

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences  
Philosophy Department Meeting  
November 9, 2010**

**Present:** R. Firestone, E. Shadish, J. Thureson

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

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**Load Summary Report**

The department reviewed the summary load report for the fall semester. FTES generated in all section offerings was 90. And the fill rate reached 93%.

**Plan Builder**

The department briefly discussed plan builder and identified some new objectives that will be placed into the 2011-2012 Philosophy plan. The dean will request that all edits and revisions be completed before the end of the month.

**A.A. Degrees**

The faculty received copies of the 2009-2010 list of A.A./A.S. degrees awarded. Only two recipients identified their major as Philosophy. A discussion ensued since the faculty is aware that there are a significant number of Philosophy majors. Information on graduation intent deadlines as well as information for declaring a major will be circulated in the future in Philosophy classes.

**Course Information on Website**

The dean distributed hardcopies of a template for all of the offered Philosophy courses that can be used by the faculty in developing their syllabi. They are now posted on the division website for faculty to access. Instructions on how to access the templates will be sent out to all instructors.

**SLOs Updates**

R. Firestone reported that two assessments per year are required for their department which is based upon the number of faculty. He also stated that he requested that the program review requirement that assessments of all courses be conducted before beginning a self-study be waived for this year's participants. He has not received a response on this request.

**Department Activities**

The Philosophy Club is hosting a presentation this Thursday at 1 p.m. The guest speaker will be adjunct instructor Gerardo Nebbia and the topic is “Pragmatism and Social Equality, The Essential Role of Philosophy in Society.”

R. Firestone’s book, *Critical Thinking and Persuasive Arguments on Things That Really Matter* has been published by McGraw-Hill and is now available.

E. Shadish will be scheduling a women’s history month meeting soon to prepare for next year’s program.

**Other**

J. Thureson reported that she is having password problems with her new laptop. R. Firestone also reported some problems with the new laptop password.

**Meeting adjourned at: 1:55 p.m.**

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