

History & Art History Department Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2014
1:30 26A 1640

Reports:

No reports from Academic Senate, Faculty Association, or Division Meeting

Motion: Kate Cannon nominated Bill Jones to serve as department representative for the Faculty Association. Allie Murashige seconded. Passed unanimously.

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Department Business:

-Damany Fisher welcomed a new historian to the ranks: Asa Fisher who looks adorably just like his dad.

-The book store will be renting 2 of the textbooks used in the department

-Warning that enrollment is soft. Division passed along that the college is considering cutting any classes not at 90% capacity

-Department expressed concern over this idea

-We would like to know who decided this (the state? Or a local decision?)

-Also concerned about the impact on the students. Classes cancelled at the last minute could easily drive students to go elsewhere out of frustration

-Sandra Esslinger pointed out that the low enrollment in her AHIS 1 class could be attributed to the fact that the Art Department is teaching and adding sections of a class that duplicates AHIS 1 siphoning off the actually AHIS 1 students

-Hal informed us that roughly 1600 students will be dropped for non-payment so rosters will be fluctuating. Don't print them out early.

-Hal also informed us our enrollment looks good as of this week

Actions/Debate Items:

Academic Senate: None

Faculty Association: None

Division Meeting: None

Department:

AAT Revision:

Motion: Bill Jones moves to revise AAT in History to include History5 and History6 and revise the AAT in Art History to include AHIS2A. Kate Cannon seconded. Passed unanimously.

-Bill will be having a conversation with the English Dept about Pre-Reqs for His5 and 6. Currently H3, H4, H7, & H8 require eligibility for Eng1A. All other history classes require eligibility for Eng68. Brief discussion resulted in agreement that this should stay as is.

Constitution Day:

- Happening Sept 18th 1:30-2:30
- Planning meeting happening next week
- It is going to be awesome. Plan to attend.

Ranking RTFs

Motion: Bill Jones moves that we vote by ballot for ranking RTFs. Kim Earhart seconded. Passed unanimously.

Discussion of RTFs

The department considered requests for new faculty (RTFs) according to this prioritization:

1. History Instructor: To replace a vacancy to teach World History survey courses with additional preparation and/or experience in at least one of the following areas: U.S. History, History of Africa, History of Mexico, or History of Latin America.
2. History Instructor: To replace a vacancy to teach basic U.S. survey courses and African American History courses
3. Art History Instructor: Generalist to teach History of Western Art with additional preparation and/or experience in at least one of the following areas: Asian Art and Architecture, History of the Arts of Africa, Oceania, and Native North Africa.

Motion: For the submission of our Requests To Fill for the fall of 2014, the History and Art History Department accepts the prioritization of these requests as listed above

Motion passed unanimously