

Department of History and Art History Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2015

Call to Order

A department meeting of the History and Art History Department was held on October 14, 2015 at Mount San Antonio College in room 26A-1640. It began at 3:00 PM and was presided over by Kate Cannon, with Jenn Wilson-Gonzalez as scribe.

Attendees

Full-time faculty in attendance included: Kate Cannon, Cristina Hernandez, April Tellez, Hal Hoffman, Raul Chavez, Kim Earheart, Allie Frickert-Murashige, Sandi Esslinger, Anne Lee Grimstad, and Bill Jones.

Adjunct faculty in attendance included: Ashley Haines, Daniel Staylor, Ryan Hunt, and Jenn Wilson-Gonzalez.

Guests in attendance included: Jeanne Marie Velickovic.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous September meeting was made, seconded, and approved.

Reports

The Division meeting report was presented by Kate. The following was reported:

The HHSS had a 30% enrollment growth campus-wide, reminiscent of numbers from 2009.

There is opportunity to add sections to Winter and Spring, but there is not classroom space yet, other than at non-prime times.

The undergraduate research conference is being promoted.

SLO/PLO/Mapping process was discussed. Senators will go through training to prepare.

Originally the College was slated for 14-15 full-time hires, but there is currently enough money for maybe 30 hires this year.

There will be a human trafficking conference on November 7 on Campus.

At the ranking meeting, History ranked high.

The Academic Senate report was presented by Kate. The following was reported:

College President Scroggins will be speaking at the next senate meeting on the shooting at Oregon.

There is a new proposed mission statement for the College. It does not mention the humanities, nor the word "academic," and it lacks any language on education.

The Faculty Association report was presented by Bill. The following was reported:

The draft contract should be finished and received soon.

The FA wants to push membership to those who are paying fees but have not joined.

Issues over scholarships rewarded at MTSAC were discussed. These scholarships have been freestanding. The process does not require the students to transfer.

The FA is talking, in great lengths, about the next Puttin' on the Hits.

The FA is currently trying to come up with other fundraisers for scholarships.

Dental insurance has been changed and approved.

The Co-Chair report was presented by Cristina. Art History curriculum review was discussed. AHIS 8 – History of Medieval Art and Architecture, AHIS 9- History of Asian Art and Architecture, AHIS 14- Rome: The Ancient City, and AHIS 15- Art and Culture of Pompeii are up for their 4-year review.

Amendments for C-ID alignment for AHIS 9, AHIS 6 and 6H, and AHIS 12.

AHIS 9 - The following topics will be added to the COR. These topic areas are already implied in the current COR, but not explicitly stated. The reviewing faculty who authored and approved the topics during the C-ID vetting process, specifies the language; local AHIS faculty did not create this language. The topics: Later Indian, including Mughal; Neolithic through Imperial China; Northern Wei through Tang dynasties; Later China through contemporary; Archaeological Japan through Heian; Later Japan through contemporary.

AHIS 6 and 6H – The following topic will be added to both CORs: Classicism and Romanticism (precursors to the emergence of Modern art and architecture).

AHIS 12 (tentative) – Topics will ONLY be added to the COR if they enhance the current topical outline.

Discussion Items

It was agreed that Hal, Kate, Allie, and Jeanne Marie would make up Ann Lee's tenure committee.

It was suggested the Department begin setting up a hiring committee for a potential new hire. The Department will require three members, and they will need to complete new mandatory training. April, Raul, and Kim expressed interest.

The Department's websites are currently being worked on. It was agreed that each discipline should provide updated course descriptions, SLOs and ISOs, as well as list the Chairs.

Active shooter training was discussed. A member of the Department expressed concern about the lack of training and preparedness at Mt SAC. Scroggins has said it would take a year to a year-and-a-half to implement a notification system at Mt.SAC. During the discussion at the meeting, it was suggested we look into implementing yearly training and drills, and perhaps have Campus Security walk faculty through how to lockdown in such a situation.

Changing the English pre-requisite for History and Art History classes, whose pre-requisite is currently eligibility for English 68, to eligibility for English 1A was discussed. Jeanne Marie is trying to find a report where she can compare retention and success rates. Jeanne Marie stated that 26% of Mt SAC students are taking English 67-English 1C at any given time. What students cover in English 67-English 1C were reviewed. Concerns were raised over students' abilities to meet the requirements of History and Art History classes, as listed in the Course Outline Records, without completion of at least English 68.

Motions

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the Art History curriculum changes be approved. The motion carried with all in favor and none against.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that it be suggested to the Academic Senate that the language of the Colleges new Mission Statement be amended. The motion carried with all in favor and none against.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the Department discuss how we view ourselves as a department at our November meeting. The motion carried with all in favor and none against.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the English pre-requisite for all History courses be changed from eligibility for English 68 to eligibility for English 1A. The motion carried with all in favor and none against.

Adjournment

Kate moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 5:00PM.