

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Political Science Department Meeting
March 26, 2013**

MINUTES

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

Meeting began at: 1:05 p.m.

Enrollment/Scheduling

The division is awaiting word if additional sections can be added to both summer and fall schedules. Political Science 1 generally fills when sections are added. However, the currently pool of adjuncts is limited. There is a pool interviewed last year that might be available.

The newly approved Political Science 7 course needs to be offered by spring 2014 since it is a course UC bound Political Science majors need to take at ECC.

Curriculum Update

The Political Science AA-T degree was approved last semester by the CCC and is being submitted to the Chancellor's Office for approval.

Political Science 8 will be inactivated this semester. It is rarely offered and is not UC transferable.

POLI 2 and 10 are currently under course review. The department was asked to prepare a renumbering plan for all their courses for the future once the CCC completes its current task.

SLOs

POLI 6 is scheduled for assessment this semester. Early assessment reports from previous semesters will be reviewed as well.

Syllabus Template

The department agreed to utilize a standardized template for Political Science in future semesters. Adjunct faculty will need to be notified as well.

Success/Retention Rates/Degree Patterns

A discussion of fall 2012 department success and retention rates ensued with comments on the formula utilized by the Chancellor's office for measurement of success.

The number of A.A. degrees in Political Science has been very low over the past four years but it is hoped that the new AA-T degree will increase the numbers. In 2011-12, only two Political Science majors received A.A. degrees.

Department Activities

L. Houske reported that the Political Science Club is very active this semester with on average 15 members.

Academic Awards

G. Miranda provided the faculty with the list of potential Academic Award candidates for this year and asked that the faculty submit recommendations to E. Antoine, the Division Council representative for Political Science, who will submit information to the office in early April.

Other

E. Antoine pointed out that students who take advantage of supplemental instruction do better overall in her classes. Currently a UCSB graduate who is taking classes at ECC is the department's Political Science 1 S.I. coach.

The dean asked faculty if they needed maps since there are still a few extra ones in the division workroom that can be installed in their classroom.

L. Houske stated that the sensors in her classroom are not working and she is concerned if there are any evening classes assigned to the room. The division staff has submitted two requisitions to have the problem resolved; the dean will follow-up.

The department was asked to submit requests for DVDs to Maria as soon as possible since the deadline for requisitions is this Friday. The "Road to Brown" was noted as an important video to be purchased.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:55 p.m.

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