

## **Department of Geography and Political Science (GPS)**

### **Minutes from October 13, 2015**

1. Minutes were approved from September 15, 2015.
2. James noted that not all Earth Day events will be tied to specific legislative proposals.
3. Tyler passed along rumors from the Academic Senate that the college may hire approximately 30 full time faculty members this year and told department members to expect a retroactive raise with items for September, August and July.
4. Elizabeth announced that curriculum review needs to be done for Geography 11, 1H, 2, 2H, Political Science 1H and 7.
5. Striving toward Outstanding Academic Research (SOAR) will have its annual research showcase and competition on April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.
6. Elizabeth gave a Division Report which outlined some of the rules for the new faculty hires and scheduled us for EEO training next month with James Czeja.
7. James sought input on criteria for awards given by the Sustainability Committee on campus.
8. Elizabeth noted possible changes to the pay for instructors for Special Projects courses.
9. She relayed some of the offerings available to instructors from the Learning Technology Center including Films on Demand.
10. Long discussions were held regarding Outcomes work (SLOs, PLOs AND GEOs)