

Minutes

Department of Geography and Political Science

November 18, 2014

1. Minutes from October's meeting were approved without revision.
2. The department decided to recommend against a vote for department chairs' inappropriately named "right of assignment" when it comes to a vote in the Faculty Association.
3. The department also voted to support the Agriculture Department's position regarding the placement of campus dormitories.
4. Elizabeth informed the department that rehire rights are changing for adjunct professors to shorten the amount of time in which such designation takes effect. She also mentioned that most of our department's adjunct faculty require classroom visitations under the new rules.
5. Only History and English were awarded full time hires this year while Professor Allen's vacancy continues to remain unfilled.
6. After work put in by Curtis, a fifth measurable objective (regarding California government and politics) was unanimously approved by the department to read "analyze changes in California government and politics over time."
7. James volunteered to initiate the Student Learning Outcomes for the Political Science – AAT degree.
8. Professor Maxine Sparks-Mackey's retirement was announced. Each member of this department appreciates her service and thanks her for it.