

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences  
Sociology Department Meeting  
April 2, 2013**

**MINUTES**

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

**Meeting began at:** 1:05 p.m.

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**Enrollment/Scheduling**

The department's enrollment for spring at first census reached 105%. Additional sections of SOCI 101 might be added to the fall schedule should there be additional sections assigned to the division to generate greater FTES. Criminology (SOCI 112) should continue in the rotation of course offerings next year. The department will not offer an HTP section of SOCI 101 next fall 2013 semester.

**SLOs/Success and Retention Rates**

S. Allen distributed a revised program and SOCI 101 SLO statement which slightly modified the wording on the existing SLOs. E. Cannon and S. Dowden agreed to the change. S. Allen also stated that while the department's assessments are current they would still like to assess SOCI 101 again this semester. The dean agreed that they should continue on their assessment rotation. The faculty indicated that they have used different assessments for Sociology 101 and asked if this was acceptable. S. Allen will speak with E. Munoz, the division's SLO facilitator but there should be no issue with the use of different assessments by the faculty. The department will develop a second program level SLO for fall 2013. They will need to consult with Compton Center Sociology faculty on the planned revisions.

The dean distributed department success and retention data for fall 2012 and the ACCJC requirement for institutional as well as individual program benchmarks for student success, persistence, retention, transfer, degrees, etc.

**Curriculum/A.A.—T Issues**

Currently scheduled for course review are SOCI 102 and 112.

The department had the highest number of division A.A. Degrees in 2012 with 46.

Also discussed were concerns that the A.A.—T degree does not meet the needs of UC or private university bound students who wish to major in Sociology. The dean provided feedback on the CCC decision to award students with a general studies degree in Behavioral and Social Sciences. The requirements for the General Studies degree meet IGETC requirements for UC bound students although they will not receive the degree specifically in Sociology.

### **Academic Awards**

The dean reminded the faculty to make their selection for the academic award in Sociology and submit it to Maria by no later than April 4<sup>th</sup>. Also, G. Miranda pointed out that there have been only two students who have responded to the Presidential scholar letter sent out by the division office. It was noted that changes to the criteria for applying have impacted student responses. If students do not plan to receive an A.A. degree, they cannot apply for the award. A number of students have called the office and indicated that they plan to transfer but not receive the degree, thus the explanation for the limited response so far.

### **Department Activities**

S. Allen reported on the Sociology Club's activities including plans to distribute funding for small loans through KIVA which sponsors people in developing countries. Stacey reported that the students review applications and determine the funding amounts.

On April 18<sup>th</sup> the club will hold the Real Deal panel which is comprised of alumni who return to talk about their experiences as Sociology majors in upper divisions or graduate work. Also, on April 30<sup>th</sup>, the club will host a book sale to raise funds for KIVA.

S. Allen stated that she attended the Ms. Magazine conference and was impressed with a session on how to develop a women's studies class online.

S. Dowden stated that she is going to offer a hybrid online section of Sociology 101 next semester and has discussed strategies and challenges with J. Suarez who already has a hybrid history section.

**Meeting adjourned at: 1:55 p.m.**

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