

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Sociology Department Meeting
October 21, 2008**

NOTES

Present: S. Allen, E. Cannon, S. Dowden

Meeting began at: 1:05 p.m.

Fall Semester Update

The department's enrollment reached 1,024 by census week, with a 93.9% fill rate for all campus classes. All Sociology 101 (Introduction to Sociology) classes have maintained strong enrollments as have the online sections. The Introduction to Social Work (Sociology 110) and Introduction to Criminology (Sociology 112) courses also has good enrollments this semester. In addition, the Introduction to Global Cultures (Global Studies 101) course has 53 students.

The department faculty members discussed future rotation patterns as well as how to better market the criminology course. They would also like to offer a section of Introduction to Social Work (Sociology 110) during the day to meet student interest in this subject.

Curriculum

Two new Global Studies course proposals written by S. Dowden will be reviewed this month by the College Curriculum Committee: Globalization and Global Perspectives on Race and Ethnicity. The department considered offering Sociology 107 (Race and Ethnicity in United States Society) with the new global one sequentially in the future.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLO's)

The department is assessing Sociology 101 this semester. S. Allen is overseeing the writing of an SLO for Sociology 102 and a program level one. SLOs for Sociology 107, 110 and 112 still need to be written. G. Miranda will ask R. Mascolo to write the SLO for Sociology 109.

Program Review and Next Year's Planning Cycle

G. Miranda and S. Allen discussed next year's planning process and the importance of including program review recommendations in plan builder. The dean will need revisions, etc. by mid-December.

Sociology Club

S. Allen reported that the club is very active. To date the club has sponsored presentations on careers in criminal justice and a transfer workshop. On the first Thursday of November, the club is hosting a social issues forum and a careers in social work workshop on the third Thursday of the month.

Global Studies

S. Dowden is part of a group of faculty working on a grant proposal to develop a global studies program and major at ECC. The two courses she has written will become part of the major.

Supply/Media/Equipment Needs

The department requested back up bulbs for LCD projectors and underscored the need for a copier on the third floor.

Requests for media materials should be submitted to the division office as soon as possible. The staff will check with H. Story to determine when requests for media purchases will be announced.

Department Activities

S. Allen reported on the Division Council discussion. She also stated that the Sociology Club will be conducting an opportunity drawing in order to raise funds to attend the Pacific Sociological meeting in San Diego next April.

E. Cannon was commended for spearheading a voter registration drive through her classes. Her students were able to register about 3,300 people by the end of summer 2008.

S. Dowden will continue to work on the service learning grant which D. Patel oversees.

Other

S. Dowden wanted the minutes to reflect the need to fill the vacant staff position in the division office. While student workers have been helpful, a permanent classified position is critical for a large division with many programs.

Meeting ended at: 1:55 p.m.

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