

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Political Science Department Meeting
September 18, 2008**

NOTES

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

Meeting began at: 12:15 p.m.

Enrollment Update

The department's enrollment at the end of the second week of the semester reached 1,325 with the highest fill rate in the division—107%. In addition, distance education sections were well enrolled. In the future, the number of distance education sections of Political Science 1 (Governments of the United States and California) may be increased to accommodate student demand. L. Houske and L. Widman pointed out that the ITV Political Science 1 class is still a viable option for students and asked if the college would consider purchasing DVDs of the series instead of continuing to pay the license fee. G. Miranda will discuss this with A. Grigsby and H. Story.

Curriculum

E. Antoine will work with E. Shadish this year to develop a new course proposal for Political Philosophy. The department discussed the possibility of a globalization course from a political science perspective.

Student Learning Outcomes

E. Munoz reported that Political Science 2 and 10 are being assessed this semester. An SLO for Political Science 3 is also being written this semester.

E. Antoine submitted her suggested rubric for assessment in Political Science 10.

Program Review Update

The department is awaiting a response from the Program Review committee on their self-study. G. Miranda will contact B. Jaffe on a meeting date for an interview with the committee.

Department Activities

The faculty discussed the possibility of a forum to discuss state issues on this year's ballot.

The Political Science club will be meeting next week. L. Houske will suggest that the club watch the presidential debates as a group.

L. Houske plans to show a movie on China, after this year's elections, with the expectation of having student discussion on the topic.

G. Miranda asked that the department send information for the webpage to M. Chung.

Other

The faculty inquired if the LCD in SOCS 104 has been repaired yet.

G. Miranda reported that enrollments in the Political Science Department at the Compton Center have also been quite strong this semester.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:10 p.m.

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