

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Economics Department Meeting
February 12, 2014**

MINUTES

Present: T. Carter, M. Inouye

Meeting began at: 2:30 p.m.

Enrollment Updates/Fall Scheduling

Department enrollments remain steady at this time in the semester. An additional section of ECON 1 had been added as part of added sections as a 7:45am TTh offering. For fall, the dean asked for suggestions for additional offerings. M. Inouye suggested more ECON 1 sections which will allow for more ECON 2 sections in spring 2015. In addition, an evening Honors sections will be offered for the first time at the request of HTP director Joe Holiday. F. Tahernia has agreed to teach the class.

Online Offerings

The department discussed online assignments. Currently only one adjunct teaches online which limits the number of sections that can be offered each semester. Those offered fill rapidly. T. Carter indicated she may wish to teach in the future but she needs to complete the Etudes training in order to be certified.

Spring Syllabus Submission

The dean reminded M. Inouye and T. Carter to submit their syllabi to Maria for posting on the division webpage as soon as possible.

Program Review

G. Miranda inquired if the department had completed their program review draft and stated that it is due next week. The dean expects the department to complete the self-study which is the only outstanding one in the division that was not submitted from last semester. T. Carter asked M. Inouye to send her what he has done so that she can assist in completing it.

SLOs

T. Carter stated that ECON 1 should be assessed this semester. For certainty, she will check with Wendy.

MQs for Economics

The department reviewed the existing local minimum qualifications for Economics which reads as: "Master's in economics, OR Bachelor's in economics AND Master's in business, business administration, business management, business education, or finance OR the equivalent" and requested that it be revised as follows: "Masters in economics OR Bachelor' in economics AND Master's in finance OR the equivalent. The faculty felt that the various business degrees did not provide sufficient background in economics. The request will be forwarded to the Academic Senate.

Economics Degree Data

G. Miranda provided the department with data on degrees and certificates for 2012-13. Economics had 44 total degrees awarded which was an increase from the 24 awarded in 2011-12. The Economics

degree total for last year ranked second in the division behind Psychology. T. Carter stated that she encourages students in her classes to petition for the A.A. degree.

Other

T. Carter noted that she has been having trouble with the sound in her console in SOCS 208. She has informed the staff in the division office that assists her in getting it to work but it is a constant issue at this point.

Meeting adjourned at: 2:55 p.m.

cc: T. Fallo
F. Arce (electronic copy)
CEC: I. Bunting
Economics Department Faculty/Compton Center Economics Faculty
Division Counselor: Y. Cooper