

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Philosophy Department Meeting
February 16, 2012**

MINUTES

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

Meeting began at: 1:00 p.m.

Review of IR Data on Prerequisites for PHIL 2 and 7

The department reviewed the data provided by Institutional Research on student success rates in Philosophy 2 (Introduction to Philosophy). Performance of students who met the English 1A requirement as opposed to those who had not taken English 1A were tabulated with a 73% success rate for the Eng 1A completers and only 27% for those who enrolled in PHIL 2 without having taken ENGL 1A. The department discussed the results and recommended that English 1A be considered as a prerequisite for Philosophy 2. The dean cautioned that other factors will need to be considered but will provide the department with feedback on their request.

A review of success rates in Philosophy 7 (Philosophy of Religion) were briefly reviewed but deferred a recommendation on a prerequisite. The data indicated that the breakdown for students who met English 1A as opposed to those who had not completed English 1A before enrolling in this course was as significant as for Philosophy 2. Previous enrollment in the introductory course PHIL 2 may need to be further assessed in the near future.

SLO Assessments

R. Firestone will follow-up on department assessments for this semester. Logic (PHIL 8) needs to be assessed.

Part-Time Pool

The division office will send out a job announcement later this semester to increase the adjunct pool. Information to applicants in the division's "instructor possible" files will be notified as well. With J. Thureson's anticipated retirement at the end of the spring 2012 semester, there will be a need to enhance the adjunct ranks until a full-time replacement can be hired.

Added Sections

G. Miranda stated she had received permission to add additional sections of critical thinking or logic classes. R. Firestone volunteered to teach a section of Critical Reasoning (PHIL 5). The dean will look into the possibility of adding a section of Logic depending on part-time availability.

Program Review

R. Firestone stated he needed to add recommendations from program review to the department's plan for 2012-13. G. Miranda had incorporated some already into the unit plan but asked R. Firestone to review and edit them as needed. He will follow-up with the dean.

Philosophy Club

R. Firestone announced that the Philosophy Club will begin meeting next Thursday.

Last semester's book sale of Philosophy books donated by the family of the late Bill Barger brought in over \$500 which J. Thureson stated she would like to see used to establish a scholarship in Bill Barger's name. She will contribute \$1,000 (from her Distinguished Faculty Award) and indicated that Bill Barger's son had offered to contribute some money as well.

An additional book sale of more donated books will be held this semester.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:45 p.m.

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