

Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Philosophy department Meeting
September 16, 2010

MINUTES

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

Meeting began at: 1:00 p.m.

Fall Enrollment Updates/Spring Scheduling

Enrollment in department classes has been strong this semester. The new courses, Asian Philosophy and Existentialism, were full and the added section of Philosophy 2 (Introduction to Philosophy) also had good enrollment in spite of its late addition to the schedule.

In spring 2011, R. Firestone and E. Shadish will rotate their teaching assignments for Asian Philosophy and Existentialism.

Part-Time Pool

The department felt that the current pool of adjuncts is adequate and sufficient to cover other teaching assignments.

Supplemental Instruction Coaches

The department faculty recommended an S.I. coach for Introduction to Philosophy (Phil 2) should funding be available this year.

Curriculum Proposal

E. Shadish and E. Antoine are finalizing the new cross-listed course proposal—Political Philosophy which they would like to have approved this year.

G. Miranda and J. Thureson noted that last year's proposals for Asian Philosophy and Existentialism will be submitted for CSU/UC articulation this year.

SLO/Assessments

R. Firestone stated that two courses will be assessed this year, Philosophy 3 and 5. The department has SLOs for all courses, has conducted program level assessments and is awaiting information on core competencies. A division Assessment and Learning Committee meeting should be convened soon by Juli Soden.

Plan Builder 2011-12

J. Thureson will look at the department's 2010-2011 plan and represent the faculty in the 2011-2012 planning process. A major task will be to align the department's goals with the College's strategic initiatives.

MBBM Issues

E. Shadish noted that she has been having problems with the computer in MBB 102. E. Munoz had already reported these problems to the division office.

R. Firestone stated that the only problem in MBBM 131 that he has had is with the air conditioning unit which runs very loudly and makes it difficult for him to lecture above the noise it generates when it is running.

Supplies/Equipment

All of the faculty received their replacement laptops and indicated that they like the new model. J. Thureson's new laptop is being serviced by IT because of difficulties she has had logging on to it.

Philosophy Club

The club's first meeting will be held next Thursday. R. Firestone is expecting about 30 sign-ups for this semester.

Other

E. Shadish announced that a panel presentation will be held on October 19th on the theme of the corporatization of higher education. M. Eula plans to participate and possibly S. Dowden.

J. Thureson inquired about hosting a presentation on environmental ethics. S Dowden is working on similar themes.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:50 p.m.

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