



**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT
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MINUTES

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I) Scheduling and Enrollment

- The department reviewed their enrollment for Fall 2018 and scheduling for Spring and Summer 2019.
- In Fall, an evening section of Phil 101 filled poorly. We will switch that to online and see if that helps. The online sections filled well.
- With the addition of the honors designation in the schedule of classes, Phil 105H (Critical Thinking and Discourse) did not fill well. Randy reports that this is a fantastic group of students, but the class is only 50% enrolled so we won't offer 105 as an honors section in the future.
- The Asian Philosophy class in the SER link was hard to enroll and the students are not performing well, with lots of late papers. We shouldn't repeat this link in the future.
- Section 2659 of Phil 106 (Symbolic Logic) was offered on a Friday and did not fill well. We will move it to a better day and time.
- There was only one section of Phil 107 (Religion) and unfortunately it was canceled because of very low enrollment.
- The online classes filled well. Phil 112 (History of Modern Philosophy) was offered online for the first time. It filled well.
- There were problems with Canvas in the first few weeks, as some students could not access the course at times. This may have led to a few drops in online courses.
- The number of offerings for Spring 2019 are the same as in Spring 2018. Winter and Summer 2019 are basically the same, with the addition of one online Phil 101 section in Summer.

II) Curriculum, AAs, and AATs

a) AB 705 and the English 1A Prerequisite for Philosophy 105 (Critical Thinking & Discourse)

- Cheryl reported on and explained AB 705, and how we are implementing it at ECC.
- The prerequisite for Phil 105 (and for all similar courses across the campuses) will be removed from Colleague, since nearly all students will be eligible to take the course, and it would be an inordinate burden to remove all those holds.
- The department is okay with this and thinks it might help with enrollment in Phil 105. Also, it may help with enrollment in general outside of Math and English as student are freed up from so many developmental courses to take other classes that interest them and fulfill degree, certificate, or transfer requirements.

b) AAs and AATs

- Philosophy awarded one AA degree in 2018 and no ADTs.
- They know that their students are transferring, but they aren't getting an AA or ADT. Two of their students transferred to Berkeley, and three or four transferred to UCLA.
- Cheryl explained a strategy used by Child Development faculty in which they ask students to stand if they've taken a required course in the AAT, and then they run through all the courses and anyone who remains standing is eligible for the AAT.
- The department talked about creating a google doc with fliers that they can use to explain to students why they should apply to receive the AA before transferring.
- Melissa talks with students about the financial benefits of earning the AA degree.

III) Tutor

- A student, paid with equity funds, leads tutoring sessions for Felipe's Philosophy 103. This seems to be helping. Half of the class attended the tutor's midterm review. Felipe reviews the tutor's materials before they are presented to students.

IV) SLO Assessment

- Randy is the department's point person on SLOs. They are up-to-date with their assessments but need to start doing follow-ups. Adjunct faculty are engaged in assessment. David is collecting data for the PLO.

V) Annual Plan and Program Review

- Felipe is the department's point person on the annual plan and program review.
- We reviewed the 2018-19 plan recommendations. Recommendation 1 is closer to being accomplished – hire a full-time instructor. Philosophy will select to hire a FT position. Chris will schedule an appointment with Randy and Felipe to talk about the new position and where we can post the announcement.
- Felipe will post the 2018-19 plan and attend the program review training.

VI) Department Activities

- The Philosophy Club is active. They meet once a week. They will be planning a movie night. Adjunct faculty actively support the club and attend club events.

VII) Counselor's Report – Cheryl Kroll

- It is transfer time! Applications are due by November 30th, and counseling is continuing to offer transfer workshops.
- Faculty and students are invited to consult Cheryl's transfer bulletin board that is outside her office in ARTB 340.

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