

Minutes for the Department of Geography and Political Science

April 14, 2016

- I. Minutes from the March meeting were approved without amendment.
- II. Academic Senate Report: Tyler mentioned that the college has approved several more positions across the campus and that there is a push from the instruction office to use classrooms on a greater number of days per week.
- III. Faculty Association Report: Curtis solicited input on the new proposal to fund a college police department. The department advised against approving this proposal. Curtis informed the department of training that we need to complete by February 2017 on the employee tab of the Mt. SAC portal.
- IV. Update on Political Science Hires: Tyler informed the department that the college approved two new hires for tenure track positions in Political Science.
- V. Update on Office Space: The department had a discussion about the appropriate arrangement of offices.
- VI. Division Report: Elizabeth explained the pursuit by the college to more effectively utilize classroom space by assigning classes on more days per week. We discussed issues related to evacuation procedures. She mentioned the department is considering lifting its moratorium on Distance Learning. PIE forms are due soon. Accreditation begins on March 6, 2017. Schedules for Winter are due next meeting. Elizabeth noted that the new four or two day per week schedules (circa 2001) are now required for intersessions.
- VII. Earth Day Events: James announced the events that will occur on April 19, 20 & 21 especially the lecture by Morey Wolfson on the 21st at noon which is entitled "An Appraisal of the Global Climate Agreement in Paris in Light of Climate Science" in the Building 13 Auditorium
- VIII. Nominations for Department Chair will take place next meeting.