

**El Camino College**  
**Behavioral & Social Sciences**  
**Division Council Minutes**  
**March 27, 2012**

Present: S. Allen, M. Braun, T. Carter, M. Eula, B. Knapp, A. Mannen, D. McPatchell,  
H. Pham, J. Montgomery, J. Soden, J. Thureson

Absent: E. Antoine (excused) J. Montgomery (excused)

Meeting began at: 1:05 p.m.

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### **Budget/Scheduling**

G.Miranda stated that the fall scheduling process is almost complete and at this time no additional cuts in classes are expected but depending on the State budget picture, cutbacks may be forthcoming.

### **Informational Items**

#### El Camino Bell

An official El Camino Real bell was privately donated to ECC and was recently installed in front of the Social Science building. Unfortunately, it was painted blue which has altered its historical value. The college is exploring how to remove the blue paint to reveal the original patina finish. El Camino was selected by the donor over the Huntington Library which also wanted the bell.

#### FT Hire and Retirement

The hiring committee for the FT history position has just completed the selection process. An offer has been made and the dean is awaiting acceptance from the candidate. Joan Thureson will be retiring at the end of this semester and plans to teach next year on a part-time basis. M. Eula's retirement plans are to relocate to Buffalo at the end of the academic year.

#### Faculty Webpages

The dean stated that the division's faculty webpages have been reviewed by Wendy who is working with faculty to either have them updated or removed completely from the division site. G. Miranda asked that faculty contact Wendy for assistance.

#### History of the Political Science Department

J. Georges has written a history of the Political Science Department and is just awaiting brief biographies from E. Antoine, L. Houske and E. Muñoz in order to finalize the project.

G. Miranda suggested that other programs within the division might want to consider writing similar histories.

Program Review: The History Department's program review will be discussed on March 27<sup>th</sup>. J. Suarez did an excellent job on putting the self-study together.

Anthropology, Political Science and Sociology are scheduled to launch their program reviews this semester. A. Mannen and R. Otero are co-leaders for Anthropology while L. Houske and E. Munoz will be overseeing the Political Science program review. S. Allen reported that she gave her department colleagues a draft survey for feedback which will be distributed to Sociology classes as part of their self-study.

### **Evaluations**

G. Miranda stressed the importance of making certain that faculty evaluators discuss and incorporate in their meetings with faculty being evaluated student survey findings, success and retention rates as well as SLOs. This information must be included in all conference reports.

## **SLO Update**

J. Young had a conflict and thus could not attend the Division Council but submitted a brief update on division SLOs including those that still need to be inputted into CurricUNET. The spring 2012 courses to be assessed was previously distributed by J. Young at the division SLO meeting. J. Young also reported that she is willing to train any faculty member who needs to use CurricUNET.

## **Plan Builder**

G. Miranda distributed the 2012-2013 unit plans and asked department facilitators to identify the top three goals/objectives of each program. B. Knapp will send a due date reminder to each department representative.

## **Department Reports/Compton**

### Anthropology

This year's symposium will allow for poster presentations as an option besides a formal speech. Angela Mannen reported that she and R. Otero will be working on the department's program review.

### Childhood Education

The department is working on their transfer model curriculum which has an additional requirement. The state CAP 8 alignment mandate will require an additional new course, Introduction to Curriculum, in order to move forward with the TMC. J. Young is spearheading this effort.

### Compton

Hoa Pham, the new Childhood Education instructor at the Center was introduced. She will be representing her department on SLOs. D. McPatchell pointed out that the FT Psychology position that had been approved to fill at the Center has been cut due to the budget. The number of FT positions to be filled is now down to five.

### Economics

Status quo—all progressing steadily.

### History

The department is considering a commemoration of the anniversary of the War of 1812. M. Eula will participate on another panel presentation to be hosted by Community Education.

### Human Development

J. Soden reported that students in Human Development are expected to participate in 1,500—2,000 service learning activities in the local community this year. She also noted that faculty can still sign up to attend the On Course conference scheduled for April. Staff Development still has funds available.

### Philosophy

The Philosophy Club is very enthusiastic and is planning another book sale this semester with the intent to raise funds to offer a scholarship in memory of Bill Barger.

### Political Science

L. Houske and E. Munoz are spearheading the department's program review. Laurie is also working on developing a Political Science theory course that is a requirement of the new transfer model curriculum for their discipline. The theory course is as requirement for students planning to transfer to the UC system.

### Psychology

M. Braun reported that one of his former students spoke at the last Psychology Club meeting about the ins and outs of transfer. The department is planning a guest lecture presentation to be given by Angela Simon sometime in May. R. Mascolo's student symposium is also scheduled for May.

### Sociology

S. Allen reported that the Sociology Club is particularly dynamic this semester with approximately 40 students attending the last meeting. A former student was the guest speaker with a presentation on Reality Check: Reality TV.

### **Other Division Activities**

The third annual women's history month hat show is scheduled for this Thursday and has been organized by M. Brown. The Compton Center's Child Development Department is also hosting a cultural tea as part of women's history month.

The division is co-hosting with the Library a guest presentation by Father Greg Boyle of Homeboy Industries on April 5<sup>th</sup> from 1-2 p.m.

The recent presentation on Muslims in America was well received. M. Din from Sociology was one of the panelists.

The meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

cc: T. Fallo  
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