

1. Assessment Plan - Four Column



PIE - Humanities & Social Sciences: Geography & Political Science Unit

Narrative Reporting Year

2017-18

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External Conditions, Trends, or Impacts: The department remains committed to offering Geographic Information Systems as part of a career-technical pathway for students. This requires annual software renewal and the hiring of additional part time faculty. In addition ESRI, the publisher of the GIS software we currently use will be migrating to a new system software from Arc GIS to Arc Pro. To remain current Geography faculty will need to take courses through the Redlands-based ESRI. These courses are about \$1200 each.

Our department has been planning for the impacts of the new multiple measures going into effect Summer, 2018. We are increasing offerings of Poli 1 for Fall 2018 in anticipation of student demand increasing since barriers to pre-requisites may be reduced.

The department continues to meet the federal mandate for Constitution Day each fall. The department would like to have a budget to support these activities that is available to us every year.

As student demand for online courses grows, the department is developing a new online version of Political Science 1.

Internal Conditions, Trends, or Impacts : The geography classroom (26D-3270) is in need of updating to remain current with the discipline, especially for lab-based activities. While this year we were able to update many of our maps, we would like to convert the single arm-desk chairs into table and chairs as our old geography classroom in Building 14 was. The estimate for 15 18"x60" desks is \$8250 and the estimate for 30 student computer chairs is \$6000.

Having students work at tables rather than be in arm-desk chairs would make lab activities much easier. Students would have space to spread out equipment, rock samples and topographic maps.

There is a lack of custodial services for the classrooms on the ground floor of Building 26D that Political Science uses. Both rooms G210 and G290 have dirty floors, missing equipment or too many desks and are frequently in disarray. We would like to request more robust attention be paid to making these classrooms suitable for students.

Notable Achievements for Theme A: To Advance Academic Excellence and Student Achievement: Kelly Rivera was recognized as Outstanding Teacher by the International Students and their Friendsgiving celebration in the Fall, 2017. Kelly Rivera was the recipient of the Educator of Distinction Award in the Spring, 2018.

Although on leave for the Spring, 2018 semester Sierra Vane created a database of Political Science courses currently offered by all California Community Colleges. Sierra accepted an invitation to submit to publish in a special issue of the Journal of Health, Politics, Policy, and Law. Her co-author presented the paper on their behalf at a

symposium for the invited authors earlier this year: Sierra Powell and April A. Johnson "Patterns and Mechanisms of Political Participation Among People with Disabilities." With her co-author she also authored a different, but related, paper: April A. Johnson and Sierra Powell "Partisanship and Political Participation Among People with Disabilities." She presented this in March at the 2018 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. She has had this same paper on partisanship from the MPSA accepted for presentation at the 2018 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in September.

James Stone wrote two sections of the soon to be completed Climate Action Plan (the section that provides an overview of national and state climate policies as well as UC, Cal State, and CCC climate policies and the section dealing with community outreach). The Climate Action Plan is scheduled to be voted on by the BOT by late June. He's also been involved with other members of the Climate Commitment Implementation Committee (mainly Chisa Uyeki and Chris Briggs) in organizing conferences with the consultants working on the Climate Action Plan and people in facilities and other departments on campus as well as with community members off campus such as people in municipal government and local community organizations. James Stone also had a paper accepted by the 2019 Conference on Environmental, Social, Cultural and Economic Sustainability in Vancouver.

Gina de Paola attended the annual American Political Science Association Conference in the fall in San Francisco. She attended a lecture on the history and future of SCOTUS by Jeffrey Toobin and another lecture on black activism and politics by Opal Tometi, who is a co-founder of Black Lives Matter.

Adjunct faculty member Raul Madrid contributed to the book "Unconventional, Partisan and Polarizing Rhetoric: How the 2016 Election Shaped the Way Candidates Strategize, Engage and Communicate" with a chapter entitled "The Tone of the Debates: The Difference between Democrats and Republicans during the Primaries." He presented research at the Western Political Science Association conference in Vancouver BC entitled, "News at the State Level: How Media Outlets Shape Immigration Outcomes." Also in 2017 Raul Madrid presented research at the American Political Science Association conference in San Francisco, CA entitled "Differently Toned News: How Tone Influences Opinions on Immigration." He presented in 2018 at the Southern Political Science Association conference in New Orleans, LA entitled "Media Coverage from the States: How the Tone of Media Reporting Changes as Demographics Shift." In 2018 he presented research at the Western Political Science Association pre-conference workshop on Latino Politics where he discussed his work "Differently Toned News: How Tone and Demographic Changes Influence Opinions on Immigration."

Notable Achievements for Theme B: To Support Student Access and Success: Elizabeth Lobb piloted OEI approved Geog 1 and Geog 2 online courses this Spring, 2018. Elizabeth Lobb went through the OEI and accessibility approval process for both courses before they were launched in the Exchange this Spring. Elizabeth led students on a walking tour of downtown Los Angeles to observe changes to Bunker Hill and Broadway as a result of Urban Renewal policies of the 1960s.

Dafna Golden has been active in the Study Abroad program and taught in the London Program in the Fall of 2017.

Kelly Rivera recruited and helped students form the Mt SAC Political Science Club in the Fall, 2017. She also served as the Advisor to the Political Science club in which she attended meetings during Fall 2017 and Spring 2018, moderated group debates on gun control, freedom of speech and the "take a knee" controversy, and on campus security. Kelly also oversaw five club fundraises and participated in "club rush" for both semesters. She took the club on a field trip to the Nixon Library that included a guided tour and lunch. She visited the campus "maker space" to make club gear. She hosted student candidates running for office on campus. She also participated with the IDEAS club in a May Day field trip. Kelly Rivera presented and attended the RP Student Success conference in the Fall, 2017.

Sierra Vane served as co-advisor to the founding of Mt. SAC's Political Science Club. Sierra attended the 2017 annual meeting of the Southern California Conferences for Undergraduate Research as advisor to Mt. SAC honors student Samiha Shaheed. Sierra completed SPOT training and received certification as a faculty of distance learning. Although on leave in Spring, 2018, Sierra continued to advise Samiha Shaheed, who will be presenting again at the 2018 Bay Area Honors Symposium

Notable Achievements for Theme C: Secure Human, Technological, & Financial Resources: The geography program was able to update maps in the geography classroom and add to the 3-D topographic map collection as well as update Geography 1 laboratory materials.

Notable Achievements for Theme D: To Foster an Atmosphere of Cooperation and Collaboration:

Dafna Golden also completed map work for the Faculty Association this Fall, 2017.

Kelly Rivera attended the Gov. Brown and Senator Newman's visit to the Mt SAC Vet Center and participated in the 39th Congressional Candidate Forum. She observed and attended the March for Our Lives rallies and discussed these with the club. She hosted a meet and greet with two congressional candidates at a club meeting with the campus at-large also invited. Kelly worked with the AS to host the 39th Congressional Candidate Forum in Spring 2018. Kelly attended the Earth Day Lecture series and introduced the guest lecturer, Michael Ross, Spring, 2018. Kelly attended CTA's Political Action Conference in Spring, 2018 and organized a campus voter registration drive with the LA County Registrar in Spring 2018. Kelly hosted a guest speaker in the Political Science Honors Class to discuss Civil Rights activities in the 1960s teacher's strike in the spring, 2018.

Sierra Vane served on Mt. SAC's Institutional Review Board, was a speaker on Voting Rights in California during Mt. SAC's Constitution Day. Sierra also attended the Fall Honors Faculty Convening at Mt. SAC, consulted about and recorded video on Mt. SAC's change of name from DSPS to ACCESS. Sierra drafted the minutes from September and October, 2017 Department meetings.

Curtis Simon, James Stone, Tyler Trull and Elizabeth Lobb all served on the probationary faculty committees for Sierra Powell and Kelly Rivera.

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Unit Goals

Resources Needed

Where We Make an Impact: Closing the Loop on Goals and Plans

Discipline knowledge - Continue to develop programs and opportunities for students that allow for greater understanding of current research in each discipline, applicable job skills, and to foster a greater interest in the application of the disciplines to their lives.

Status: Active

Goal Year(s): 2016-17

Date Goal Entered (Optional):

09/01/2016

Access and success - Provide fair and reasonable access to our courses, especially courses required for

In Progress - Improve Student Success

Unit Goals

Resources Needed

Where We Make an Impact: Closing the Loop on Goals and Plans

transfer and graduation.

Status: Active

Goal Year(s): 2016-17

Date Goal Entered (Optional):

09/01/2016

Curriculum - Maintain currency of department course offerings and instructional materials.

Status: Active

Goal Year(s): 2016-17

Date Goal Entered (Optional):

09/01/2017

Technology - Integrate meaningful content into our instructional experiences via technology.

Status: Active

Goal Year(s): 2016-17

Date Goal Entered (Optional):

09/01/2016

Diversity - Promote diverse perspectives and experiences

Status: Active

Goal Year(s): 2016-17

Date Goal Entered (Optional):

09/01/2016

Professional development - Maintain faculty excellence through attending professional conferences.

Status: Active

Date Goal Entered (Optional):

09/01/2016

Full Funding Requested - Money for two faculty to attend annual conference hosted by the Association of American Geographers.

Describe Plans & Activities

Supported: Attend annual meetings held in the spring by the AAG.

Lead: E. Lobb

On-Going Funding Requested (if applicable): 5000

Type of Request: Professional

<i>Unit Goals</i>	<i>Resources Needed</i>	<i>Where We Make an Impact: Closing the Loop on Goals and Plans</i>
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Development
Planning Unit Priority: High
What would success look like and how would you measure it?: Regular attendance of professional conferences including, but not limited to, the Annual Association of Geographers, the Online Teaching Conference, the American Political Science Conference and the RP Student Success Conference
Documentation Attached?: No

<p>Student Success and Access - Fund training for updated software for Geographic Information Systems. Status: Active Goal Year(s): 2017-18 Date Goal Entered (Optional): 07/17/2017</p>	<p>In Progress - Fund training in new GIS software. Describe Plans & Activities Supported: Fund coursework to train full-time and adjunct faculty in GIS software (ARC Pro). On-Going Funding Requested (if applicable): 1200 Type of Request: Professional Development Planning Unit Priority: High</p>
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<p>Student Access and Success - Hire a new faculty member in political science to teach the Latino-American Politics course--a very popular course that reflects the demographics of our student population as well as meeting the American Institutions requirement necessary for transfer to both Cal States and UCs. Status: Active Goal Year(s): 2017-18 Date Goal Entered (Optional): 07/17/2017</p>	<p>In Progress - Hire a new full-time Political Science professor with expertise in Latino Politics Describe Plans & Activities Supported: New hire for Political Science Type of Request: Human Resources Planning Unit Priority: Medium</p>
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<p>Geography Classroom - Reconfigure</p>	<p>Full Funding Requested - Tables with</p>
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the classroom with tables and chairs rather than arm-desks so that the room can be made more usable for the physical geography lab.
Status: Active
Goal Year(s): 2018-19
Date Goal Entered (Optional): 04/05/2018

chairs.
Describe Plans & Activities
Supported: If students had tables rather than arm desks they could more easily use topographic maps, rock samples and conduct activities.
Lead: Elizabeth Lobb
One-Time Funding Requested (if applicable): 15000
Type of Request: Facilities
Planning Unit Priority: High
Documentation Attached?: No