

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences  
History Department Meeting  
September 8, 2015**

**MINTUES**

**Present:** F. Baker, J. Baranski, X. Herrera, H. Herrera Thomas, S. Leinen, E. Rader, J. Suarez, A. Verge, D. Walker

**Excused Absence:** C. Gold (excused)

**Meeting began at:** 1:00 p.m.

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**Announcements**

G. Miranda introduced the department's newest hires, J. Baranski and H. Herrera Thomas. F. Baker and E. Rader announced that they would be retiring at the end of the 2015-16 academic year. The two have served and represented the department over the years including organizing and participating in campus presentations, as club advisors and on division committees.

**Enrollment Patterns**

Fall enrollments were strong with a 101% fill rate at first census. U.S. and multicultural history sections reached capacity by the start of the semester. World and regional history sections struggled but reached sufficient enrollments that prevented cancellations. The need to better advertise these courses is essential. World history is still an option for Liberal Studies majors and can fill general studies requirements for the associate degree (emphasis Arts and Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences).

**Curriculum**

History 162 and 163 are scheduled for DCC review next week. History 154 and 175 are ready to be finalized. Otherwise, the department's course review cycle is current.

**SLO Assessments**

Spring 2015 assessment reports are due to be put into TracDat this week (September 11<sup>th</sup>). History 108, 145 and 162 are scheduled to be assessed this semester. History 106 is being carried over from spring 2015.

**Planning and Program Review**

G. Miranda reminded the department that the annual planning process will begin this semester and asked faculty to update last year's recommendations. J. Suarez is overseeing program review and shared data with colleagues on the challenge faced with student readiness for college. The lower number of history majors awarded associate degrees generated extensive discussion. F. Baker expressed concern that the department does not have a vision. Careers in History workshops have not been well-attended or supported by all faculty colleagues according to F. Baker.

G. Miranda reminded the department that planning recommendations need to be updated and any from this year's program review will need to be updated into TracDat. J. Suarez will be sending out a draft of the program review within the week.

#### **Reading Success Center Presentation**

E. Rader invited S. Leinen to give a presentation on the services offered by the Reading Success Center. The department had last year agreed to focus on addressing the recommendation 3.1 from the 2014-15 program plan which addresses collaborating with student support programs to improve overall student success.

#### **Library Book Purchase Procedures**

E. Rader informed the department that she will leave a list of books for library purchase consideration in the division office. She asked that everyone review them and if there are books to be considered for purchase, to initial the packets and she will pick them up next week.

#### **Semester Activities**

F. Baker announced that the History Club's first meeting is scheduled for this Thursday in SOCS 117.

F. Baker also indicated that the Museum of Western Flight in Torrance still needs volunteers and asked faculty to announce to their classes.

E Rader stated that November is Native American History Month and welcomes suggestions and or participation in scheduling events.

X. Herrera announced that the possibility exists that filmmaker John Valadez might preview his forthcoming PBS documentary on "The Head of Joaquin Murrieta" later this semester.

G. Miranda is exploring funding sources.

D. Walker stated that the Long Beach Indie Festival is scheduled this year from October 7-11, 2015. Details are forthcoming.

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 2:00 p.m.

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