

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences  
Political Science Meeting  
October 9, 2012**

**MINUTES**

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

**Meeting began at:** 105 p.m.

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**Scheduling**

Updates on the spring and summer schedule was discussed. G. Miranda is in the process of reviewing online summer requests before approving assignments. Also discussed was the prioritization of course offerings in future semester's given the emphasis on general education transfer classes. This might impact the offering of Political Science 8 (California State and Local Government).

**Curriculum**

Courses to be reviewed and updated are Political Science 2 (Introduction to Comparative Politics) and Political Science 10 (Introduction to International Relations). E. Antoine and L. Houske will work on the updates.

The new transfer studies degree for Political Science will be reviewed by the CCC this semester. Prior to its review, the new course proposal, Political Science 7 (political philosophy) will be reviewed first since this is an essential requirement for the degree since the course will fulfill requirements for transfer to the UC system.

**SLOs**

Political Science 3 and 5 are the courses to be assessed this semester. Otherwise, the department is on schedule with its assessments.

**Plan Builder**

The department received hard copies of plan builder for 2013-14. G. Miranda reminded them to incorporate recommendations from program review into the plans. The department is scheduled to meet for a final discussion on October 25<sup>th</sup>. L. Houske and E. Munoz will represent the department at that meeting.

**Success and Retention Rates**

G. Miranda distributed the spring 2012 success and retention rates for the department which included information by course, by instructor, by department and division. A brief discussion ensued and the faculty was reminded that these rates are to be included in faculty evaluations.

**Textbook Rentals**

A discussion regarding options for students to rent textbooks since the cost of books is a major issue for students. The bookstore has rentals available and could incorporate department textbooks.

**Department Activities**

The statewide ballot initiatives discussion is scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup> from noon to 1:45 p.m. in the Haag Recital Hall. The faculty are concerned that the facility is too small since they plan to send their students as an extra credit assignment. G. Miranda will double check to see if a larger facility is available. L. Widman also stated that the school newspaper should be contacted.

L. Houske reported that the Political Science Club plans to work on a voter registration drive with ASO. They are also planning to watch the next debate on Tuesday.

**Other**

E. Antoine would like to order the Frontline videos on the financial crisis for use in her classes. She will provide Maria with information on cost and vendor.

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

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