



**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Sociology Department Meeting
March 7, 2017**

MINUTES

Present: S. Allen, M. Bell- Blossom, S. Dowden, M. Fujiwara, C. Kroll, K. Stone, K Wosick
Meeting began at: 1:00 p.m.

Enrollment and Future Scheduling

The department's enrollments by the third week of the semester remained highly filled with minor exceptions such as evening sections. M. Fujiwara and K. Wosick cited some of the challenges for online students enrolled in first eight week classes. Melissa noted that some students were struggling with the pace of the class. Melissa also noted that manually populating her online classes by Gema Perez is part of the challenges faced by students in online sections.

The department is also involved in linked cohorts this semester: S. Allen (SOC1 101) and J. Soden (HDEV 110) and M. Fujiwara (SOC1 107) and J. Baranski (HIST 102). Allen and Soden's links are for non-program classes while Fujiwara and Baranski are part of SER (Student Equity Reenvisioned). The links are progressing well at this time. S. Allen also mentioned that she has an S.I. coach this semester and sessions are held every Tuesday and Thursday for students enrolled in her Sociology 104 class.

Curriculum

Sociology 101 and 104 are undergoing course review. The department's new course proposals submitted last semester are still awaiting College Curriculum Committee approval (SOC1 113 and SOC1 118). Sociology 113 (Gender and Society) will be added to the proposed Social Justice major once it is approved.

SLOs

Courses scheduled for assessment this semester will be identified at the first division facilitator's meeting on March 23rd. All fall assessment reports were submitted on time.

Success and Retention Data

The dean reported that success and retention data for fall 2016 is available for faculty review. She noted that overall the department had high percentages in both categories. Faculty were directed to review their own individual information which is available on the Institutional Research website.

Department Activities

The Sociology Club is planning its annual "Real Deal Panel" presentation on March 30th-Alumni return to discuss the transfer process. M. Moen and K Wosick will conduct a workshop on helping children cope with death and loss on April 27th from 6 to 7:30 p.m. S. Allen stated that the department will participate in a YWCA event scheduled for April 26th in collaboration with the Staff and Student Diversity Office and the Student Health Center to raise awareness of Sexual Assault Prevention Month. Planning is in preliminary stages.

For women's history month, S. Dowden is planning to show the documentary film, "The Triangle Fire," on March 14th. S. Allen also reported that the wellness fair and the annual luncheon will be part of the month-long programs.

M. Fujiwara is participating in the PRIDE Leadership Academy this semester.

Adjuncts

The dean reported that she has put together a draft reemployment list for the department. Two part-timers currently met the criteria set forth in the MOU—M. Din and K. Stone.

Other

The department celebrated S. Dowden's birthday. Sue is retiring at the end of the academic year after fifteen years of service to the college.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:50 p.m.

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