

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Sociology Department Meeting
February 11, 2014**

MINUTES

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

Meeting began at: 1:00 p.m.

Spring Enrollment Updates

The department faculty indicated that classes were going well and although some students had dropped they still had strong enrollments.

G. Miranda indicated that due to the increase in offerings all departments including Sociology added more sections this semester. In addition, the department will have three additional offerings in summer.

Fall Semester Scheduling/Distance Education Courses

The dean discussed the college's plan to increase offerings and asked for recommendations from the department on courses that should be increased in number of sections to be offered. S. Allen suggested adding an additional section of Sociology 102 (The Family) on campus and S. Dowden recommended adding Criminology (Sociology 112) online. Additional suggestions need to be submitted to Beverly this week.

S. Dowden stated that she is considering doing Sociology 107 (Race and Ethnicity) online in spring 2015.

Part-Time Faculty Assignments

The dean asked for recommendations on course assignments for part-timers and S. Allen also noted that the department has a new part-timer scheduled to teach in fall 2014 whom she interviewed last semester. The dean pointed out that assignments for adjuncts often are dependent on their availability.

Local MQs for Sociology

The department recommended that the ECC local minimum qualifications for Sociology be changed to match the state standard. Currently, the local MQ is a "Master's in sociology OR the equivalent." The state MQ is a "Master's degree in sociology OR bachelor's degree in sociology AND master's degree in anthropology, any ethnic studies, social work, or psychology OR the equivalent." This request follows an equivalency issue regarding one of the recently hired adjuncts.

The recommendation from the department will be forwarded to the Academic Senate.

SLOs

Sociology 104 is scheduled for assessment this semester. A general discussion on SLO assessments took place with S. Allen recommending that each faculty member do their own assessments utilizing their own rubric. S. Allen will be responsible for the PLO report. S. Allen also stated that the assessment report for Sociology 102 is due but she has yet to complete it and is not yet trained in TracDat. The dean

indicated that Wendy in the office can assist with inputting the report in TracDat but Stacey reported that J. Young is planning to help her.

S. Allen also wanted it noted for the record that given the challenges of the CEC faculty and ECC colleagues meeting more frequently to come to a consensus on SLO language, flexibility in SLO language be permitted so long as both campuses utilize sociological theories and concepts.

Curriculum

The department is up to date on course review. However, the faculty discussed possibly adding two new courses to the curriculum in the future including one on International Crime to complement the existing course on criminology and a course on Introduction to Human Services that would have a service learning focus. The courses would have to match lower division courses at the CSU and UC level. In the case of the one on Human Services, there might be alternative criteria since it is focused on careers.

2012-2013 Sociology Degree Data

The dean shared the latest information on degrees and certificates with the department. In 2012-13 43 students received an A.A. degree in Sociology with 31 of those degrees as A.A. Transfer degrees.

Department Activities

S. Allen reported that the Sociology Club has a good number of new members although there is continuity in officers from last semester. A new position has been created for the club—historian and two students will share this position.

The Real Deal is scheduled for March 27th and representatives from the Social Justice Center have been invited by S. Allen to give a presentation this semester.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:50 p.m.

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