

Sociology and Philosophy Department Minutes

March 12, 2014

4 pm in 26A 2640

Attendance:

Linda Rillorta, David Lane, Andrea Diem, Charles McGruder, Marlene Gallarde, Rebecca Hatch, Michelle Stewart Thomas

Minutes

- The Dec 11, 2013 minutes were approved
- Minute-taker Thomas will send/resend the Fall 2013 minutes to all department members as well as to the division in a single email, providing everyone with a convenient electronic version of the minutes for the semester.

Scheduling

- Faculty were reminded to check their schedules in the portal early and often
- 15 philosophy courses (25% of Phil classes) did not fill and were removed from the schedule
- Elective Rotations:
 - We decided to not schedule Soc 36 until enrollment increases
 - We will offer Soc 20 each semester, but we will have more than one professor in order to give students options
- Adjuncts who don't meet the departmental standards will be given a written warning that will be recorded on their evaluation (H8). However, any load reductions resulting from subpar performance will not be reflected until Spring 2015 to give adjuncts a chance to improve their scores

Curriculum

- We need to get the AAT for Soc and Phil

Recruitment

- Three interviews for philosophy adjuncts were scheduled for Mar 12, directly following the department meeting

Budget

- The budget is entirely spent.
- Certain items, like staplers, can be ordered from the warehouse
- Faculty Association Report
- The district is negotiating retroactively to reflect the increased Cola

Academic Senate Report

- AST (Administration of Justice) now requires Soc 1

SLO/GEO

- We are caught up!

Additional Reports

- Sociologist Hatch reported on IRB standards and that faculty will need to go through on-line training if they have students who are doing research that involves human subjects
- Philosopher McGruder reported that the Phil Club is getting the official paperwork necessary for a campus club
- Sociologists Hatch and Rillorta attended the Honors Advisory Board Meeting; the Honors Department has their own FTE budget so the department will not bear the cost of offering honors classes
- Sociologists Hatch and Gallarde will meet to discuss offering the research methods course as an elective.

Minutes were prepared by Sociologist Stewart Thomas