

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Philosophy Department Meeting
October 1, 2013**

MINUTES

Present: R. Firestone, F. Leon, J. Thureson

Absent: E. Shadish (on sabbatical)

Meeting began at: 1:05 p.m.

Scheduling Update

The department indicated that enrollments for fall were stable. R. Firestone was interested in increasing the maximum capacity for PHIL 5 to 35 rather than the NCS of 25. He explained that he normally accepts up to 35 students when he offers the class. The dean explained the history behind the NCS of 26 but indicated that a section of the course can be adjusted with her approval.

G. Miranda stated that the spring schedule has been finalized but that the 2014 summer schedule development will begin soon. Discussion on increasing Philosophy offerings took place.

Curriculum

The department has one outstanding course review update—PHIL 8 (Intro to Logic). R. Firestone will take a look at it and finalize the course review. However, the possibility that the course should be revised to become symbolic logic was discussed since the proposed AA-T Philosophy degree which is preferred since it is a requirement for the major.

The department also discussed the C-ID designation issues that PHIL 2, 11, and 23 have experienced. R. Firestone explained in brief detail the concerns with PHIL 2(Intro to Philosophy) which according to the C-ID reviewer covers too much material. While the department disagrees, R. Firestone will revise PHIL 2. No response yet has been received regarding the appeal for PHIL 11 (Modern and Contemporary). The status of PHIL 23 is not as critical as that for PHIL 2 and 11 since it is not a core requirement for the AA-T degree.

R. Firestone will proceed to complete and submit the Philosophy AA-T proposal.

PLO/SLO Update

The department has completed and submitted their revised PLO/SLO statements. R. Firestone, F. Leon and E. Shadish all contributed to the new statements.

Plan Builder

R. Firestone has already turned in updates to the department's annual program plan which is due at the end of October.

Course Success and Retention Rates

The dean circulated copies of the spring 2013 success and retention rates for the department including division, department, and online statistics.

Department Activities

The Philosophy Club has had three meetings this semester with an average of 20 students attending the meetings. F. Leon and R. Firestone are serving as faculty advisors.

F. Leon stated that a Pepperdine faculty member contacted him about developing a friendly dialogue about the Existence of God. No specifics as to how the dialogue would take place but the department supported his participation in this exchange(s).

S.I. Coach—Philosophy 2

G. Miranda reported that PHIL 2 has been selected to participate in S.I. next spring as a pilot effort. F. Leon volunteered to participate but his schedule change did not include teaching the introductory course. The dean will seek other faculty to participate.

Library Books

F. Leon submitted the department's recommendations for library book purchases recently. J. Thureson reported on the status of the Barger book fund which has \$4,500 and is designed to purchase reserve textbooks for the library. A list of all assigned books is needed to proceed with initial purchases.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:55 p.m.

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