I. Sugie opened the meeting by thanking all for coming.

II. In response to faculty concerns that our next dept. meeting had been set for January 20th—Inauguration Day following a controversial election—we have changed the day and time of our next meeting to Wednesday, 1/18, 12-12:30 lunch, 12:30-1:30 meeting. Reminders will be sent from the English office.


IV. Sugie then introduced LCA Dean Andrew Harris, who greeted those present and fielded questions from faculty. Here are his main questions and a few of the responses:
   a. When you think about the work you do, what are you proud of?
      i. “transactional” teaching, i.e. requiring “improvisation” in class rather than rote teaching
      ii. Uncompromising standards
      iii. We see a huge majority of all SFSU students—and they return after their classes
   b. What are your challenges?
      i. Composition work is under-sourced and under-recognized.
      ii. Need sabbaticals for curricular planning time
      iii. Need appropriate furniture for 21st century classrooms
      iv. Need resources for lecturers
      v. Need resources for undergrad research/conferences/presentation venues
      vi. Need paid graduate student assistants to help with larger courses
   c. Dean Harris asked faculty to consider the following questions for further discussion at a later date:
      i. How do you want to grow in the coming years?
      ii. If you could invest in 3 things that would improve your program, what would those be?

V. There was a brief discussion about the fact that Dean Harris is building on previous projects with the LCA Development office, and working on new ones.

VI. Faculty invited Dean Harris to return in a few months, for a future visit.

Dean Harris thanked everyone and made his departure at 2 p.m. Sugie wished everyone happy holidays and reminded faculty to come to the annual holiday party later in the afternoon.