

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Political Science Department Meeting
March 13, 2012**

MINUTES

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

Meeting began at: 1:05 p.m.

Scheduling

Dean discussed status of summer and fall scheduling for 2012. No changes to the current number of sections to be offered at this time but advised the department that negative changes in the state budget could mean more cutbacks. The department discussed the Board decision to approve winter but the dean cautioned not to expect a program larger than this winter 2012. Faculty also discussed concerns about a back-to-back summer session.

Program Review

L. Houske and E. Munoz will be overseeing the department's program review. They have attended the orientation and will be initiating the self-study this semester.

SLO Updates

E. Munoz reported that program level SLO #2 has been submitted; program level SLO #3 is being eliminated and are reassessing course level SLOs (Political Science 1 & 2).

Transfer Model Degree & Curriculum

The department reviewed the proposed TMC degree for Political Science. With the exception of one course, the recommendations match what the department offers for students. There will be a need to develop a political theory course in order to meet the TMC guidelines. The department's Political Science 3 course does not meet this requirement.

L. Houske has begun work on this course which was previously E. Antoine had developed in draft form. The course is an essential one since Political Science majors planning to transfer to the UC system have had to take this class at another college.

G. Miranda will contact L. Suekawa about meeting with faculty in order to begin preparation for the TMC degree. She has also encouraged the faculty to develop the theory course in the past.

Part-Time Pool

The current department pool is down to three—V. Chaney, A. Gordon and P.J. Gagagena. A part-time job announcement will be circulated soon to enhance the number of potential adjuncts. L. Houske and E. Munoz will conduct the part-time interviews.

Evaluations

G. Miranda stated that faculty assigned to conduct peer evaluations must include a discussion of SLOs along with success and retention rates (the office can provide information) and student surveys.

Other Items

1. SOCS building—the dean updated the department on the ongoing efforts to correct the system problems with excess heat in some of the classrooms.
E. Antoine inquired if it would be possible to hang materials on the walls and was interested in additional maps. L. Widman stated that the building was locked on Monday when he arrived for his 6:45 a.m. class. The timers had not been adjusted for daylight savings time. The dean will follow-up to insure that the building is open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
2. Possible program—the faculty discussed planning a presentation for next fall on political themes. G. Miranda will follow-up later in the semester to begin the planning for a possible panel.
3. Joe Georges has been writing a department history and is still in need of brief biographies from E. Antoine, L. Houske and E. Munoz.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:50 p.m.

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