

HUMANITIES DIVISION COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, October 17, 2013, 1:00 p.m., H-309

Tom Lew	Susan Bachmann	Kate McLaughlin	Darrell Thompson
Elise Geraghty	Nitza Llado	Alicia Class	Victoria McCallum

Elena Savina (recorder)

T. Lew announced that recommendations for F/T positions is the chief agenda item for the council meeting.

SLO Update

The Humanities division is in compliance, and all programs in the division have 3+ SLOs. E. Geraghty reminded the faculty that SLOs are posted on the division's web page, which also serves as a reference for current SLOs. E. Geraghty encouraged the faculty to visit the page and have dialogues with P/T faculty regarding SLOs.

Staffing and Budget

T. Lew informed the council that there have been a number of retirements and resignations in the division in the past several years. T. Lew announced that Student Success Act will require the district to put more money into student support services such counseling, transcripts, etc.

Recommendations for Full-Time Positions for 2014-15

According to the Enrollment and Full-Time/Part-Time Data for Humanities Departments, sections have been added in some of the departments – English and Journalism. Twenty-one sections were added in English bringing the FT/PT ratio to 65/35. The council supported the proposal for four new FT positions in English. T. Lew clarified that these positions might include reading assignments as well.

The journalism program has been enjoying its highest enrollment with 14 sections. However, there is only one F/T faculty member who assumes many responsibilities. T. Lew proposed to make a FT position in journalism the number one priority for the next year.

One F/T faculty member in Spanish retired and one is in pre-retirement and that brings the FT/PT ratio to 51/49; therefore, T. Lew proposed to request one FT position in Spanish. The council supported this idea. The Spanish position will be the division's number two priority, with the English positions ranked after it. The council also approved the nomination of council member Kate McLaughlin to represent the division at the meeting of the Full-Time Faculty Position Identification Committee.

Equipment Update

T. Lew informed the council that all computers in the Humanities building will be replaced in the near future, using some of the bond funds from the passage of Measure E. Some faculty expressed concerns and suggestions regarding wireless connections in the building. The council suggested inviting John Wagstaff to the next council meeting.

Other

T. Lew invited the council's attention to the campus construction map and noted future projects for the college. E. Geraghty encouraged the faculty to share SLO recent updates with colleagues.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.