

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Political Science Department Meeting
October 23, 2014**

MINUTES

Present: S. Hoaby, L. Houske, C. Lee, E. Munoz, L. Widman

Meeting began at: 1:00 p.m.

Enrollment Update/Summer Scheduling

G. Miranda reviewed the department's fall enrollment statistics and noted the high fill rates as well as the FTES generated this semester. Enrollments remain stable at this point in the semester. The summer schedule will essentially mirror last year with a higher number of offerings in the first six-week session. All full-time instructors have submitted their schedule preferences and part-time faculty will be notified of available sections that will be staffed as well.

Curriculum

L. Houske is addressing CI-D concerns regarding Political Science 2 and 10 which were conditionally approved. The department has one year to revise and resubmit the course outlines with recommended course content language as well as course objectives/SLOs for Political Science 10.

Planning

G. Miranda distributed a copy of the 2014-15 department plan and asked that the faculty review and update their goals and objectives for 2015-16.

SLO Assessments

L. Houske reported that the department is conducting assessments this spring. Scheduled for assessment are Political Science 1 (#1), Political Science 3 (#1) and Political Science 5 (#1).

Success and Retention Data

The full-time faculty received individual success and retention averages for the past two years. A discussion ensued on the inclusion of "W" in success statistics and its impact on overall averages.

Outcome of FT Position Request

The dean reported on the outcome of the full-time faculty hiring priority voting. The department had requested a growth position but received a ranking of #28 out of 32 total positions.

Department Activities

L. Houske reported that the Political Science Club is in transition but is optimistic that there will be more enthusiasm in the spring semester.

L. Widman stated that the League of Women's Voters presentation on October 14th was extremely well attended. In spring 2015, the department will again offer a viewing of last year's film *Priceless*. ...

S.I. and Tutoring

L. Houske is again assigned an S.I. coach who leads study sessions for her Political Science 1 sections.

L. Widman inquired if there is a tutor available for students at the Learning Resource Center. The department had a potential tutor in mind.

S. Hoaby stated that he encourages study groups in his classes and are beneficial to students.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:40 p.m.

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