



**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences  
SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT  
Tuesday, October 30, 2018**

**MINUTES**

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**Scheduling and Enrollment**

- The department reviewed Fall 2018 enrollment. Enrollments are generally solid. We expect the enrollment in the two new classes to build over the next couple years: SOCI 113 Gender and Society and SOCI 118 Sociology of Sexualities.
- The department reviewed scheduling patterns for the past several years, noting a slight decline in the number of SOCI 101 sections as the new classes were added into the rotation.
- SOCI 110 Introduction to Social Work was taught for the first time by Melissa Fujiwara in Spring 2018. It will be taught again in Fall 2019. The department will talk together about the rotation schedule and instructor for the class.

**Faculty Position Request**

- The department requested a full-time position this year and noted that they will be working together to consider the future direction of the department, and how they see the role of a new faculty member.
- The position is a replacement for Elaine Cannon.
- The results of the position identification process will be shared on Nov. 1. The Dean will let the department know where their position request stands.

**Division Committee Assignments**

- The department reviewed each member's committee assignments. The Dean thanked this very active department for their service to the division and the college.
- The department decided to put the Division Curriculum Committee and the Division SLO Committee membership on a two-year rotation. This allows faculty to experience and learn about those areas. Melissa will begin serving as the Sociology representative on the Division Curriculum Committee beginning Fall 2019, and Kassia will serve as the representative on the Division SLO Committee beginning Fall 2019.
- Adjunct faculty are invited to speak with the Dean if they are interested in serving on a committee.

## **Curriculum and Degrees**

### UC Transfer

- Several of the new courses have not been approved for UC transfer yet.
- Melissa reported that Lori Suekawa, the Articulation Officer, submitted SOCI 113 Gender and Society for consideration in August and it is still pending.
- Kassia will contact Lori Suekawa to find out whether SOCI 115 Death and Dying, SOCI 118 Sociology of Sexualities, and SOCI 110 Intro to Social Work have also been submitted for UC transfer.

### AB 705 and the English and Math Prerequisites

- Counselor Cheryl Kroll explained AB 705 and the impact on English and Math placement and curriculum.
- Starting next spring, Colleague will not be applying a prerequisite to SOCI 101 and 109A/B to students who enroll because there would be too many students to clear to take the course. This will similarly impact other courses in the Behavioral and Social Sciences. Students should speak with counselors who will help them decide whether or not they are sufficiently prepared for a course.
- The department is not sure that this change will impact success and retention. It may have the beneficial impact of encouraging students to start their Sociology studies with SOCI 101, instead of circumventing it and moving directly to SOCI 104 or another SOCI course.

### Sociology 102 Course Review

- The department discussed and approved Kassia's recommended changes to the Course Outline of Record for Sociology 102. The class has a new title, "Family and Intimate Relationships." The catalog description, sample assignment, and textbook were revised. Descriptive language throughout the COR was updated and modernized, changing words like childless and marriage, to childfree and intimate relationships.
- The SLOs have been updated to bring them into alignment with the other department SLOs. Kassia will check to see whether the SLOs in this class had already been revised

### Possible Social Work ADT

- The "Social Work Major – Transfer Requirements" sheet was distributed. Cheryl Kroll noted that she is in the process of updating this and other similar sheets, but that the work has to be done manually because the software she uses for this is currently being updated.
- Lori Suekawa previously shared the Transfer Model Curriculum for a Social Work ADT. The department considered whether developing and offering this ADT was feasible and helpful to students. At this time, they will put this idea on a back burner. There are some jobs for graduates with a Social Work ADT but employers really want to hire people with a BA or Masters. When transferring into a Social Work program at another institution, it may be best that students have broader training in Psychology or Sociology.

### Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies AA

- This AA is being finalized by Stacey. Lavonne provided Stacey with the information about what needed to be completed. Stacey will work on it when her busy schedule slows just a bit.

## **Annual Plan**

- Stacey is working on the annual plan. Most of the recommendations from last year are continuing this year, such as the recommendation to hire a FT faculty replacement for Sue Dowden.

### **Class Sizes**

- Stacey collected information about the class sizes of Sociology classes at our neighboring institutions. They range between 30-45 students. No other colleges enroll 50 students in a Sociology class.
- The process for increasing class size is described in the contract, Article 8, section 7 (b). The department needs to make a recommendation to the Division Load Committee, who then determines whether to move the recommendation forward to the College Load Review Committee.
- The BSS Load Committee rarely meets but can be called to consider this question.
- Sociology needs to develop a persuasive recommendation to present to the committee. The recommendation should include the size of classes at neighboring colleges, but also other factors such as AB 705 and the new funding model.

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