I. M.A. Redesign Preliminary Remarks
   a. Can we get the kinks worked out?
   b. We are not approving the M.A. today, instead, a “yea” vote today will mean the following:
      i. Giving the green light to move forward with the program
      ii. We will meet with Grad Studies and work out some of the wrinkles (discussed below) over winter break
      iii. Send the plan to the English Department to look over during the break
      iv. Have an update at the Spring department meeting for everyone to consider
   c. Time is of the essence because we have graduate students in limbo with not enough students in some programs to sustain them.
   d. We are also currently out of compliance with the executive order.

II. The Plan for the Redesign
   a. We will have 2 M.A. programs
      i. Literature will be their own program and the other programs will combine into one.
         1. This would look a lot like our B.A. program with their own concentrations
         2. We are already sort of doing this with our shared electives and culminating experience
   b. There will be 5 or 6 shared courses depending on the clarification we receive on this.
   c. We have already begun implementing some of these changes in response to the small size of our programs.
   d. We are looking for smart and creative ways to respond to these low enrollments.
   e. In order to comply with the executive order we do not have to merge. However, we do not have the numbers to keep all of our programs separate.
   f. Should this plan be approved, we will take this to Claude and grad division and say “this is our plan, how can we make it work?” We want them to conform to us rather than the other way around. Whatever we come up with needs to make sense for us rather than following rules that no one is clear on and may change.

III. Wrinkles
   a. 2 of the 6 shared courses would be from a “bucket” which won’t fly with grad studies
      i. These were going to be the theory courses
      ii. The alternative is to make them variable topic courses
iii. We will push back if this is an SFSU issue because the “bucket” is our preferred method
   1. This is okay at the B.A. level so why wouldn’t it be okay at the M.A. level

IV. Feedback on the Substance of the Plan
   a. How will this impact the Literature students that partake in the Composition certificate? Will the availability of those courses change?
      i. Those courses will be in the Composition concentration, not in the core of the M.A. so Literature students can still take them.
      ii. The regularity will be similar to what we offer now.
      iii. This should not impact certificate students.

V. 803 and Work in the ETC
   a. All students will participate in a practicum (ALA, ETC, LAC)
   b. Literature students can count 3 units in either 803 or ETC
      i. LIT ONLY
         1. Or students can count 3 units to 803 and 3 in ETC if they are doing the Comp Certificate.

VI. Should we move forward with the M.A. redesign plan as put forth here?
   a. Affirmed.

End of meeting