

Sociology and Philosophy Department Minutes

December 10, 2014

10:15 am in 26A 2640

Attendance:

Sociologists Rillorta, Hatch, Gallarde (Chairperson), & Stewart Thomas;
Philosophers Diem-Lane, Lane, McGruder

Minutes

- The Nov. 12, 2014 minutes were approved and seconded.

Announcements

- Sam wasn't cleared by his doctor to return Winter 2015 or Spring 2015
 - We will send him a gift basket
- Adjunct Professor Jessica Coronel will be our faculty rep for Academic Senate; she has also been getting water for the department
 - We will be giving her a gift certificate to thank her for her service
- Sociologist Rillorta and Philosopher Diem Lane both submitted their proposals for a sabbatical
- Sociologist Stewart Thomas participated in the on-campus March for Justice organized by the Black Student Caucus on Dec. 4
- Sociologist Stewart Thomas served as the facilitator for a Marriage Ministry Retreat at the Double Tree Hotel in Orange, CA on Sunday Dec 7
- Philosophers Diem-Lane and Lane gave a report on their trip to India in which they were the featured speakers on consciousness at the QUANSAS Conference

Reports on Faculty Interns

- Sociologist Rillorta reported that her intern, Carla Hernandez, has grown in confidence and skill in preparing and lecturing Soc 1. The feedback from the students was very positive.
- Philosopher Lane reported that his intern, Joseph Komerowski, did a great job and is really teachable

Enrollment

- Winter: Four sections were cancelled due to low enrollment; one Soc. 1 section was added
- By Feb 1, we need 80% fill for the classes to make for Spring
 - We have 20 fewer classes this Spring than last Spring, and the hope is that the reduction in class offerings will boost enrollment

- We should not over-enroll
- Students who attend the first day but do not attend day two cannot be dropped. Students can only be dropped in the following three situations:
 - No-Show on day 1
 - Before the census if the student is inactive (i.e. the student has missed 3 weeks worth of classes—20%)
 - If the student has missed 20% of the assignments

Curriculum

- ADT-Phil and ADT-Soc were approved by the Academic Senate

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- Chairperson Gallarde entered the Program Level Outcomes in TracDat.

The meeting was properly adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Minute-taker Michelle Stewart Thomas