

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Sociology Department Meeting
March 31, 2009**

Minutes

Present: S. Allen, E. Cannon, S. Dowden

Meeting began at: 1:00 p.m.

Enrollment Update/Future Scheduling

The department's overall fill rate by first census reached 109% with 941 students in on campus lecture classes. The faculty discussed offering the introduction to social work course during the day to maximize enrollment. In addition, Sociology 107 (Race and Ethnicity) will be offered every spring with Sociology 108 (Global Perspectives on Race and Ethnicity) in the fall term beginning in Fall 2010. S. Dowden also stated that she is removing service learning from her Honors Sociology 101 section and moving to focus on a global perspective through GETT connections in this class.

Curriculum

The department's curriculum is current and up to date at this time. There are no additional plans to add new courses. The exception might be to develop a global criminology course.

Course Audit List Update

The dean reviewed the existing course audit list and asked if the faculty wished to revise it. Everyone agreed that they had no objection to making all their courses available to audit.

SLOs

A course level SLO for Sociology 102 still needs to be written. S. Allen indicated that courses taught only by part-time instructors do not need to have an SLO written at this time. G. Miranda will follow-up and clarify this.

Department Activities

S. Allen, E. Cannon and S. Dowden will be attending the Pacific Sociological Association conference in San Diego on April 9-11, 2009. K. Stone will be a presenter at this meeting.

S. Allen continues to serve as advisor to the Sociology Club. E. Cannon serves on the Division Curriculum Committee and S. Dowden is serving on a faculty hiring committee for Natural Sciences.

Sociology Club

The club is hosting a careers workshop on becoming a probation officer this Thursday. In May the “real deal” presentation will be held and a careers in counseling for social workers and academic counselors will be presented.

Instructional Equipment and Department Needs

The division was allocated instructional block fund grants to purchase clickers which have been in use for sometime in Sociology classes.

The faculty requested backup LCD bulbs. S. Dowden recommended holding a training session for faculty who planned to use smart classroom equipment, perhaps as a flex day activity which would include part-time instructors. Also, she stated that the classrooms need cleaning on a regular basis.

Meeting adjourned at: 2:00 p.m.

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