

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Economics Department Meeting
March 16, 2010**

NOTES

Present: T. Carter, M. Inouye

Meeting began at: 1:05 p.m.

Spring Enrollment Review

The department did a good job of keeping enrollments near normal class size and exceeded the maximum for all sections total by only 37.

Future Faculty Scheduling Patterns

G. Miranda discussed subsequent course scheduling with the aim of making certain that students have course offerings throughout the week. She is considering Monday or Friday only morning classes.

SLO Program Assessment

A division meeting will soon be held to guide the department in completing the program level assessment in Economics by the end of the spring semester.

Curriculum

T. Carter has almost completed her new course proposal on Global Economics. G. Miranda suggested that T. Carter consult with B. Knapp to expedite the inputting of her course proposal into CurricuWare.

Department Unit Plan

The department received a copy of the 2010-11 unit plan to review. The aim will be to reconsider the current goals and objectives so to align them in the future with the College's strategic initiatives.

MBBM Relocation Issues

M. Inouye vehemently expressed his displeasure with the relocation of his classes to MBBM. He indicated that since the Social Science building is still vacant that classes could have been held this term there. His position is that students and faculty were not a priority in the decision to prematurely relocate to the modules.

Supplies

T. Carter stated that a copy machine for the CTO area would be helpful for faculty who may need to make a quick copy of materials for their classes. The distance from the division office has altered the availability of a copy machine for faculty use.

Other

M. Inouye and T. Carter stated their objections to the posting of faculty success and retention rates for grades on the portal. M. Inouye felt that this will set off a pattern of grade inflation among adjuncts that may have low success and retention rates. T. Carter stated that studies in Chicago support that contention. T. Carter suggested that the department write an article to the school newspaper on this topic but M. Inouye declined her suggestion.

The department stated that they would prefer to keep an A.A. in Economics. M. Inouye also stated that the majority of the students taking economics courses are business majors who might find the degree useful.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:55 p.m.

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