

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Philosophy Department Meeting
April 19, 2011**

MINUTES

Present: R. Firestone, E. Shadish, J. Thureson

Meeting began at: 1:00 p.m.

Enrollment, Scheduling Patterns, HTP Assignments

Spring semester enrollments exceeded the normal class size in all sections at the beginning of census week. The department reported that the enrollments remain solid with the exception of Asian Philosophy that has had a drop in numbers.

The possibility of scheduling Asian philosophy once yearly was discussed. The dean also asked the faculty to consider prioritizing their core course offerings over the next few semesters with the intent of insuring that students can take Philosophy classes that meet general education, transfer and associate degree requirements.

The department discussed the possibility of adding Philosophy 2 to create a rotation of HTP courses. Currently, Philosophy 23 is the only Honors course in Philosophy. After discussing the suggestion by R. Firestone, who offered to teach an honors section of Philosophy 2 once yearly, the decision was made to continue with Philosophy 23 every semester.

Program Review

R. Firestone discussed his work on the Philosophy draft program review. He has completed a draft of the first three sections of the self-study and will work with J. Thureson and E. Shadish who wrote the previous department program review.

Philosophy Major/Course Inactivations

G. Miranda asked the department to review their current major since a transfer model curriculum will likely be developed in the near future. She provided faculty with details on legislation that set up the transfer model concept.

The department's independent study—Philosophy 99ABC—is scheduled to be inactivated in the fall 2011 semester.

SLOs

R. Firestone reported that most courses will be assessed by the end of the semester and that all courses will be assessed by next year to fit the four-year cycle.

Department Web Page

The department received a copy of their web page which had been created by W. Lozano for their feedback. They were pleased with it and only wanted to make certain that the faculty names were listed on the site. For the record, they are listed.

Department Activities/Philosophy Club

J. Thureson attended the Honors Symposium held at UC Irvine in March. R. Firestone is helping the Philosophy Club to sponsor a student rally on March 19, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. which is intended to raise student consciousness. The theme of the rally is "Education, Not Militarization."

SOCS Remodel Update

The dean informed the faculty that the Division Office would soon begin organizing the return of all Social Science building instructors to the remodeled building. Any faculty member who will not be teaching in summer will be asked to pack their belongings before the end of the spring semester. The move will take place beginning in mid-July.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:50 p.m.

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