculty Review, Senior Lecturers.*** Reviews and evaluates the teaching, scholarly/creative activities (if applicable) and service materials submitted by senior lecturers; recommends evaluations to the senior faculty; recommends changes in procedures for annual review.

Katie Kapurch, Chair

Suparno Banerjee

Jason Coates

***Faculty Review, Lecturers***. Reviews and evaluates teaching by lecturers; recommends evaluations to the senior faculty; recommends changes in procedures for annual review.

Nancy Wilson, Chair

Jon Marc Smith, Co-Chair

Cecily Parks

Debra Monroe (on leave fall, spring)

***Mentoring.*** Works with tenure-track faculty in preparation for annual review and tenure consideration.

Robert Tally, Chair

Suparno Banerjee (mentor for Simon Lee)

Eric Leake (mentor for Christopher Dayley)

Kitty Ledbetter (mentor for Sara Ramírez)

Kate McClancy (mentor for Nithya Shivashankar)

Teya Rosenberg (mentor for Jennifer duBois)

Elizabeth Skerpan-Wheeler (mentor for James Reeves)

Robert Tally (mentor for Julie McCormick Weng)

***Faculty Hiring.*** Screens applicants for tenure-track and tenured positions and makes hiring recommendations to the senior faculty. The department chair may modify committee membership for the needs of a particular search or may form separate ad hoc committees for multiple searches.

***IA/TA Hiring.*** Advises Chair on policies for screening and hiring Instructional and Teaching Assistants. Screens applicants for these positions and makes hiring recommendations to the Chair. Chair: Director of Lower-Division Studies.

Nancy Wilson, chair

Mindy Adams

Deb Balzhiser

Doug Dorst

Chris Dayley

Eric Leake

Chad Hammett

Rebecca Jackson

Ben Reed

Stan Rivkin, ex officio

Teya Rosenberg

## III. Administrative Support Committees

***English Department Endowment.*** Monitors English department endowment accounts and advises chair on building the department’s overall endowment. Also advises chair on the use of funds generated by endowments. In particular, oversees the TKL endowment by approving the annual TKL budget and reviewing expenditures from the preceding year. Chair: English department chair.

Victoria Smith, Chair

Rebecca Bell-Metereau

Cyrus Cassells

Flore Chevaillier, ex officio

Doug Dorst

Tom Grimes

Cecily Parks

Teya Rosenberg

***Library.*** Advises faculty of annual allocation figures and other information forwarded by Alkek Library acquisitions staff; authorizes book and periodical orders from faculty.

Suparno Banerjee, Chair

Flore Chevaillier

Allan Chavkin

Will Jensen

James Reeves

Stan Rivkin

Alan Schaefer

Leah Schwebel

Julie Weng

Pinfan Zhu

***Major/Minor.*** Advises Director of Advanced Studies; holds information sessions for majors/ minors; helps publicize undergraduate offerings; represents department in various university activities (e.g., Bobcat Days); selects Outstanding Senior in English. Chair: Director of Advanced Studies. Ex officio member: Sponsor, Sigma Tau Delta

Susan Morrison, Chair

Rebecca Bell-Metereau (on leave fall)

John Blair

Flore Chevaillier

Laura Ellis-Lai, ex officio

Geneva Gano

Becky Jackson

Roger Jones

Katie Kapurch (on leave, fall)

Lindy Kosmitis

Christopher Margrave, ex officio

Leah Schwebel

Nithya Shivashankar

Graeme Wend-Walker

Steve Wilson

***MA/Literature.*** Advises MA/Literature Director; recommends admission standards; screens MA/Lit applications; composes MA/Lit thesis and comprehensive exam requirements; administers comprehensive exams; nominates TKL Visiting Critics and Scholars. Chair: MA/Lit Director. Continuing member: student from MA/Lit program.

Teya Rosenberg, Chair

Suparno Banerjee

Flore Chevaillier, ex officio

Joe Falocco

Geneva Gano

Kathryn Ledbetter

Dan Lochman

Simon Lee

Sara Ramírez

Nithya Shivashankar

Robert Tally

MA/Literature student: Austin Winn

***MA/Technical Communication.*** Advises MA/TC director; recommends standards for admission to the program; screens TC application portfolios; composes TC thesis and comprehensive exam requirements. Chair: MA/TC Director. Continuing member: student from the MA/TC program.

Christopher Dayley, Chair, Fall, 2019

Deb Balzhiser

Aimee Roundtree,

Scott Mogull

Miriam Williams

Pinfan Zhu

Octavio Pimentel,

MA/TC student: Caitlin Starks

***MA/Rhetoric and Composition.*** Advises MA/RC Director; recommends standards for admission to the program; screens MA/RC applications; composes RC thesis and comprehensive exam requirements. Chair: MA/RC Director. Continuing member: student from the MA/RC program

Eric Leake, Chair

Rebecca Jackson

Deborah Balzhiser

Eric Leake

Jaime Mejía

Octavio Pimentel

Elizabeth Skerpan-Wheeler

Nancy Wilson

MA/RC student: Clarice Blanco

***MFA.*** Advises MFA Director; recommends standards for admission to the program; screens MFA application portfolios; composes MFA thesis and comprehensive exam requirements; recommends MFA Adjunct Faculty. Chair: MFA Director. Continuing member: student from the MFA program.

Doug Dorst, Chair

Cyrus Cassells

Jennifer duBois

Tom Grimes

Roger Jones

Debra Monroe

Cecily Parks

Kathleen Peirce

Stan Rivkin, ex officio

Steve Wilson

MFA student: Sylvia Umutesi Karenzi

***Scholarships.*** Reviews applications for departmental scholarships; recommends awards; oversees any changes in application forms, criteria, and policies that are mandated by scholarship donors or university decisions.

Elizabeth Skerpan-Wheeler, Chair

Deb Balzhiser

Cyrus Cassells

Leah Schwebel

Eric Leake

Kathryn Ledbetter

***Social Media Committee.*** Generates content to advertise and celebrate the department and its achievements; posts things of interest and importance to our Facebook page; consults with the Twitter posse about crossover content and needed tweets.

Rob Tally, Chair

Deb Balzhiser

Chris Dayley

Kitty Ledbetter

Amanda Scott

***Outstanding Senior Award***. Receives, reviews, and recommends to faculty nominations for the Outstanding Senior Award.

Graeme Wend-Walker, Chair

Deborah Balzhiser

Roger Jones

Laura Ellis-Lai

Christopher Margrave

Claire Richardson, LA advisor, ex officio

***Lindsey Literary.*** Advises Chair and Coordinator of the Lindsey Literary Series on the selection of visiting writers and on expenditures associated with the series. Continuing member: graduate students (MA, MFA) recommended by graduate directors, undergraduate English major recommended by the director of Advanced Studies. Chair: Coordinator of the Lindsey Literary Series.

Tom Grimes, Chair

John Blair

Amanda Scott, ex officio

Cyrus Cassells

Jennifer duBois

Katherine Kapurch (on leave fall)

Cecily Parks

Kathleen Peirce

Sara Ramírez

Stan Rivkin, ex officio

Teya Rosenberg

Leah Schwebel

Rob Tally

Graduate students: MFA – Sylvia Umutesi Karenzi MAL – Luise Noe

Undergraduate student:

***Writing Center.*** Advises Director of the Writing Center about Center goals, policies, and overall direction. Chair: Director of Writing Center.

Deborah Balzhiser, Chair

Joanna Collins

Keri Fitzgerald

Rebecca Jackson (on leave, fall)

Dan Lochman

Jaime Mejía

***College Review Group Representative.*** Represents the department at Liberal Arts College Review for tenure and promotion. (All three review group representative positions were up for re-nomination last year, for a 3-year appointment, beginning 2017-2018.)

Representative: Rob Tally

1stAlternate: Octavio Pimental

2nd Alternate: Dan Lochman

***Liberal Arts Faculty Advisory Council Member.*** Represents the department for curricular issues (programs and courses) and other issues as necessary.

Representative: Kate McClancy

***Departmental Representative on Research Enhancement Committee***. Represents the department during the annual review of proposals for research enhancement grants and advises faculty in English who are preparing proposals.

Representative: Geneva Gano Alternate: Susan Morrison

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