

**El Camino College
Behavioral & Social Sciences
Division Council Minutes
September 1, 2016**

Present: E. Antoine, M. Braun, Y. Chu, T. DeHardt (CEC), S. Dowden, X. Herrera, B. Knapp, F. Leon, A. Mannen, B. Mims, M. Moen

Absent: T. Carter (unexcused)

Meeting began at: 1:00 p.m.

Enrollment Challenges/Spring Scheduling

Dr Miranda reported a slight increase in enrollment from last fall. Softer enrollments in Philosophy have reduced section offerings. At the department meetings strategies will be discussed to better promote the program as well as better rotation of elective course offerings. In the case of Anthropology, extending the time between offerings of certain electives.

Winter and spring 2017 will be completed by mid-month this September. Enrollment last spring for online second eight-week classes in Child Development, Economics, and Psychology were high. Increase in online offerings is planned for spring. The lone campus summer session is the result of the return of the winter session.

PD Day Survey Results

Feedback from the division survey was distributed to the department reps. Among the top concerns were WIFI and the need for a faculty lounge. Also mentioned was a request to find a resolution regarding skateboarding on campus and enforcing the non-smoking issue.

Fall Curriculum Review

POLI 5, SOCS 104 and 107 are due for course review this semester. CDEV plans to replace the 1-unit courses, 162, 163 and 166 with a new 3-unit course that combines content from these existing ones. New course proposals up for review at this month's DCC meeting are LGBTQ Psychology (PSYC 19), Sociology of Sex and Gender (SOC 13), and Sociology of Sexualities (SOC 118) which will all be submitted to be included in the new proposed Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. Introduction to Social Science, Social Justice, and Psychology of Gender are almost ready to submit and be reviewed at this meeting.

Program Review Update

S. Dowden reported that each faculty member took a section for the sociology program review. S. Allen made the first draft deadline and will present in mid-December. Anthropology has submitted their self-study to the dean and will present to the PR committee next week. E. Munoz and L. Houske have completed the Political Science draft and are scheduled to present in December. In preparation for next year, the dean advised the faculty that Economics is, Human Development and Psychology are scheduled for next year. The Program Review Committee is seeking members.

Annual Program Planning

The dean announced status reports are due in TracDat. The 2015-2016 plans need to be archived as well. It is a simple process and training will be available. Getting ready to start 2017-18 plan, facilitators need to begin discussions with colleagues in their respective departments. Program Plans are due by November 15 to allow time for Division Council to prioritize.

FT Position Requests/PT Needs

Dr. Miranda reported she will be requesting three FT positions this year: one to replace Lance Widman in Political Science, a world history position to replace Florence Baker, and a growth position for Human Development. Position requests are due to VPAA by early October.

During this past summer 18 new part-time instructors were hired in Anthropology, Child Development, History, Psychology and Sociology. Job announcements will be posted soon for adjuncts in Political Science and Women's Studies to fill unstaffed positions in spring 2017.

Success and Retention Information 2015-2016

The dean announced that success and retention reports are available on the Institutional Research web page for 2015-2016. Copies are available for those interested in reviewing the data. For 2014-15, the number of A.A. degrees awarded in the division was as follows: Psychology-- 66, Sociology--62, Childhood Education--43, Economics--30, History--23 and 17 for Political Science. Degrees in General Studies with an emphasis in Social and Behavioral Sciences totaled 320. Given this past year's large graduating class, there should be an increase in degrees for 2015-16.

Fall Evaluations

G. Miranda stated that this will be a very busy semester for evaluations given the 18 new adjuncts and the nine FT on tenure track. In addition, four more permanent instructors are scheduled as well. The dean acknowledged Maria Cortez's for her work on organizing the evaluation process. This semester approximately 9,000 students will be completing faculty surveys for division classes.

Canvas

The college will begin piloting a few online courses on campus this winter using Canvas. A tentative timeline for implementation was distributed on Professional Development day. Division proponent Christina Gold can respond to questions regarding Canvas.

Widman Sendoff

After 45 years Lance Widman will be retiring at the end of the fall 2016 semester. A farewell lunch is scheduled for Thursday, December 8th. Also, an off-campus event is being planned by Angela Simon and the Federation.

Department Reports/Compton

Anthropology

A. Mannen reported that the department participated in New Student Welcome Day. The department plans to hold October workshops in preparation for the November 1st Dia los Muertos event to be held on the library lawn. Music and dance will be included this year. Next spring 2017 the department will host its 14th Anthropology Symposium. The Anthro club is interested in helping the SOCI club with KEVA if assistance is needed.

Childhood Education

M. Moen reported that the PACE Child Development Center on the south parking lot area has agreed to accept practicum students there. A number of CDEV workshops are planned for this semester.

Compton Center

T. DeHardt reported that Compton's accreditation is moving forward with a team visit, self-evaluation report, curriculum, and program review. Jesse Mills will be serving as the Program Review Coordinator. They are piloting Starfish, an early alert system will be implemented next semester with counseling.

Counseling

B. Mims reported that Yamonte Cooper is scheduling career workshops for this semester and indicated that Yamonte can visit classes if requested. Brian also reported that a new FT counselor was hired for Behavioral and Social Sciences; her name is Roseanna Miranda.

Economics

No report.

History

X. Herrera reported that Arthur Verge is on sabbatical. Jason Suarez is coordinating the division student equity reenvisioned project with Hong Herrera Thomas, Daniel Walker, and Yun Chu. Jason plans to continue the linked courses for the project in spring 2017. J. Suarez is working on two new Social Science courses. Daniel Walker will meet with the Black History Month planning committee in two weeks to plan next year's program. Also, Xocoyotzin reported that he is presenting at the Long Beach Indie Film Festival coordinated by Daniel Walker this weekend. This is the third year of the festival.

Human Development

Y. Chu reported that HDEV course renumbering went into effect this semester. Besides FYE, Puente, and Project Success, additional learning communities HDEV classes have been added to the schedule for this academic year including Student Equity/Student Equity Reenvisioned, KEAS, the International Students Program and HDEV 101 for the South Bay Adult School in spring 2017.

Philosophy

F. Leon reported that the Philosophy club is meeting next Thursday at 1pm. Felipe's latest book should be out in the six weeks. The department plans to discuss ways to promote philosophy for non-majors.

Political Science

E. Antoine reported that the department is planning a League of Women's Voters information presentation in October on state ballot propositions.

Psychology

M. Braun reported that the Psychology club has been reinvigorated this year. Angela Simon plans to arrange for a guest speaker and Richard Mascolo will hold several career workshops during the semester.

Sociology

S. Dowden reported that the department is finishing their program review. Stacey Allen is working on the creation of a new program, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS). Stacey is also serving as Academic Senate VP of Professional Development this year. Melissa Fujiwara and Kassia Wosick both have written new course proposals: Sociology of Sex and Gender and Sociology of Sexualities. Both courses are being proposed for the new WGSS major. Also, the department is reactivating the Introduction to Social Work and Death and Dying courses. The Sociology club will continue work on a KEVA fundraiser.

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

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