

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Sociology Department Meeting
October 29, 2015**

MINUTES

Present: E. Cannon, S. Dowden, M. Fujiwara, K. Wosick

Meeting began at: 1:00 p.m.

Enrollment/Scheduling Patterns

Department faculty stated that enrollments were still holding well at this juncture in the semester with a few exceptions. Online enrollments were a bit lower this semester. Department fill-rates at census were 94% (on-campus) and 93% (online).

Discussion ensued on summer scheduling with a recommendation to offer Sociology 107 during the second summer session. The dean is adjusting the percentage of course offerings to strengthen the second session which had stronger enrollments last year.

Curriculum

The department is current with course review updates. Discussion regarding a proposed UC Pathways that would include a research methods course included a possible cross-listing with Psychology 9B or an entirely new course. S. Dowden will consult with R. Mascolo on cross-listing which is the preferred alternative at this time. A new course would entail a longer wait before it could be offered. Also, in the future a Sociology 101H version will be created. Currently, Psychology 5 and Political Science 1 are being developed with honors versions.

Also discussed was the ongoing issue with the absence of Sociology on the campus online application as well as the elimination of the local degree in Sociology. The degree was eliminated when the A.A.-T was created and approved. The college no longer cancels local degrees that in the case of Sociology are beneficial to students planning to graduate. The dean will pursue the request to re-establish the local degrees with the VPAA.

SLO Assessments

This semester's SLO assessments will include adjunct participation. SOCI 101 (#2), SOCI 107 #2), SOCI 109 (#1, 2, 3) and PLO #2 are being assessed. Only S. Dowden (SOCI 107) and R. Mascolo (SOCI 109) are assessing these single section courses.

Success and Retention Data

Faculty reviewed spring 2015 success and retention data which indicated that the department had strong success and retention trends for on campus classes that semester—76% success and 88% retention. Online success was lower at 68% but second highest in the division. Retention remained strong at 82%.

Planning

S. Dowden led an extensive discussion on recommendations to be included in this year's program plan. The majority of items were curriculum related with only one funding request for S.I. coaches. A number of new course proposals are being recommended along with possible course reactivations and a U.C.

transfer pathways for Sociology majors. Also recommended were continuing outreach to the community via service learning and the Sociology Club; participation in the Social Issues Forum and a plan to recognize former sociology majors.

S. Dowden indicated that she would condense down the 11 recommendations in this year's program plan into related groupings.

Department Activities

E. Cannon reported that the Sociology Club had elected new officers, participated in club rush and were planning an activity for the community during the holidays.

S. Dowden reported on B. Osterman's establishment of YES LA (Youth Engaged in Society) which places students in six-month internships in probation related settings. Bob has extensive connections based on his many years of work in this field.

Other

S. Dowden recommended the purchase of much needed new Scantron machines. She also asked if anyone knew who the sociology tutor is who is working through the Learning Resources Center. The dean will inquire and provide feedback.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:55 p.m.

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