

El Camino College
Behavioral & Social Sciences
Division Council Minutes
April 24, 2012

Present: S. Allen, E. Antoine, S. Asher, M. Braun, Y. Cooper, M. Eula, B. Knapp, D. McPatchell, H. Pham, J. Montgomery, J. Soden, J. Thureson, M. Water (A. Mannen), M. Zelayaran

Absent: T. Carter (excused)

Meeting began at: 1:04 p.m.

Introduction

G. Miranda updated the Division Council on the status of summer and fall scheduling and indicated that the budget picture for next year will be impacted by the governor's May budget revision. She will keep the division informed on any changes to scheduling.

Presidential Scholar and Academic Achievement Awards

G. Miranda announced that Hector Morales was selected by the Division Council reps as this year's presidential scholar. The recipients of academic awards have not been finalized since History, Psychology, General and Liberal Studies have yet to submit their recommendations. The division has been allocated 10 recipients to be divided among the departments. However, no students met the criteria in Philosophy this year.

Plan Builder Updates

Only three departments have submitted their top three goals/objectives priorities: Child Development, Human Development and Philosophy.

G. Miranda provided an update on the workshop she attended the previous Friday on improving plans with specific reference to evaluation statements. Also, she reminded faculty that status reports on goals/objectives should be updated twice yearly. The dean normally does this but encouraged faculty to add their own status updates where applicable.

All recommendations in program reviews will need to be added to the annual plans. So far, History has completed the process this year; Anthropology, Political Science and Sociology are submitting drafts this semester and will need to add their recommendations into plan builder, too.

SLO Update

G. Miranda gave a brief overview of J. Young's SLO status report. According to Janet, the division is on track for inputting all SLOs by mid-June.

At the department SLO meeting J. Young reviewed the ACCJC letter that expects ECC to be at proficiency level by Fall 2012.

Excellent discussions about assessments and assessment tools by various departments took place at the meeting; also J. Soden's survey tool was reviewed by the division SLO facilitators.

CurricUNET still is not working well so faculty have been asked to ignore emails requiring approval of SLO statements.

One additional SLO meeting is scheduled for May.

Payroll Changes

G. Miranda informed the council that beginning in the new fiscal year payroll changes will be taking place that will alter the payroll reporting cycle. This will impact all employees including student help. More details will be forthcoming later this semester from the Fiscal Services office.

TTH 9:30/11:15am Classroom Usage Issue

B. Knapp reported that classroom space is impacted for TTh 9:30 and 11:15 classes. Each department will have to develop a rotation system for faculty who want to teach at this time during those days.

Schedule Development Guidelines/Scheduling Grid Patterns

The dean reminded everyone that she has received requests for class assignments that are not aligned with the traditional scheduling grid. All assignments must adhere to the grid patterns for MW and TTh classes with once weekly Monday or Friday a.m. classes acceptable if they fit into the weekly census apportionment.

ECC Photo Project

B. Knapp and G. Miranda visited the Library archives as a prelude to selecting historical photos of the campus for possible mounting in the faculty office hallway. The Facilities office has approved the hanging of photos. Feedback is needed from faculty.

Department Reports/Compton

Anthropology

The department is hosting several events in May including a presentation on 5/10 on cultural uses of plants, an Anthro Chat on 5/17 and the annual Anthropology Student Symposium on 5/18. M. Waters will conduct forensic anthropology workshop for the Anthropology Club and the club is also scheduled to visit the Natural History Museum in L.A. on 5/25/12.

Childhood Education

J. Montgomery reported that the department is hosting a Family Child Care Providers panel for the community on 5/5 from 9-11 a.m. She also noted that the SEEDS grant will begin its last year in Fall 2012.

Compton

D. McPatchell reported that there are now two parking stations at the Center which is something new on campus. He also reported that the FT history position committee has selected candidates to interview.

H. Pham inquired if the Child Development panel could be hosted at Compton as well.

Counseling

Y. Cooper distributed flyers for a series of undeclared majors' workshops to be hosted by the Career Center. He asked that faculty announce the workshops to their students.

Economics

No report.

History

M. Eula reported that the department is hosting a commemorative education presentation on the War of 1812 on April 26th with F. Baker, C. Gold and E. Rader presenting different perspectives on this conflict.

M. Eula is again working with Community Education to participate in a program on Progressivism this semester.

Human Development

ECC is co-hosting this year's On Course national conference in Long Beach. K. Daniel-DiGregorio has done excellent work in helping to organize the program. She will also be co-presenting. Between 23-25 ECC faculty will attend this year.

Philosophy

J. Thureson reported that she and E. Shadish attended the UC Irvine HTP Symposium this month.

The Philosophy Club meets every Thursday and plans on a movie event that culminates with a discussion on the philosophical themes in the selected movie.

Political Science

L. Houske and E. Munoz are working on completing the first draft of the department's program review in spite of glitches with inputting the narrative into CurricUNET that wiped out their information. They will cut and paste a word document into the system.

A new course proposal for a political theory course is now ready for DCC review. The course is a requirement for the new transfer studies degree.

The Political Science club is meeting today. L. Houske reported that all the members of the club are transferring this year.

Psychology

M. Braun reported that the department is planning to schedule a guest speaker/group interface at the end of May on active listening for helpline volunteers. Also, the annual Psychology symposium is scheduled to be held at the end of May.

Angela Simon took the Psychology Club to the Scientology Museum exhibit on Psychology recently. Students applied their critical thinking skills during this visit.

Sociology

S. Allen reported that the department's program review rough draft is due by next Friday. She also stated that the Sociology Club is very active with another Real Deal panel scheduled for 5/10/12.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

cc: T. Fallo
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