

Minutes

Department of Geography and Political Science

August 22, 2014

1. FALL SCHEDULE

Elizabeth updated us on enrollment trends. She mentioned that there were a number of sections that were not filling up. These were more likely to be sections that are offered once a week and those that meet in the evening. Once students took the required online orientation, however, sections in our department filled up which leaves the possibility that the sections which were cancelled may have also filled if they were allowed to stay active until after registration problems at the Admissions Office were solved.

2. SAC BOOK RAC

Elizabeth mentioned that several, though not all, textbooks are available for rent.

3. WINTER & SPRING 2015 SCHEDULES

Current drafts of the next two terms' department schedules were distributed to make sure there are no errors. Fewer sections will be offered at night due to the lack of student enrollment in those sections compared to day classes. Tyler proposed that the department stop using adjunct faculty as a way to end the growing reliance on underpaid faculty that is taking place across the country. His idea was not supported by other faculty in the department at this time.

4. SUPPLY ORDERING:

Elizabeth mentioned all the new supplies that are available and asked if there were any more requests.

5. CONSTITUTION DAY:

The department was informed that the new Vice President for Instruction Irene Malmgren interprets Constitution Day as something that can be done in classes rather than as a campus wide event.

6. ADJUNCT EVALUATIONS:

Elizabeth asked for volunteers to evaluate Evis Mezini and Portia Lee's Political Science 1 sections.

7. COURSE REVIEWS:

The following courses will undergo formal course reviews in the 2014-2015 academic year: Political Science 1, Geography 30 and Geography 30H.

8. SCHEDULE for DEPARTMENT MEETINGS/FALL 2014

All meetings will take place in 26A-2634 on the following dates @3pm:

September 9, October 14, November 18, December 2

Minutes taken by Tyler Trull