

El Camino College
Behavioral & Social Sciences
Division Council Minutes
April 2, 2015

Present: M. Braun, Y. Chu, Y. Cooper, E. Dalili (ASO), T. DeHardt (CEC), S. Dowden, F. Leon, A. Mannen, B. Mims, M. Moen, S. Pedrahita (ASO), A. Verge

Absent: E. Antoine (excused), T. Carter (unexcused), B. Knapp (excused)

Meeting began at: 1:00 p.m.

Spring 2016 Scheduling

The dean reminded everyone to make certain they submitted their spring 2016 schedule requests to Beverly. Once full-timers complete and receive approval for their preferred assignments, the division office can then begin to make offers to adjuncts.

S. Dowden stated that there is a need to have a definite date for summer and fall registration in the schedule. The schedule has a reference to registration appointment information beginning on April 16, 2015 but nothing more specific.

Curriculum

The division is on schedule for course review. Of greater concern is the growing CI-D problems for courses granted conditional approval. Feedback from reviewers suggests they want language that matches wording in the CI-D Descriptors handbook. The division office has thus decided to provide each instructor doing course updates with a copy of the descriptor language for courses on the CI-D list.

Prioritization of Plans Update

G. Miranda discussed the status of division prioritization of plans for 2015-16. They have been forwarded to the Vice President for review. The dean also recommends that faculty remove items from their plans that have been completed.

G. Miranda also reported on 2014-15 plans approved for funding (Anthropology, Child Development and Sociology).

PLO/SLO Assessments

Last fall 2015 semester only one SLO assessment was not completed. The dean will not assign instructors to the same class if they fail to complete assessments.

Should anyone need assistance with entering assessments into TracDat, E. Munoz or W. Lozano are available to assist.

Presidential and Academic Award Results - Ceremony

The Presidential Scholar for the division was announced as were the six recipients of Academic Awards. This year the academic award recipients will receive \$200 each.

G. Miranda encouraged faculty to attend the ceremony scheduled for April 15th at 5:30 p.m. It is important to have a faculty presence to honor our recipients.

Cultural Events

Celebration of Chicano Culture

A handout identifying this year's "Celebration of Chicano Culture" was distributed. X. Herrera and A. Andrade (Humanities Division) are organizing this year's program that will include lectures and dance and musical performances.

Commencement

G. Miranda encouraged faculty who are scheduled to participate in this year's commencement to submit their requests for academic regalia to the Student Development Office as soon as possible. The importance of faculty presence at the ceremony was discussed.

Department Reports/Compton

Anthropology

A. Mannen reported that the Anthropology Club is sponsoring a presentation by R. Osterman (adjunct—Sociology) on Prison Culture next Thursday. In addition, the department and club will participate in the CSUDH Pow Wow scheduled for April 18, 2015. On May 1st the department is hosting its 12th annual symposium and the following day the club members plan a trip to the Museum of Man.

Childhood Education

M. Moen reported that the department will be hosting a language and literacy puppet workshop on April 9th for practicum students and Children's Day program on April 25, 2015.

Final interviews for a full-time position take place on April 15th.

Compton Center

T. DeHardt reported that he will attempt to re-launch the Psychology Club in fall since it has not been active this semester. He also reported that there will be three presidential scholars for the CEC—two in Sociology and one in history. There is excitement about the news of the center's eligibility for restoring accreditation.

Counseling

Y. Cooper updated the division on a number of programs planned through the career center this semester including the major's fair which will have representation from four Behavioral and Social Science departments. Flex credit is available for faculty who attend. Y. Cooper distributed flyers on a seminar series that is forthcoming and encouraged faculty members to have their students attend. The series will include participation by a wide variety of professional specialists.

B. Mims gave a brief update on Project Success and discussed tentative plans for a summer 2016 cohort. He also asked if HDEV 8 could be offered that summer.

Economics

No report.

History

A. Verge stated that the History Club is quite active and just completed a book sale recently. He also wanted to announce a forthcoming musical production on the "John Dolphin Story" which will be presented at the Lillian Theatre in Hollywood. Dolphin was a Los Angeles based music producer during the 1950s and predated Motown. The production runs from April 15th to May 11, 2015.

Human Development

Y. Chu reported that the department is participating in the Student Success and Support Program. She also stated that career coach software has been purchased by the college which will be installed in the Career Center.

The On Course annual conference is scheduled for this month. Twenty-eight full and part-time faculty from ECC are attending.

Philosophy

F. Leon reported that the Philosophy Club sponsored a guest lecture last Thursday on “money and politics.” Also scheduled for the end of the semester is movie night.

Political Science

No report.

Psychology

M. Braun stated that the Psychology Club is planning a trip to the museum on psychiatry and A. Simon is working on putting together a guest speaker presentation for this semester. The annual Psychology research symposium is currently being organized by R. Mascolo.

Sociology

S. Dowden reported that the Sociology Club held their annual “Real Deal” last week which was very successful. The program invites alumni to come and speak about their transfer experiences.

Concern about the fact that both Psychology and Sociology A.A.-T degrees are not listed on the Intent to Graduate from ECC form for students filing to graduate have been raised. Currently, the Chancellor’s Office does not have MOUs with the CSUs which is a serious problem for students who are majors in these two disciplines. Also impacted is the Communication Studies AA-T degree. How will this be resolved and who is responsible for making certain the MOU is initiated are questions S. Dowden has discussed with Admissions and the Faculty Development VP for the Academic Senate. The dean also brought this up at a recent VPAA staff meeting.

Student Senate

S. Pedrahita announced that ASO elections are scheduled for next week. She is running for VP.

E. Dalili stated that he is the Director of Student Development.

ASO is pursuing restoring recycling bins; finals madness will be hosted again this year but there is a need for tutors to help students preparing for final exams.

This month a “meet your senator” town hall is being organized.

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

cc: T. Fallo
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Division Student Senators: E. Dalili, S. Pedrahita
Counselors: Y. Cooper, Cheryl Kroll, Brian Mims