

History and Art History Department
Meeting Minutes: April 9, 2014
3:20pm-5:20pm

Full-time Faculty Attendance:

Hal Hoffman, Kate Cannon, Raul Chavez, Kim Earhart, Sandy Esslinger, Allie Frickert, Cristina Hernandez, Bill Jones, April Tellez

Adjunct Faculty Attendance:

Ryan Russell Hunt, Ashley Haines, Charlotte Negrete

Absent:

Previous Meeting Minutes:

March 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes approved.

Reports, Information, and Announcement Items

Academic Senate Report

1. Senate will be voting on Senate Executive Board members at the next full Senate meeting (April 10, 2014). The Contract faculty will be asked to vote on Senators-at-Large, beginning on April 10, 2014.
2. Vacant Committee Positions available. List was attached to Cristina's Senate notes that were sent by email.
3. New date for all curriculum proposals, amendments, program proposals => May 31, 2014

Faculty Association Report

1. No major highlights
2. Adjunct History Department Faculty Member Ryan Hunt has been nominated as a FA Part-time Faculty Representative; elections are on-going. He is also Brian Hunt on the ballot.
3. Check and use the Blog
 - Bill advised faculty to not wait for contract to voice opinions
 - Can also email Lance Heard at lheard@mtsac.edu and Eric Kaljumagi at ekaljumagi@mtsac.edu.
4. Announcement: Retirement/Tenure Tea => May 27th 12:30-2pm
5. Announcement: Faculty Appreciation Day => May 30th

Division Meeting Report

1. Dean Jim Jenkins notified that no part-time evaluations are due at this time
2. Appears to be room for a 5% class growth for the Summer 2014 semester. This may also carry over to the Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 semesters. Department Chairpersons are to "STAY FROSTY"
3. New H-8 Forms and Pie Reports
4. Adjunct Faculty Interviews
 - First interview went okay
 - Folders with application materials were passed around for faculty to examine

Department Business and Announcements

1. Women's History Month Event
 - Congratulations to Kate Cannon on a great event and Key Note Speaker April Tellez. Good turn out from students and faculty.
2. Printer Toner Issue
 - History and Political Science trade off ordering toner ink for the faculty lounge. Toner should be on its way. Questions were then raised about the ability to keep reserves of toner stored. Hal will look into it.

Updates on SLOs, GEOs, Outcomes

1. Discussion on long-term planning for how this can assist us with student success.

New Action and Debate Items

Item 1: AHIS curricula discussion

- Vote to embark on DL versions of AHIS4 and AHIS5.
First Motion: Bill Jones
Second Motion: Sandy Esslinger
Vote: PASSED

Item 2: Discussion on RTF and request to fill vacant History and Art History position.

Prioritization of the department's requests will take place in the next department meeting.

History:

1. African-American History/United States History
2. World History/Africa or Latin American History

Art History:

1. Generalist with a World Preference

The HAH Department also notes that the Instruction Office and HSS Division has incorrectly referred to these as "growth positions," implying this will be part of

the regular RTF process with no guarantee we will receive any positions at all. The HAH Department reminds the Division and Instruction Office that we recently lost two instructors who left and were NOT retirements. One of the instructors who left was a probationary faculty member. Both of these positions were approved, guaranteed, and staffed. Inexplicably, while allowing other departments' replacement hires for their departed instructors, the Instruction Office has refused to allow us to replace our vacancies, effectively and selectively penalizing our department and reducing our faculty by about 20% at a time when they are touting "growth" in our curriculum. Our faculty was cut by 20% during a time of growth. The problems this creates are numerous and obvious and need no listing here. We received no explanation regarding this apparent punishment, and we recognize the intentional misrepresentation of these new hires as "growth positions," when, in truth, they are "replacement positions."

Item 3: Department Chair Election

Vote to nominate Hal Hoffman for the History Department Chair position. At this time, Hal Hoffman is the only nominee. The last day for nominations is April 30, 2014. The election will take place during the May department meeting.

First Motion: Bill Jones

Second Motion: Sandy Esslinger

Vote: PASSED

Item 4: Image Requests??

Sandy Esslinger asked if there are any requests for images from on-line database. Deadline coming up very shortly. Several requests were made. Sandy Esslinger will follow through.

Item 5: Speaker Bill Deverell, "The Rise of Los Angeles": Thursday, April 24, 2014

@1:30pm-3:30pm in Bldg. 9C

Allie Frickert is putting event together. Allie requested that faculty please bring your classes.

Last Minute Announcements, Business, or Items

Item 1: Allie Frickert's Birthday is Thursday, April 24, 2014

