

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Philosophy Department Meeting
November 27, 2012**

MINUTES

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

Meeting began at: 1:00 p.m.

Scheduling

A brief discussion took place on course prioritization in future scheduling and the possibility of adding more sections in spring and summer 2013.

FT Faculty Position Update

G. Miranda discussed the outcome of the campus-wide faculty position prioritization process and noted that the request to fill J. Thureson's position has been approved. A discussion on the forthcoming selection process ensued.

PT Faculty Status

The current adjunct faculty pool and incoming new PT hires was discussed.

SLO Assessments

Philosophy 7 and 10 are scheduled for assessments this semester. R. Firestone will follow-up with Darla Fjeld in order to complete them.

Curriculum

G. Miranda distributed the timeline for department courses to undergo course review. Currently, only PHIL 8 (Logic) is scheduled for updating this semester. Next fall the dean would like to begin course updates for PHIL 5,7 and 10 for submission to the CCC in Fall 2014 when they are scheduled for their six year review. The expected new TMC for Philosophy will require the creation of a symbolic logic course. E. Shadish received copies of course outlines from two community colleges (Cabrillo and Cypress) that have symbolic logic courses. The existing Logic course will be revised to become a symbolic logic one. The TMC appears to be in a final phase of faculty review at the statewide level.

Success & Retention Rates

The dean distributed spring 2012 success and retention rates for Philosophy and discussed incorporating them into faculty evaluations as well as for future assignments.

Department Activities

R. Firestone reported on the Philosophy Club stating that attendance at every meeting includes about 20 students. The club has been active in trying to sell philosophy books for the department's textbook project.

J. Thureson updated the faculty on her efforts to set up an account through the ECC Foundation for funds to provide enough philosophy textbooks for students. The intent is to place the books in the library for student use. Joan discussed Foundation requirements for setting up a scholarship. Currently, there is not enough money from the club's book sales or Joan's seed money (\$2,000) to do so. She will follow-up with the bookstore on textbook purchases and what this will entail for providing the library with textbooks. J. Thureson also stated that she will contribute \$1,000 per year to this fund.

Tutors/S.I. Coach

The faculty expressed the need for tutors or S.I. coaches in Philosophy. J. Thureson gave the name of a former student who could serve as a tutor. G. Miranda asked that this recommendation be placed in plan builder.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:50 p.m.

cc: T. Fallo

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