

**El Camino College
Behavioral & Social Sciences
Division Council Minutes
November 6, 2014**

Present: M. Braun, Y. Chu, Y. Cooper, B. Knapp, F. Leon, A. Mannen, M. Moen, E. Munoz, S. Pedrahita (ASO), A. Verge

Absent: T. Carter (unexcused), S. Dowden (excused)

Meeting began at: 1:00 p.m.

Scheduling – Spring and Summer

G. Miranda announced the spring 2015 schedule of classes has been posted online. Currently, we are in the final stages for summer 2015 and are beginning development for fall 2015.

Planning Process – New Program

G. Miranda updated everyone on the transition from plan builder to TracDat for the 2015-16 annual unit and program plans. Training sessions are forthcoming very soon and she asked faculty to review last year's goals and objectives with their colleagues; delete those that have been completed or abandoned. Budget items will need to be verified as well.

PLO/SLO Update

E. Munoz reported that the process is ongoing and he conducts monthly meetings. E. Munoz also announced that a presentation on quality assessments is being held on November 18th and flex credit is available for faculty who attend this session.

Final FT Position Request Outcome

G. Miranda reported on the results of the FT position requests, noting that three departments—Child Development, History and Sociology have received approval to initiate the hiring process. More specifics will be provided to each department by the dean.

Area Council Report

R. Galbavy has replaced E. Munoz as the division's representative to the Area Council. R. Galbavy's summary report included the following: the smoking band is to become effective in fall 2015 at the latest; skateboarding is being taken seriously and the issue of enforcement is being addressed; the Library Wi-Fi printing system has been enhanced and is available as a service to the campus community. The librarians are available and willing to assist faculty with their research assignments; that material is available.

Other: B & SS Holiday Party

This year's division holiday party will be held on December 3rd and will be a potluck as in the past.

Department Reports

Anthropology

A. Mannen reported that it has been a busy October for the department. The Dia de los Muertos altar in the Anthropology Museum is still on display through this week. Craft workshops in preparation for the day were well attended by students and Hawthorne Cable conducted an interview and taped their activity. Angela reported that next fall the Day of the Dead will become their fall signature event and hope to have dancers and face painting as an activity. This would complement their spring student symposium.

A possible Anthro Chat is being considered for this semester. The Anthropology Club is in transition as many of their members have moved on to the upper division so the faculty hopes to recruit more students.

Childhood Education

M. Moen reported that the department is working on some updates to catalog listings on their certificates. She also reported that the department is hosting a workshop on November 22nd, "Creativity Counts," which is focused on toddlers through grade 3 professionals, students and the general community.

Counseling

Y. Cooper stated that he is in the midst of planning an April 2015 Career month program. He also stated that his Fulbright program to Germany had already taken place, stating that the German government is interested in having students from the U.S. attend college there. He elaborated on the specifics and indicated he would like to assist in developing such ties.

Economics

No report.

History

Arthur Verge stated that the History Club is quite active this semester. He also indicated that the department is interested in expanding Asian history courses as well as reactivating the History of the Middle East. Arthur also reported that he has been invited by UCLA's History Department chair to meet with him to discuss strategies for increasing history majors. There has been a decline in majors in recent years.

Human Development

Y. Chu gave a brief overview of how the department supports the Student Success Act as well as participating in the development of the Student Success and Support Plan. Yun also reported that PSYC 5 and HDEV 10 will be linked in the fall 2015 semester. The linkage represents an initial effort to develop cohorts between Human Development and other division courses.

Philosophy

F. Leon stated that the department has submitted an updated version of the Philosophy A.A.T. degree to the college curriculum committee. He also stated that the CCC approved revisions to Phil 11 (Modern and Contemporary Philosophy) which was mandated as a result of CI-D concerns. Also, all Philosophy courses were renumbered.

The Philosophy Club is very active and club meetings are well attended. Felipe is working on a book project on the "Problem of Evil" and will participate in a conference at the University of Notre Dame next year.

Political Science

E. Munoz stated that the presentation by the League of Women Voters last month attracted the department's largest turnout. Students gave good feedback to the presentation which was designed to provide information on the ballot issues. Eduardo also reported that the department is planning to host a documentary on interest groups in the spring semester.

Psychology

M. Braun stated that the Psychology Department is hosting a presentation on November 18th by Dr. Schaeffer on the topic of anxiety.

Sociology

No report.

Student Senate

S. Pedrahita reported that the ASO was conducting a fund raiser, selling pumpkin muffins and that plans for homecoming were being finalized. Also, ASO was visited by W. Mulrooney and W. Garcia who discussed the "W" date concerns as they impact students. S. Pedrahita also stated that student government has a committee that is willing to assist faculty hosting events.

Compton Center Report

T. DeHardt reported that the Psych Club is being chartered at the center with about half a dozen students attending. He noted that the bond measure, Measure C, passed with a 78% vote of support. The center is working on an eligibility report that is aimed at restoring the district's accreditation which will take at least 6 to 8 years.

Tom also reported that the new Allied Health building project has commenced.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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Compton: I. Bunting, C. Lyles, B. Perez (electronic copy)
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