



**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
History Department Meeting
May 9, 2017**

MINUTES

Present: J. Baranski, X. Herrera, H. Herrera Thomas, C. Kroll, B. Mims, S. Panski, J. Suarez, A. Verge, D. Walker

Absent: C. Gold (excused)

Meeting began at: 1:00 p.m.

Enrollment/Scheduling Updates

Overall fill-rates in all history classes were generally very solid by first census. However, there were a few soft sections of History 102 and History 141. Day and time were factors in the softer sections which have not been an issue in previous spring semesters. All American Studies and Ethnic Studies sections have had solid enrollments. For next year, J. Suarez recommended offering History 145 (History of World Religions) only in the fall semester. Faculty was reminded to submit their schedule preferences for spring 2018.

Curriculum

G. Miranda stated that the College Curriculum Committee approved History 105, 108 and 145 earlier this semester. History 101, 101H, 102, 102H, 106 and 152 are being reviewed for DCC/CCC approval. In fall 2017 History 128 is due for course review. Otherwise, all other curriculum is current. Ethnic Studies 1 is also being reviewed and updated by X. Herrera this semester.

The department voted to inactivate History 143 (20th Century World History) and to reactivate the History of the Middle East course which has never been offered.

SLOs

American Studies 7, Ethnic Studies 1, 5 and History 111 are due to be assessed this semester. Also to be assessed is PLO #1. All have been assigned to faculty.

FT Hiring Update

G. Miranda briefly updated the department on the status of the hiring search. Final Interviews are scheduled for tomorrow.

Reemployment List for Adjuncts

The dean updated the department on the MOU regarding reemployment rights for adjuncts. A preference list has been created for all adjuncts. Those with ten or more semesters of service with satisfactory evaluations will be the first to be offered assignments commencing in fall 2017. Further discussion ensued on how to assist adjuncts who face challenges in the classroom. Suggestions included mentorship for new adjuncts as well as a possible orientation handbook and/or orientation workshop. H. Herrera Thomas volunteered to follow-up on this project.

SER Update

J. Suarez updated the department on SER and shared some preliminary data on the fall 2016 cohort which produced a 20% higher success rate for African American students enrolled in SER than for the

general African American population. J. Suarez identified the three cohorts scheduled for fall 2017. These include the Pacific Islander cohort between Sociology (M. Fujiwara) and the English department; the link between Ethnic Studies 1 (Herrera Thomas) and History (Baranski); and, the link between Ethnic Studies 3 (Herrera) and History 154 (Suarez).

Department Activities

D. Walker reported that this semester's Black History month program was very successful. X. Herrera stated that the Celebration of Chicano Culture programs have just begun with J. Suarez giving the initial guest lecture. Turnout has been very high with more programs scheduled through May 18th.

J. Suarez reported that X. Herrera participated in a Zoom lecture with Santa Barbara City College. The students are enrolled in the History of Mexico and X. Herrera was asked by J. Suarez to present on Mexican musical traditions. According to Jason, the SBCC students were very appreciative of the guest lecture.

Success and Retention Data

The dean reported on data that indicated that division on campus and online winter 2017 classes had higher success and retention than comparable fall classes. They were also directed to review their individual success and retention trends for fall 2016 and winter 2017.

Flex Hours

G. Miranda reminded faculty who have not fulfilled their flex hours obligation to please complete them as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned at: 2:00 p.m.

cc: D. Maloney
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History Department Faculty/CEC History Faculty
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