

### **Department of Political Science & Geography Meeting 12-3-13**

- I. Minutes from previous departmental meeting approved on condition that type is revised
  - a. Revise III-a-ii to read that the number of full time faculty has been reduced to correspond to the number of full-time students
- II. Senate Report
- III. Curtis reported that there is nothing to report from the last month's meetings of the faculty Senate
- IV. Faculty Association Report
  - a. Elizabeth reported that we did not have a representative in the Faculty Association during the past month
- V. Summer and Fall Schedules
  - a. Elizabeth circulated a copy of the proposed summer and fall 2014 schedules to members of the department
- VI. Dafna Presentation on CTA
  - a. Dafna reported that new Adobe software will be made available and training workshops will take place. Currently, only Acrobat Pro is available but the school is considering DreamWeaver and Photoshop.
  - b. Dafna also reported that there are CTA workshops that can be offered on campus for free. She asked the department members to rank their top three choices.
  - c. Dafna reported that President Scroggins is making decisions regarding professional development without following the established shared governance process. Travel and Conference proposals are approved or denied by President Scroggins alone and without any justification about why. He also unilaterally approved support for the On Course program.
  - d. As a result Dafna reported that there is a resolution being proposed in the Senate to reinstate shared governance for professional development.
  - e. On a different, but related note Dafna asked for suggestions about any professional development topics the department would like to see offered. She suggested having voice lessons offered because straining or over using the voice and vocal chords is one of the main hazards teachers face.
- VII. Elizabeth brought up the topic of course pairings
  - a. Members of the department discussed potential course pairings
- VIII. The department discussed adjunct grade parity. Concerns were raised about grade inflation in some classes and the department discussed how to address the problem.