

DEPARTMENT of GEOGRAPHY and POLITICAL SCIENCE

Minutes for the Meeting of December 1, 2015

1. Minutes from November's meeting were approved.
2. Dafna completed updates for Measurable Objectives for Geography 1 and Geography 1H. She also updated textbook recommendations and assignments for the courses.
3. Curtis relayed the Faculty Association's decision to vote for the intermediate cost dental plan. He also reported that the Association rejected the cancellation of a week in November as an option for 2017. Elizabeth inquired about the possibility of an earlier start to the Spring Semester via a four week term. Curtis also reminded us about the many committees that have vacancies. Dafna recommended the Scholarship Committee as a consideration.
4. Tyler reminded department members that the college will pay up to \$1500 for Conference and Travel Funds.
5. Numerous updates on Course Reviews were made: Geography 1H, 2, 2H, POLI 1 and 1H. POLI 7 is being revised and Geog 11 has been deactivated.
6. SLOs were discussed.
7. Elizabeth mentioned that we will get a full time tenure track position added to our department by next academic year.
8. There were two new faculty members hired to teach Geography.
9. The department discussed Earth Day topics. In the aftermath of the Paris Conference on Climate Change: "What has been the economic impact of environmental legislation in California?" is the current topic with a strong possibility of water policy being covered in the near future.

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