

**El Camino College  
Behavioral & Social Sciences  
Division Council Minutes  
December 6, 2012**

**Present:** E. Antoine, M. Braun, T. Carter, S. Dowden, B. Knapp, A. Mannen, J. Montgomery, E. Shadish, J. Soden, A. Verge

**Absent:** D. McPatchell (excused)

**Meeting began at:** 1:05 p.m.

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**FT Faculty Hiring Prioritization Results**

G. Miranda distributed the FT priority ranking results. Our three positions requested, Philosophy, History/Ethnic Studies, and Psychology were approved for advertising. A total of 22 positions campus-wide were approved. The hiring process will begin as soon as possible starting with Philosophy.

**Additional Spring and Summer Course Proposal**

The division deans were asked to submit a list of possible courses to be added for spring and summer 2013. Up to 50 sections for spring and 30 for summer campus wide will be added to the schedule.

**SLOs**

G. Miranda announced that the SLO assessment report deadline is the third week of the spring semester. Completion of the reports as soon as possible was recommended. A final division SLO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.

The alignment grids that faculty completed have been used as a model for the campus. The ACCJC was impressed with the division's efforts on aligning, course, program, and institutional (core competency) learning outcomes. G. Miranda recognized Janet Young for all her hard work as well as Juli Soden.

**Plan Builder 2013-2014 – Prioritization Results**

The dean reported that our division was first to submit plan builder. The council members' votes were tallied and prioritized. The list of goals and objectives were distributed to the council. S. Dowden suggested the need for improving the ranking process which will be incorporated into next year's process in the division.

**Curriculum Update**

G. Miranda announced that next semester the division has no curriculum due for review. The reason for this is the efficiency of the division in keeping up with the course review cycle. B. Knapp was complemented for her work in assisting faculty in this process and for her organization of the division course review cycle dates.

In spite of the need for no new curriculum next term, the division will still be able to submit any courses that are ready even if ahead of the review schedule date. A list of upcoming courses to be reviewed in 2014, course review cycle worksheet by department, and status report for spring 2013 was distributed.

AA-Ts have been completed this semester for child development, history and political science. Liberal Studies is at the CCC and expected to be approved in early spring 2013. Next semester the dean will work with the anthropology and philosophy departments to complete their AA-Ts. Also distributed was the Chancellor's Office directive to all the community colleges to have eighty percent of the published AA-T degrees by fall 2013 and one hundred percent completion by 2014.

**Attendance and Grading Issues**

G. Miranda has consulted with Dean of Humanities Tom Lew to discuss student attendance policy in light of her concerns about failing students for excessive absences. The division council were briefed on the restrictions in using attendance as a measurable standard or evaluating and thus grading student performance in their classes.

## **Department Reports/Compton**

### Anthropology

A. Mannen announced the Anthropology Club fund raiser to be held today at Ruby's in Redondo Beach. Blair Gibson reported that the Anthropology Museum had a good turnout for the *Motherland of Religions: The Eastern Mediterranean in Antiquity* opening last night. A Lukumi Priest spoke to the Magic, Witchcraft and Religion classes and proved to be a big hit with students.

### Childhood Education

J. Montgomery reported the attendance for "I Want to Teach" on November 17<sup>th</sup> was close to 600 and that the Child Development Advisory Board meets tonight.

### Compton

No report.

### Economics

T. Carter commented on the state of the national economy and voiced that she hoped the fiscal cliff is only a slope. Adding a section of Economics 2 was requested for next semester.

### History

A. Verge reported that Jason Suarez is working hard on SLOs. Also, he is concerned with the huge horse sculpture on the art patio and wanted verification of permission given for display which has sharp edges and a size that could pose a safety issue.

### Human Development

J. Soden reported that students were doing well with service learning. Students who participated have stated that it is a life changing experience.

### Philosophy

E. Shadish reported at the philosophy club is going strong with Randy Firestone at the helm as faculty advisor. Joan Thureson is working with the Foundation to create a yearly book fund for students. Joan is donating the money she received for her distinguished faculty award. Also, former instructor Bill Barger's family will be contributing funds in his name yearly as will Joan.

### Political Science

E. Antoine reported that Supplemental Instruction (SI) was going well and hoped to see the program for students. Also, more sections of POLI 10 are needed since it is a core course for transfer.

### Psychology

M. Braun reported the department's guest speaker went well and lectured on what would be part of training for a psychology graduate student.

### Sociology

S. Dowden reported that the Sociology club was quite active and working with KIVA. The department completed their program review with the final draft being completed by S. Allen. She also noted how important it is to offer international type courses in order for ECC to keep current with other community colleges since she believes that the college is falling behind in this area.

The meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

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