

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
History Department Meeting
September 16, 2008**

NOTES

Present: F. Baker, M. Eula, C. Gold, E. Rader, J. Suarez, A. Verge

Absent: M. Brown (excused)

Meeting began at: 1:00 p.m.

Enrollment Update and Future Scheduling

The department's fill rate at the end of the second week of the semester was 99%. At the start of this week fill rate remained high at 96%. Only one course was canceled this semester, an evening section of History 8 (History of California). The dean reported that Compton's enrollments in the history department were also strong.

M. Eula is interested in teaching History 25 (History of Modern Germany, 1866 to Present) next year. History 27 (History of Los Angeles) and History 8 (History of California) offerings will be rotated next year in order to insure enrollment in both courses.

Curriculum

A new course proposal on Asian American history is being written by F. Baker and C. Gold. E. Rader still intends to write a new course on Religion in the U.S. Two new courses presented last year to the Division Curriculum Committee will be reviewed by the College Curriculum Committee this semester—History 178 (History of China) and History 152 (History of Latin America Through Independence).

Program Review Report

E. Rader is completing the final edits to the department's self-study. Once completed, it will be posted on the campus website.

SLOs

C. Gold reported that the department is continuing to follow through on assessments.

Department Activities

The department is planning to host a careers in history workshop during the spring 2009 semester. F. Baker circulated a copy of the "Rules for Writers" customized book used by many of the English Department faculty and asked that the department consider using it as well.

F. Baker will be co-leading the summer 2009 study abroad program to China. J. Zhao, the designated leader of the program, will be hosting a first information meeting on September 25th from 1-2 p.m. in the Humanities Division. M. Eula has completed two essays, one on contract law in Nazi Germany and a second on the Hassidic response to the Shoah. F. Baker suggested that M. Eula consider presenting this topic as part of the

history lecture next semester. He is also having another article published in Italian Americana on the Costa family of New Jersey.

C. Gold is the history club co-advisor, oversees the division's SLO committee and will be joining the faculty development committee of the Academic Senate. E. Rader will continue as faculty co-sponsor of the Native American Club, serves on the advisory board of the California History Social Science project, and is planning to give a guest lecture to the Lomita Historical Society in October on "Ramona." E. Rader is also interested in serving on the Planning Budget Committee (PBC).

J. Suarez will be presenting at the statewide Basic Skills workshop to be held at Pasadena City College on November 14-15th. He continues to offer his online world civilization courses in hybrid form. A. Verge will be organizing another history class visit to the El Segundo movie theater during the semester. He is taking the Anthropology faculty there next Thursday. A. Verge is also planning to begin work on a new photographic history of Los Angeles during the Second World War. He has a recruitment meeting scheduled for his winter 2009 Australia/New Zealand study abroad program this Thursday.

Equipment Needs

E. Rader recommended purchasing a document imaging unit. Overhead projectors are also needed since many are no longer functional.

History Club

C. Gold reported that the club is quite active and doing well.

SOCS Remodel

G. Miranda informed the department that she has received word that the Social Science building remodel will not begin until the end of the fall 2009 semester. However, faculty is encouraged to box their materials as planned for the anticipated relocation during this academic year.

Other

E. Rader requested the scheduling of another department meeting this semester. M. Brown (who was representing the division at the Academic Senate Council meeting) asked that cadets patrol the second floor of the Social Science building on Fridays due to the unruly behavior of some students.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:55 p.m.

cc: T. Fallo
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