

Sociology and Philosophy Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2015, 3 p.m.

Call to Order

Chairperson Gallarde called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

Attendance:

Present: Chairperson Gallarde; Sociologists Hatch, Rillorta and Stewart Thomas; Philosophers Diem-Lane and Lane (Philosophers McGruder and Wolde-Yohannes are out on sick leave).

Minutes Approval

The December 2014 minutes were approved as presented.

Announcements

- I. Philosophers McGruder and Wolde-Yohannes will be back in the Summer 2015.
- II. Kudos to Philosopher Diem Lane and Sociologist Rillorta who will both be on sabbatical in 2015 – 2016; we will plan a celebration for them later in the semester.
- III. Chairperson Gallarde will invite someone from STRS to our April department meeting to discuss retirement issues.
- IV. Adjunct Philosopher Bob Borton is retiring; some members of the department will take him out to lunch to celebrate.
- V. The Muslim Student Association is asking for our department to help with Hijab Day.
 - a. Sociologist Stewart Thomas is interested in learning more and possibly assisting with this event; Sociologist Rillorta is also interested in learning more to determine if the Culture Club might be of assistance.
 - b. Chairperson Gallarde will forward the MSA contact information to Sociologists Rillorta and Stewart Thomas.
- VI. Henry Oster, an Auschwitz Holocaust Survivor, will speak about his experiences on Wed. May 20, 2015 @ 2:45.
- VII. Sociologist Hatch reported that the Undergraduate Research Showcase will be April 21 and 22 (Mon and Tues). Sociologist Hatch is asking for assistance with the showcase.
- VIII. On March 28, the Honors Student Research Conference is taking place at UCI; students from Sociologist Hatch and Rillorta's classes are presenting.
- IX. One of Sociologist Hatch's students had a paper approved for presentation at the National Council of Undergraduate Research Conference in Spokane; Sociologist Hatch will attend.
- X. Sociologist Rillorta gave a report on the Eastern Sociological Conference that she attended. Her daughter presented and even helped to coin a new term "Hyper Matching."
- XI. Sociologist Stewart Thomas submitted two proposals to POD: One for a certificate in Personal Management and one for a Seminar Series on Interpersonal Relations.

Scheduling and Enrollment

- I. Spring and Winter schedules are due to Marlene 3/17.
- II. Any requests for changes to the Fall schedule need to be sent to Marlene ASAP.
- III. Faculty are reminded to check their schedules and room assignments in the portal often and early.
- IV. Strengths and weaknesses in enrollment were discussed.
- V. The merits and demerits of offering adjuncts course sections scheduled on HOLD were discussed.

Book Orders

- I. Sociologist Stewart Thomas expressed a concern about her book orders not being filled for the past two semesters. Chairperson Gallarde explained that sometimes the book store does not fill the orders submitted and recommends that faculty check their book orders on-line (<http://bookstore.mtsac.edu/SelectTermDept.aspx>)

Adjunct Faculty Evaluations and Non-Academic Tasks

- I. Changes have been made in the adjunct evaluation process as it relates to the H8 Ratings:
 - a. The focus of the H8 Rating will be on teaching excellence as determined largely by student evaluations.
- II. The frequency that the adjuncts will have their class evaluated by the chair (or another designee) was discussed; frequency varies by whether or not the adjunct has rehire rights.
- III. It was discussed that adjuncts who perform helpful tasks for the department (i.e. filling the water bottles) must either be compensated for their services or the task must be filled by a tenured faculty member.

Curriculum

- I. A motion was made and seconded to modify the description of Phil 9 to indicate that Phil 9 is equivalent to English 1C.
- II. A motion was made and seconded to approve the curriculum changes made to Phil 3 and Phil 20A; these changes will allow these courses to match CID description.
- III. A motion was made and seconded to approve Soc 3 (Research Methods).
- IV. The Sociology CID just got approval for all courses.
- V. The progress on the ADTs for Philosophy, Ethnic Studies and Sociology were discussed.

Budget

- I. Send supply requests to Chairperson Gallarde ASAP.

Representation and Outcomes

- I. Faculty Association Rep is needed.
- II. Academic Senate Rep is needed.
- III. SLOs/GEOs discussed.

Minutes prepared by Minute-Taker Stewart Thomas