Minutes for the 2/22/2017 Critical Thinking Committee meeting:

Attending: David Gribbin, Val Czerny, Courtney Joiner, Dee McKinney, David Strickland, Mary Waalkes

We approved the minutes from the January 25, 2017 teleconference.

David Gribbin asked Val to update the registration form due date. Val agreed to do this.

David Gribbin noted that his budget department meeting was scheduled for March 2, and that he should have information for us after this. He said that the $500 honorarium is reasonable, and he commended Val on the “dazzling” website design, which Val noted is largely due to Victor Poole’s efforts. David said that he would try to get Dr. Boehmer to log in to the website during the budget meeting so that he can see the new design.

David Gribbin asked Dave Strickland if he can use the CATS program to encourage participation by students. He asked if it could be required of students to attend at least one session. Dave Strickland responded that students might have other classes. He said that this could be offered for extra credit. Mary suggested there might be logistical issues with the numbers of students attending. After some discussion, we agreed that students could attend the plenary session to hear the keynote speaker, would submit a reflective essay for proof of participation, and could attend other sessions which would set limits as to the numbers of students per session.

Val noted that proposals are due September 8 and asked how many proposals had come in last year. Courtney received them and said there were about ten proposals last year. Attendees from ABAC have contacted her this year about the conference.

David Gribbin suggested asking Dr. Durden to encourage people in his department to attend.

Val noted that to update the registration form, we need to get rid of the rotunda on it and need the due date for registration. Mary suggested two weeks prior to the conference date. Courtney remembered that she was pinched for time last year, and that two weeks would be good. September 15 was set for the final date to register, knowing that we will be flexible as needed.

Val brought up the keynote speaker poster which has no reference point on it. Dee recommended that we give the poster to Kaitlyn Moore and ask her to modify it. Mary recommended offsetting the photo to make room for the conference name and date. Val added that a link to the website would help people know where to find other information. Val said she will get with Courtney Powers to redesign the poster for the keynote speaker and then send it to the committee for approval. Mary asked if we should start next month targeting people for potential presentations. She noted that Alan Brasher was interested in speaking. Dee said that she is going to three conferences and needs more flyers. Courtney will send flyers to Dee McKinney and Dave Strickland, while Val will send flyers to Mary Waalkes and David Gribbin.

Val asked about changing the time of committee meetings so that Ren can attend, but nothing appeared to work at present. She will keep Ren advised of our discussions.

The next committee meeting is set for March 22 at 11 am.

Mary Waalkes
February 24, 2017