



**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Economics Department Meeting
March 30, 2016**

MINUTES

Present: T. Carter, M. Fradkin, M. Inouye, B. Marshall

Meeting began at: 2:30 p.m.

Enrollment Trends/Scheduling for Winter and Spring 2017

The department's spring enrollments remained strong at first census with fill rates of 100% in weekly sections and 102% for online. Faculty reported that at this point in the semester that they still had good enrollments. B. Marshall is piloting a second eight week session ECON 1 class which is now into its third week of the term. Brett stated that there are still a good number of active student participants in the course. This is his first time teaching online.

Winter schedule development is almost complete and will include some online offerings. Faculty members were reminded to submit their priority requests. Spring schedule development will soon commence. The division office will be sending out requests for schedule preferences to full-time instructors within the next week.

Curriculum/A.A. Degree Update

The department is up to date in its six-year course review cycle. G. Miranda inquired if they were still interested in developing a global economics course that has been on hold for a few years. Information on possible similar courses at the CSUs or UCs is needed to determine if the proposal should be cancelled or resubmitted to the CCC.

The dean informed the department that the Economics AA-T degree is being revised to incorporate Math 165 in the core requirements. Economics 5 is being eliminated from List B elective choices since students who take Economics 1 and 2 cannot take Economics 5 for credit. However, Economics 5 will continue to fulfill general studies degree requirements.

SLOs/PLOs

The department is scheduled to assess Economics 1, 2 and 5 this semester along with their PLO. Faculty need to be assigned to complete the assessments right away. Adjunct faculty members are asked to participate.

Planning

The department reviewed their 2016-2017 plan recommendations which focused on securing Supplemental Instruction coaches for Economics 1. Student interest to serve as S.I. coaches has remained very limited. Also discussed were 2015-2016 plan recommendations which have been met and completed with the exception of a full-time hire.

Data on Student Non-Completion Rates

A brief discussion on non-completion rates took place. The dean noted that in Economics 5 the highest non-completion rate was for white students with lower rates for African American, Asian and Latino students who took this course in fall 2014 and spring 2015. This trend was contrary to patterns for Economics 1 and 2 where African American, Latino and Pacific Islander students had higher non-completion rates.

Educational Planning for Students/Career Coach

G. Miranda encouraged department faculty to have their students participate in completing their educational plans. The division is hosting a session on Monday, April 4th between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. In response to the question regarding career coach, the department was unfamiliar with this software but was encouraged to speak with Juli Soden who is very familiar with its benefits for students.

Last Minute Media or Supply Requests

Faculty were reminded to submit any requests for supplies or media materials to Maria as soon as possible. The deadline for submitting requisitions is April 1, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at: 3:05 p.m.

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