

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences  
Political Science Department Meeting  
September 14, 2010**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** E. Antoine, L. Houske, E. Munoz, L. Widman

**Meeting began at:** 1:05 p.m.

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**Enrollment/Scheduling**

The additional Political Science sections added per request of the VPAA filled quickly during the add period. The faculty agreed that the waitlist should remain at 10 for their department courses. The spring semester schedule has been completed and the only Political Science course that will not be offered is Political Science 6 (Civil Rights and Liberties in the U.S.).

**Part-Time Pool**

The dean indicated that there may be a need to update the current part-time pool of instructors. Anyone who has been placed in the pool is removed after six months, thus necessitating a new selection process. The dean may advertise during the spring semester. Currently, anyone hired as an “emergency hire” is only able to teach one semester. Afterwards they must go through the formal interview process.

**S.I. Coaches**

G. Miranda indicated that there might be limited funding for S.I. coaches this year. E. Antoine stated that in the past they have been very beneficial since students who attended the coaching sessions usually performed better than those who did not.

**Curriculum Proposal**

E. Antoine distributed a copy of the new course proposal—Political Philosophy—and asked for feedback so that she can continue to finalize it for submission to the DCC and CCC.

**SLOs/Assessments**

E. Munoz is awaiting notice of the first division SLO meeting. He also stated that the department is planning two SLO assessments this year. Every course has been assessed. The department will need to take a closer look at the core competencies as well since those given a rating of “4” will need to be assessed.

**Plan Builder 2011-2012**

L. Houske will serve as the department’s facilitator for the 2011-2012 planning process. G. Miranda gave her the 2010-2011 plan that will be used to develop the following year plan. The dean intends to meet with all department facilitators as the division revises and streamlines its goals to align them with the College’s strategic initiatives. L. Widman inquired if he could attend this meeting.

**SOCS Remodel**

G. Miranda gave an update on the Social Science building remodel and stated that the plan is for the division faculty to return for the fall 2011 semester.

**MBBM Classroom Issues**

E. Munoz stated that he cannot log in on the computer in MBBM 102. L. Widman indicated that the maps in MBBM 132 is not securely fastened to the wall and falls off when he lowers it.

**Supplies/Equipment**

L. Widman and E. Munoz have not yet picked up their new faculty laptops. The dean will check to see how many other division faculty need to contact ITS for their computers.

**Other**

L. Houske stated that the Political Science club was meeting today at the same time. She indicated that they are an enthusiastic group.

G. Miranda informed the department that the Social Issues Forum will begin to host various presentations this year. S. Dowden will launch the initial guest lecture on global warming. The History department is also interested in the topic of the Corporatization of Higher Education.

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

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