

HAH Department Minutes- 6/4/14

In attendance:

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

Part-time- Deana Hight, Charlotte Negrete

- Minutes approved with Cristina's corrections

Senate report:

- Book drive, benefits Lopez Elementary school, pickups if you contact LEARN, drop-offs at the library
- Committee openings available - see Senate website or email
- FA is looking into streamlining documentation of identity for dependent benefits
- Submitted courses for curriculum approval must have amended SLOS added
- Speaking of SLOs they will also now be added to 4 year curriculum approval
 - o Lively discussion about SLOs ensued
- Vote to approve a moratorium so that out of state students will no longer be able to sign up for DL classes since these cost Mt Sac \$

FA report

- Impt handout we all must read about CalSTRS and proposed changes to retirement benefits
- Negotiations email- today we got an email that we may be soon getting our potential annual contract- Bill advises that we pay attention to this and think carefully about it and to Eric and Lance's advice and ideas
- Bill moves that we all read Sandy's email in regards to salary losses via inflation, etc. We must decide as a department if we should collectively endorse and send it from the dept to Lance and Eric about our willingness to push on the salary issues.
 - o Approved.
- Cristina moved that as a department we push the FA to follow through on the creation of research and information task forces.
 - o This is recommended by CTA but we haven't done it in recent years. We need to know the issues before the negotiation year.
 - o We need people devoted to research, compiling institutional data, and disseminating this information so faculty can make informed decisions.
 - Approved.
- Commencement task force- read them, and individually email any ideas, changes, etc.

Other reports, announcements, etc.

- Hal will report on Division meeting (tomorrow) via email

- Cristina and Bill's efforts in curriculum are in Stage 5!!! (AH2A, and Latin America). Big thanks to Jeanne-Marie for help
- Carolyn Kuykendall - requests that we increase honors history options- 3 and 7 honors in fall, and 4 and 8 in spring. Several dept members are willing to take this on. We will carefully coordinate to make sure we don't overlap time slots.

Action Items

- Raul requested that we re-affirm our previous decision (originally passed November 2013) to make minor changes to HIST 44 COR to meet the Title 5 requirements for the American Institutions requirement, this was re-submitted to CSUs.
 - o Approved.
- Hal moved to re-affirm the 4 year review of History 44.
 - o Approved.
- Hal moved that clarify the numbering of Latin America in 2 sections (as per previously approved minutes) Titled H5- Latin American to Independence, and Hist 6- Latin American to Independence.
 - o Approved.
- Bill moved that we affirm that our new Latin America courses, 5 and 6, will be part of our AAT.
 - o Approved.
- Cristina moved that AAT for AH will be amended so that AHIS 2A will be included in the degree.
 - o Approved.
- Raul discussed concerns in regards to general campus attitudes towards "specialty courses" and especially the recent cuts in comparable departments. He moved that we support the following principled statement on diversity: "The HAH department wishes to affirm its commitment to protecting, expanding, and developing, college transferrable diversity driven curriculum as it promotes and nurtures the cultural diversity of the Mt Sac community."
 - o Approved.
- Hal proposed we use the following ranking for our RTF positions and we voted successfully:
 - o History- US/World (Africa or Latin Am)
 - o History- US/African American
 - o Art History- Generalist/World