

History and Art History Department Meeting Minutes: November 18, 2015

Co-Chair Cristina Hernandez called the meeting to Order at 3:02 pm.

Faculty in Attendance:

April Tellez, Hal Hoffman, Raul Chavez, Kim Earhart, Cristina Hernandez, Sandy Esslinger, Ashley Haines, Deana Hight, Ryan Hunt, and Bill Jones.

October 2015 Meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION ON AHIS 4 YEAR REVIEW AND C-ID ALIGNMENT

4-Year review

AHIS 8—History of Medieval Art and Architecture

The TOPS code change for consistency across AHIS curriculum:

“Humanities and Fine Arts”

Prerequisite was increased to Eligibility for ENGL 1A

AHIS 12 and 12H—History of Precolumbian Art and Architecture (and Honors)

Topics were added to the current topical outline to conform to C-ID

TOPS code was changed to “Humanities and Fine Arts” for consistency.

Prerequisite change submitted (and approved) in 2012 was NEVER implemented.

Prerequisite “Eligibility for ENGL 68” was resubmitted for AHIS 12.

Amendments for C-ID alignment

AHIS 9—History of Asian Art and Architecture

The disciplinary assignment was changed from Art to Art History, as it should have been (and was approved) in 2012.

AHIS 6 and 6H—History of Modern Art and Architecture (and Honors)

The following topic was added to both CORs.

Classicism and Romanticism

[precursors to the emergence of Modern art and architecture]

AHIS 10—History of Greek and Roman Art and Architecture

Assigned to two disciplines: “Art History” and “Classics”

AHIS 14—Rome: The Ancient City

AHIS 15—History, Art, and Culture of Pompeii

Assigned to three disciplines: “Art History,” “Classics,” and “History” per HAH Department vote, September 2011.

Moved by Sandy and seconded by Hal. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION ON AND RATIONALE FOR ADDING HISTORY OF LATIN AMERICA TO THE HISTORY AA-T

Whereas, the History of Latin America is a subject of inherent significance and interest to History majors and students in a range of other disciplines, and . . .

The student population of Mt. SAC is mostly and increasingly Latino and our History curriculum needs to reflect and address that fact, and . . .

the History of Latin America is a lower-division course option at some of our regional CSUs and at every UC (except UC Merced), the schools which most of our transfer students generally and our History majors in particular choose, and . . .

the History Program needs to offer a range of lower-division courses similar to those offered at the CSUs and UCs in order to support our students' successful transfer, and . . .

the History Program, by adding the History of Latin America to our AA-T will help our transfer students in History succeed in meeting their regional History course requirements for the History major prior to transfer to CSUs or UCs, so that they will not fall behind their peers at those four-year public universities who already have this option, and . . .

our students, unlike the students at every other Community College in the region, have lacked access to this course for forty years, . . .

we, the members of the History and Art History Department, strongly urge that our new History of Latin America course, History 6, be approved as an addition to the list of courses designated as options for the History AA-T degree.

Moved by Bill, seconded by Sandy. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

Co-Chair Reports:

AHIS - Cristina reported that Pres. Scroggins has approved 27 hires to date, which will exactly meet the FON (Faculty obligation number – i.e., number of full-time faculty a school must legally retain in order to meet an arcane formula based on student demand, routine curriculum and evaluation chores, & cetera) required of Mt. SAC. These approved hires are based on the AMAC list. AHIS currently stands 30th on that list, with the outside possibility of a growth hire if the President so decides.

IF the AHIS position is approved, the following faculty will serve on the hiring committee: Cristina, Sandy, Kim, and Hal.

History – Owing to Kate's being out of town, Cristina offered the History report. History needs to finalize its brochure and confirm the committee membership for the search. The Committee members are: Kate, April, Kim, and Raul. The brochure will remain pretty

much as it was for the previous African American History/U.S. History hire. Language specifying that a doctorate was desirable for the position was rejected.

Division Meeting Report: Cristina said that the division may ask us to add more sections for Winter and/or Spring. In view of this potential request, the issue of room availability gained some vigorous discussion. Cristina also reported that the President has frozen “resources” for the time being. Curriculum changes are to be done by March (SLOs, PLOs, ILOs, & cetera). There will be a Winter meeting of Division Chairs for the purpose of “debugging” the process of ranking hires. The drafts of both Summer and Fall Class Schedules are due in December.

Senate Report: none, since Kate was not present.

FA Report: Bill and Ryan reported that the FA wants to boost active membership, including getting more “fee payers” on board. He will write notes to adjunct faculty to encourage their active membership and participation. The survey for items to negotiate for the coming round is done, and a memo from Eric Kalumagi will be forthcoming. A new Moodlerooms-type course interface is being considered: CANVAS. One hopes for an artistic or camping metaphor here, rather than a reference to boxing. Yet another in the continuing series of calendar options is now on the table: an early August start paired with an entire week off for Thanksgiving. The Department was very closely divided on this matter, with a one-vote majority favoring keeping the status quo. Bill will touch base with those not present at the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

Adjunct Suffrage: Cristina raised the issue of the desirability, timing, and method of suffrage for adjuncts in department voting. She offered the possibility of a representative for each of our two disciplines. Bill mentioned email canvassing (yet another “canvas” option) of adjuncts as a possibility of gaining participation. Sandy moved that we continue this discussion and put it on the December agenda. Kim seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ashley volunteered to poll adjuncts regarding this possible policy change.

DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Holiday Gathering: Hal and Joanne Hoffman have generously agreed to host a pot luck gathering at their home on December 5th. Chef Travis from Pappas Artisanal Restaurant in La Verne will prepare both Porchetta (a traditional Italian Pork Roast) and Roast Turkey. Menus and a pot luck chore list will appear in our mailboxes soon! All department faculty, families, and friends are welcome! Don’t miss it!

Adopt A Family Deana hoped the department would participate in this terrific program. Great idea! We agreed to pitch in with donations. Deana will collect and forward the funds.

Department News: Ryan suggested that we record and publicize our various individual and collective activities. We agreed that this was a great idea.

LGBT Task Force: Kim informed us that she is serving on Mt. SAC's new LGBT Task Force. Department members expressed their support for both the group and for Kim's participation. She also hopes for new course on LGBT History and other related topics to emerge. Such courses are already part of the curriculum at San Francisco City College.

Art History: Sandy reported that she will Co-Chair a session at CAA as a member of an Advocacy Task Force in Art History and Visual Culture to be held in Washington, D.C. Congratulations!

Golf History: Hal reported that Joanne hit a hole-in-one at a recent tournament. We offered our enthusiastic congratulations to Joanne, and then . . .

Cristina adjourned the meeting at 4:58 pm.

Department Scribe, Bill Jones

