

SAP Department Meeting Minutes

Nov. 12, 2014

3:00 p.m.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gallarde

Attendance

Chairperson Gallarde, Philosophers Lane and McGruder and Sociologists Rillorta, Hatch and Minute-Taker Thomas

Minutes

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 2014 minutes

Division Meeting Report

- Chairperson Gallarde emailed SAP faculty minutes from the division meeting.

SLO/GEO

- The SLOs need to overlap with the catalogue description
- The motion was made and then seconded by the SAP faculty to approve the following statement as our Program Level Outcomes for Soc 1 and Soc 2:
 - *Students will use sociological theories and research to evaluate the basic dimensions of social inequality and social change, and they will assess how social forces shape, guide and influence individual and group behavior.*
- It was moved and seconded by SAP faculty to approve the following statement as our Program Level Outcomes for the Degree in Philosophy
 - *The degree provides students with a core curriculum that instills the knowledge of critical thinking and logic skills and practices of philosophical content, theory and methodology*
- The college abandoned GEOs

SCHEDULING ISSUES

- **FA AND AS REPS NEEDED**
 - There is an item in the survey regarding **Right of Assignment**. The issue is who will have the final say in scheduling—the chairperson or the division dean.
- The T/R 9:45 classes are being watched because every classroom on campus is booked.
- There is still time to submit changes to our Fall 2015 schedules

DEGREE ISSUES

The AA-T in Phil and Soc are up for approval and an SAP representative should be at the Nov 13th meeting. Chairperson Gallarde will attend.

ADJUNCT MENTORS

- Chairperson Gallarde is going to request that we get an Adjunct Mentor position since we have over 50 adjuncts. This is not a paid position; it is a 6 hours release time position.
 - No decision will be made regarding who will fill this position until we have obtained approval to fill it; after which, SAP faculty will consider various candidates.
- The mentor could help with teaching strategies and issues regarding student and faculty safety regarding disruptive students

Announcements

- The Human Trafficking Conference was a success, with over 500 in attendance
 - A discussion ensued about having speakers of various faith traditions or speakers from non faith-based organizations
- Philosopher Diem-Lane is applying for sabbatical
- Sociologist Rillorta is applying for sabbatical and has asked us to give her a letter of recommendation indicating our enthusiasm for her book project
 - She will send us a brief description of her project
- Sociologist Rillorta had an article published in the *American Sociologist*

- Philosopher McGruder gave an update on Sam, who has hopes to come back in the Fall
- Sociologist Hatch announced that the Honor's Department is paying for 6 students to attend SCCUR
- Sociologist Hatch is going to be a facilitator-in-training for SCCUR at the Social Science Division Institute in Florida March 13 - 15
- Sociologist Stewart Thomas presented her conflict resolution seminar to the Biology Department on October 23; it went very well
- Sociologist Stewart Thomas noticed that her name—and the college name--are listed in the Acknowledgements section of the Schaefer sociology textbook for contributing to the text by participating in the annual McGraw Hill symposium.
- Philosophers Diem-Lane and Lane will be the plenary speakers at the Quantum and Nano Systems Application Conference in India in November
- The December department meeting will be at 10:15 am during finals week

Minutes prepared by Michelle Stewart Thomas