

**El Camino College
Behavioral & Social Sciences
Division Council Minutes
April 4, 2013**

Present: M. Braun, T. Carter, S. Dowden, R. Firestone (E. Shadish), B. Knapp, A. Mannen, D. McPatchell, J. Montgomery, J. Soden, J. Suarez (A. Verge)

Absent: E. Antoine (unexcused), L. Mendez (excused), A. Ventura (excused)

Meeting began at: 1:03 p.m.

Update on Added Sections for Summer and Fall

G. Miranda reported that the division has been approved to add classes for summer and fall 2013. The division was allocated 10 classes for summer and 12 classes for fall. The added summer section will appear in the searchable schedule; hopefully the additional fall sections will be in the printed schedule.

Academic and Presidential Awards

The dean announced that the division office sent out 27 questionnaires for this year's presidential scholar award and as of today has only received one response. The deadline is April 11th. It was suggested that adding "apply to graduate" to the questionnaire has reduced student responses.

SLO Assessments

ECON 5 needs to be assessed and the department is considering reassessing ECON 1. Economics is scheduled for program review as well. Questions concerning assessment can be directed to Eduardo Munoz or Wendy Lozano. Upcoming assessments were discussed as well as issues with past data input challenges.

New ACCJC Rubric for Success and Retention Rates

G. Miranda distributed a copy prepared by Institutional Research of the Methodology for ACCJC Institution-Set Standards. The council reviewed the report submitted to ACCJC.

Also noted was that beginning this semester program review requires programs to set bench marks for student success and retention.

Fall 2012 Success and Retention Rates

Copies of fall 2012 success and retention rates by course, department and division as well as online were distributed. G. Miranda stated that the division had an overall 71.3% success rate while online sections averaged 66%. These statistics also are available on the portal and are listed by instructor as well as department and division.

FT Hiring Updates

There are three hiring committees for positions in History/Ethnic Studies, Philosophy and Psychology. The dean reported a high number of applicants for all three positions. Interviews are scheduled for all three over the next two-to-three weeks. Final interviews with the president have been scheduled for the end of April and first week of May.

Department Reports/Compton

Anthropology

A. Mannen announced that the department will host a UCLA transfer student who will speak to anthropology students. R. Otero will present on traditional healing in Mexico on April 25th in the Haag Recital Hall. The annual symposium is scheduled for Friday May 17th, also in the Haag. A good turnout is expected. The guest speaker presentation last week was well attended.

Childhood Education

J. Montgomery announced Children's Day will be held on April 27th.

Compton

D. McPatchell reported that seven candidates for a FT Psychology position were interviewed with four to be forwarded on to final interviews on May 24th. D. McPatchell also stated that Keith Curry is now permanent CEO at Compton.

Counseling

No report.

Economics

T. Carter announced the economy is better than it was four years ago. No other department information.

History

J. Suarez announced Florence Baker's book sale was well attended. Currently the department is working on SLOs and preparing to begin interviews for a new FT hire.

Human Development

J. Soden reported that first 8-week courses ended and that enrollment was strong for second 8-week courses.

Philosophy

E. Shadish stated that the department will be interviewing candidates for a full-time position to replace J. Thureson.

Political Science

No report.

Psychology

M. Braun announced that Angela Simon is arranging for a guest speaker. The annual Psychology Research Symposium which is normally held at the end of the semester is again being organized by Richard Mascolo

Sociology

S. Dowden reported the Sociology Club is having a former student speak on transfer. Also, the club raised \$800 for the Kiva loan program and are looking forward to awarding funds to a chosen recipient.

Student Senate

No report.

The meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

cc: T. Fallo
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