

El Camino College
Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Anthropology Department Meeting
March 2, 2010

NOTES

Present: B. Gibson, A. Mannen, R. Otero, M. Waters

Meeting began at: 1:00 p.m.

Spring Enrollment

The department's enrollments reached 106% by the end of the second week of the semester. The majority of faculty kept over enrollments in their classes to a minimum. The importance of maintaining control of over enrollments in the next few semesters was also stressed.

Future Faculty and Course Schedules and Rotations

Faculty were asked to layout a course rotation schedule for the department so that students would be able to take the sequence of offerings in the major. In addition, the dean discussed the importance of scheduling classes from Monday through Friday. She suggested that faculty who wanted a 4 day a week teaching schedule select from either a Monday to Thursday or Tuesday to Friday schedule. Future class offerings will include one day per week classes on Fridays and Mondays.

Supply Orders

The dean asked the department to complete a prioritization of their supply needs. With cutbacks to division supplies, all departments have had reductions. This has impacted the Anthropology Museum and the Anthropology lab course in particular. The department budget has been consolidated into one account and thus the Division Office will need prioritized overall requests instead of the independent ones it has received in the past from different faculty.

SLOs—Program Assessments

The dean discussed the requirement of completing program reviews this semester. Angela Mannen, the department's representative to the division SLO committee responded that clear instructions will be needed to complete this assignment. G. Miranda will contact Juli Soden and Christina Gold regarding a presentation to all division departments in the next few weeks.

Department Plans

Dean distributed the 2010-11 department plans and asked the faculty to try and align their goals with the College's strategic initiatives. Examples of how to approach the reorganization of goals and objectives were discussed.

Accreditation Report

The department was asked to review the accreditation report as part of future discussions on how faculty can contribute to addressing the recommendations contained within it.

Anthropology Club

Angela Mannen reported that the club has a series of activities planned for this semester including a presentation by former students now at UCLA; a workshop on May 1st, plus the annual symposium on May 14th. The students are also planning a zoo trip and possibly a camping one as well.

Anthropology Chats

Angela Mannen and Rodolfo Otero will again co-host at least two anthro chats this semester. Dates will be announced later.

Anthropology Museum

Dr. Nancy Levine from UCLA will be giving a guest lecture on Polyandry in Tibet at the Haag Recital Hall on March 19th. Installation of the remaining artifacts for the Tibet exhibit is in the process of being completed.

Other

The department briefly discussed the existing anthropology major and the value of an A.A. degree. R. Otero stated that an A.A. degree in Anthropology has less value than the B.A. for career or professional opportunities. The possibility of a general studies A.A. with an emphasis in Anthropology seemed more realistic to the department.

R. Otero has completed writing his dissertation and if approved by his advisors, he will be awarded his Ph.D. from UC Riverside at the end of spring. M. Waters plans to seek a second Masters Degree.

B. Gibson stated that the microscopes he uses for his archeology class are in need of servicing; also, two more microscopes are needed.

All department media requests should be directed to the division office as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:50 p.m.

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