

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Sociology Department Meeting
May 8, 2012**

MINUTES

Present: S. Allen, E. Cannon, S. Dowden
Meeting began at 1:05 p.m.

Scheduling Update

G. Miranda discussed spring 2013 schedule development and status of potential cuts in sections. At this time, summer and fall are holding steady.

Adjunct Pool

S. Dowden and G. Miranda will be interviewing applicants on May 11th in order to staff the criminology course scheduled for fall 2012.

Curriculum

The Sociology Transfer Studies degree has been approved by the Chancellor's office. Beverly will work with the department on any course review scheduled for next year.

The department discussed the results of the prerequisite survey conducted by Institutional Research. The study was for a one year period (Fall 2009 and Spring 2012) and focused on success rates of students who had and had not completed Sociology 101 (Introduction to Sociology) before enrolling in Sociology 102 (The Family) and Sociology 104 (Social Problems). What was apparent was that more of the students who had taken Sociology 101 before enrolling in the other two courses were more successful than those who had not. But the variance was not as great in Sociology 102 as it was in Sociology 104. G. Miranda suggested a more extended period of review in order to obtain a better picture of success rates before deciding on a prerequisite.

Program Review

S. Allen completed the first draft of the department's program review which will be reviewed in the fall 2012 semester. She thanked her colleagues for their input.

Plan Builder

The dean reminded the department that recommendations made in their program review will need to be added to the unit plan as well.

SLOs

The only outstanding assessment report due for the department is for Sociology 109 which is taught by R. Mascolo. The dean will speak with him so that the report can be completed.

Department Activities

S. Allen reported that the Real Deal Panel will take place on Thursday. She also commented on the presentation given by M. Din at the recent On Course conference, noting that her presentation was excellent and well received by the participants.

Other

S. Allen stated that the current program description in the catalog is incorrect. S. Allen will submit the correct description to B. Knapp so that it can be placed in the next college catalog (it is too late for 2012-2013).

E. Cannon mentioned software issues she is having.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:55 p.m.

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El Camino College
Prerequisite Validation Study
Sociology

This report provides success rates of Sociology 102 (The Family) and Sociology 104 (Social Problems). Success rates in these courses were calculated for students who completed Sociology 101 (Introduction to Sociology) and those who did not complete the course.

Statistical analysis was conducted in order to determine if having completed the Introduction to Sociology course would increase student success in other Sociology courses. In addition, the 80% rule was used as a standard to determine whether the success rates of students who did not complete Sociology 101 is at 80% parity or better compared to students who did complete the requirement.

Sociology 102 – The Family

Success rates were calculated for students who enrolled in Sociology 102 in Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 in addition to Fall 2010 and Spring 2011. Terms were combined for this analysis in order to obtain sufficient enrollment counts.

Sociology 102 students in Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 who completed Sociology 101 had an 88% success rate compared to 56% success rate for students who did not complete the course. A chi-square test was performed to examine the relation between students who completed Sociology 101 and those who did not. A statistically significant difference was found between the Sociology 102 success rates of the two groups. Also, the success rate of students who did not complete Sociology 101 (56%) is lower than 80% of the rate of students who completed Sociology 101 requirement (71%-as shown in table footnote).

Soc 102 – Fall 2009 & Spring 2010

	Completed Soc 101		Soc 101 Not Completed		Total
	N	%	N	%	N
Successful in Soc 102	75	88.2%	35	56.5%	110
Not Successful in Soc 102	10	11.8%	27	43.5%	37
Total	85	57.8%	62	42.2%	147

80% of Success in Soc 102 Success Rate 70.6%
Chi-Square = 19.2, df = 1, p = .000 (significant at p < .05)

For Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 Sociology 102 students, there was a 87% success rate for students who completed Sociology 101 while there was a 79% success rate for students who did not complete the requirement. There was no statistically significant difference found