

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Philosophy Department Meeting
April 16, 2013**

MINUTES

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

Meeting began at: 1:00 p.m.

Enrollment Update

The department was updated on campus-wide college enrollment trends and the possibility of adding additional course offerings for summer and fall that meet general education requirements.

SLO Assessment Updates

R. Firestone reported that PHIL 3 (Ethics) assessment was filed about two weeks ago. He also noted that this semester's assessment for PHIL 12 (Existentialism) will be completed later in May given the scheduled course examination that will be needed to complete assessments.

G. Miranda recommended that the previously scheduled PHIL 2 (Introduction to Philosophy) should be completed this semester since it is on the previously established rotation.

Curriculum/AA- T Degree Draft

Course review updates are ahead of schedule but the department has been asked to conduct course review for PHIL 2, 7, 10, 12, 14 in anticipation of submission in 2014.

The faculty discussed the draft AA-T degree for philosophy. L. Suekawa had conducted a preliminary assessment of the department's courses to prepare for their inclusion in the transfer degree. Lori had been informed that PHIL 2 (Intro to Phil) and PHIL 11 (Modern and Contemporary) were not approved by a C-ID primary reviewer. A discussion ensued on the reviewer's comments and the department agreed to prepare a rebuttal to submit to L. Suekawa. They pointed out that a number of the comments appeared to be invalid based on the existing emphasis of PHIL 11 on Modern Philosophy and less on Contemporary which is what the reviewer stated. R. Firestone agreed to prepare the response.

E. Shadish reported that she had completed about ¾ of the revision to PHIL 8 (Logic). Symbolic Logic is the core course accepted by the CSU for Philosophy majors. The dean asked that the draft be completed this semester since it would be submitted along with the AA-T to the curriculum committee for approval.

Success and Retention

A discussion ensued after G. Miranda distributed copies of the fall 2012 success and retention rates for the department. The dean also stated that Institutional Research has made available a four year listing of this data on the portal. She also distributed copies of the ECC Methodology for ACCJC Institution-Set Standards and the expectation that all programs will set similar standards later this year.

Department Activities

R. Firestone reported that the Philosophy Club is very active and averages about 20 members this semester. The club plans to visit the Getty at the end of the month.

J. Thureson plans to connect with E. Martinez regarding the Philosophy book fund and the placement of donor plaques on the books to be donated for student use in the future.

Academic Awards

The department was encouraged to participate in the Academic Awards ceremony scheduled for May. Faculty had selected a recipient for Philosophy and submitted the name to the Division Office.

Other

Full-time interviews for the Philosophy position are scheduled for this Friday, April 19th and Saturday, April 20th.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:55 p.m.

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