

Minutes

Department of Geography and Political Science

September 9, 2014

1. **Minutes** from the meeting which took place on August 22, 2014 were unanimously approved without revision.

2. **Academic Senate Report:**

Curtis reported that he attended the first meeting and will keep us posted on major developments that occur over the next academic year.

3. **Faculty Association Report:**

Tyler reported that the California Teachers' Association recommended a vote for Tom Torlakson for Superintendent for Public Instruction and against Proposition 46. The department was introduced to the changes that were being proposed for rehire rights. A long discussion about the future of adjunct faculty in our college took place. The department was notified that the union is looking into "interest based" bargaining and a handout was distributed about the process.

4. **Political Science Hiring Prospects:**

Elizabeth reported that there were 18 requests made for full time hires using criteria such as replacing the non-tenured who don't receive tenure, course need, GE requirements and fill ratios. Our request to replace Jerry Allen came in fifth place after English, History, History and English.

5. **DSPS:**

Placed boxes in 26D on the second floor to drop off and pick up tests. The key is in the copy room.

6. **Syllabi:**

All of the Political Science faculty's syllabi were examined with one that was found especially wanting due to its inexplicable focus on historical events.