

**Behavioral and Social Sciences
Sociology Department Meeting
February 9, 2016**

MINUTES

Present: S. Allen, S. Dowden, M. Fujiwara, C. Kroll, K. Wosick

Absent: E. Cannon (semester leave)

Meeting began at: 1:05 p.m.

Enrollment/Future Scheduling

Spring enrollment trends were discussed. While overall at census fill-rates were strong, a couple of areas exhibited softer enrollments. Two of the five Social Problems sections did not reach capacity this semester and S. Dowden reported drops in her online Sociology 101 classes early this semester. Further discussion ensued on future scheduling needs with more afternoon offerings where possible. Faculty demand for morning assignments is heavily impacted by limited classroom availability. M. Fujiwara discussed her interest in participating in the division's student equity project in the future. She would like to teach Race and Ethnicity (Sociology 107). S. Dowden traditionally offers a section in the fall semester but if the course is linked to another division one, it could be offered in spring 2017.

Curriculum

G. Miranda reported that the department is current in its six year course review cycle. S. Dowden distributed copies of an East Los Angeles College outline for a Human Services course for department consideration. Feedback is encouraged to determine if the department is interested in a new course that focuses on careers.

S. Allen is interested in pursuing the development of a women's studies major. Her fall sabbatical research underscored the possibility of developing a major that is more comprehensive.—Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies. Such a new major would also allow for new courses on sexuality which are part of K. Wosick's area of expertise

Stacey will meet with the dean to discuss the recommendation in further detail. G. Miranda also suggested updating Sociology 102—The Family to be more inclusive and comprehensive. S. Allen also stated that should ECC adopt a major for women, gender and sexuality studies, that it would be the first community college in the state to do so.

SLO Reports

S. Allen distributed an "SLO Status Report, 2014-2015" and indicated that some follow-up reports have not been completed. She will hold a department meeting towards the end of April to discuss them with colleagues.

Planning Recommendations for 2016-2017

S. Dowden listed all the department's planning recommendations into TracDat. The dean noted that the majority of requests focused on curriculum with only two or three budget items. The request for an S.I. coach will be folded into the unit plan along with other similar department requests.

Program Review Orientation

S. Allen will attend the orientation scheduled this month for this round of program reviews. Spring semester is critical for obtaining data and conducting surveys which will be part of the self-study. Drafts of the program review are expected to be submitted in fall 2016 in time for the program review committee meeting.

Student Equity and Course Statistics

As a follow-up to the professional day programs and division meeting, the dean briefly discussed the 2014-2015 course by department data on "courses not passed" by the various ethnic and racial groups. African American students had higher non pass rates in Sociology 101, 102, 104, 107, 108 and 109. The numbers in SOCI 107, 108 and 109 were small but underscored the importance of the division efforts to address equity gaps. M. Fujiwara's interest in participating in the division SER project would represent an effort to address the gap within the department through this pilot program. Latino students also had higher "courses not passed" percentages.

Department Activities

S. Allen reported that the Sociology Club is electing officers this Thursday. She also stated that they are requesting a safety presentation. The annual Real Deal panel is scheduled for March 24th.

S. Dowden informed the department of the work of Robert Osterman who is founder of YesLA.org (Youth Engaging Society). She distributed flyers for a fundraising event at the Comedy Club in Hermosa Beach later this month. Proceeds from advance ticket sales will go to YesLA.org.

Supplies, Media Requests

The LCD in ARTB 307 needs replacing. It cannot be repaired since it is out of warranty. The division will need to replace this unit as soon as possible since the classroom is used on a daily basis. S. Dowden noted that the service repairman for scantron machines indicated that the campus uses machines that are very outdated and for which parts are difficult to find. She stated that this issue should be addressed.

Meeting adjourned at: 2:00 p.m.

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