

HAH Department Meeting

April 8, 2015

Begin: 3pm

First Motion:

Hal moved to approve minutes from the 3/11/15 department meeting. Bill seconded. The motion to approve was passed.

Academic Senate:

Kate discussed statewide issues that were addressed at the last meeting. There will be a larger meeting tomorrow (April 9). She will have more to report after that meeting.

Faculty Association:

Bill mentioned that elections are coming up. Committee openings can be found on the FA website. Discussed the importance of promoting membership campus wide.

The department discussed concerns with the current times and duration of FA and AS meetings. For example, FA meetings begin at 11:30am and end at 1pm. This time block is not favorable for those who teach on these days. The department acknowledged that it is challenging to find a time that best serves everyone, but that many faculty teach during the 11:30am time block, and this time may be discouraging membership in both FA and AS.

The FA is heavily promoting their annual Puttin' on the Hits show, which will be April 24 and 25. The proceeds will go towards FA scholarships for Mt. SAC students.

Bill discussed contract negotiations. Contracts statewide have shown a 2% or more raise. The department then discussed what time of the year would be best to review contracts. It was suggested that it might be most beneficial to have the deadline to review contracts before May 30.

Division Meeting

Hal reported on enrollment trends and planning that was discussed at the Division Meeting. The Division's goal is to increase fill rates. The projected growth was 2%. The Spring semester's enrollment was slightly larger than Fall's. The Division has mentioned that there may be a possibility to add more classes. The Division has suggested adding more Women's History classes. Women's History classes at night may be an option.

Hal reported that President Scroggins wants to encourage dual enrollments teaching college courses at high school campuses.

Hal reported that the Education Design Committee would like to have two representatives from each division. They would be appointed through senate.

Hal reminded the department that accreditation is coming up, and that the Division would like faculty to have SLOs on their syllabi.

Department Business

Hal mentioned that the department has a new paper shredder in the meeting library.

Department Chair elections are coming up. Nominations cannot start until the current Chair's evaluations are complete, no later than May 15. The election must be before May 29. The department decided on nomination and election schedule.

Hal asked for input regarding a co-chair position for the department. Questions rose on how to divide the compensation. It was noted that many departments have a co-chair, and that perhaps the Division can work out the compensation concerns. Most members of the Department agreed to pursue the option of having a co-chair.

It was noted that CALSTERS has changed--chair work will not factor into your pension or retirement.

SLOs and GEOs

Updates and discussions on SLOs and GEOs outcomes.

Miscellaneous

A question was raised regarding the necessity to evaluate adjuncts for each prep class. It was suggested that this issue be taken to the Reopening List.

A concern was brought to attention regarding the course Humanities 1. The course has been put on “pause” because Jill is going on leave and Ralph Eastman is retiring. The concern is that another department could come in and take the course. The Department stressed the point that the course is housed in our department. The course requires a review of its curriculum and a reevaluation. Bill agreed to look into a previous proposition and will bring his findings to the next department meeting.

The meeting ended at 5:30pm

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