

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences  
Political Science Department Meeting  
June 9, 2011**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** L. Houske, E. Munoz, L. Widman

**Absent:** E. Antoine (excused)

**Meeting began at:** 1:00 p.m.

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**Scheduling**

Updates on summer, fall and winter schedules were discussed. An additional section POLI 1 was added back into the summer 2011 schedule and four sections of the course are included in the abbreviated winter schedule. No additional increases to fall are planned at this time.

An additional section of Honors POLI 1 was added to the fall schedule. Since all HTP sections are full, the HTP office discovered that non-Honors students had enrolled in them. So, the VPAA approved two additional division HTP sections of which POLI 1 is to be included for fall.

A discussion on the extended length of online instruction was discussed with faculty consensus that an eight-week summer session is no more effective than six weeks. The faculty also inquired about the possibility of restoring winter online courses since in the past students who took POLI online in winter did exceptionally well.

**Transfer Model Curriculum/Proposal to Waive American Institutions Requirement**

G. Miranda discussed the impact of SB 1440 on the existing majors and advised faculty about the proposal for a Political Science transfer studies model curriculum proposal that is currently being developed by the CSUs. Potentially, the proposal fits the current courses within the department.

G. Miranda addressed concerns raised by CSUDH's History Department regarding a CSU Board of Trustees proposed amendment to the administrative code that would permit some programs to request transfer students completing the transfer model curriculum to be exempted from the American Institutions graduation requirement. If approved, History and Political Science would be impacted. The decision by the trustees is scheduled for July 12, 2011.

CSU Political Science and History Department chairs have opposed this amendment. They are in need of statements of support from community college colleagues.

**Political Science Website**

The department received a hard copy of their program webpage to critique. The dean asked that if they had any recommendations for additional data to be included, that they contact

Wendy in the Division Office. L. Houske will contact Wendy with information regarding the Political Science Club.

### **SLO Report**

E. Munoz reported that POLI 5 and 10 were assessed this semester and that the department has now completed assessing all courses. With a completed SLO cycle, they will be ready for the next program review beginning in spring 2012.

### **Plan Builder Status Reports**

The dean reminded the department to complete the status report in plan builder for their goals and objectives by the end of July. L. Houske is the designated facilitator for Political Science.

### **Political Science Club**

L. Houske reported that the club was quite active this semester. Meetings averaged between eight to ten members in attendance.

### **New Student Welcome Day Volunteers**

G. Miranda explained what is expected of faculty who participate at the New Student Welcome Day and hoped someone from the department would participate.

### **SOCS Remodel Update**

Faculty were briefed on the planned date for returning to the SOCS building. The move is expected to take place on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Extra boxes are available for packing. L. Widman asked that faculty be reminded to empty filing cabinets in the CTOs as well.

The dean asked if anyone would require maps in their SOCS classrooms. They could direct their requests to the division office staff.

**Meeting adjourned at:** 1:50 p.m.

cc: T. Fallo  
F. Arce (electronic version)  
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