

Sociology/Philosophy Department

Meeting 10/9/13

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3 pm in room 26A: 1640

Attendance:

Faculty Present:

Marlene Gallarde, Rebecca Hatch, David Lane, Charles McGruder, Linda Rillorta, Michelle Stewart Thomas, Sam Wolde-Yohannes

Faculty Absent:

Andrea Diem (out sick)

Minutes

The meetings for August and Sept. were approved as presented.

Announcements

The Human Trafficking Conference was discussed.

Scheduling

- At the honors council meeting it was decided that we should not offer Soc 15H because it meets the same requirements as the Child Development 10H, and Child 10H is not filling.
- There was a discussion regarding making English 1A a prerequisite for Soc 1 and Phil 5 in order to increase retention.
- There was a discussion regarding offering Soc 20 (Race and Ethnicity) every semester but only offering Soc 36 (Asian American Studies) once a year.
- Soc 14H will be removed from the rotation for now. We may bring it back in the future.
- The following proposed courses will be dissolved: Phil 14 (Phil of Religion), Phil 16 (Intro to Religious Studies), Soc 18 (Intro to LGBT Studies), Soc 30 (Mexican American Communities), Soc 99H and Phil 99H.
 - Soc 40 will not be dissolved. Instead, we will put it on hold for now. In addition, we will change the focus from Women in Contemporary Society to Gender Studies. Making this change will address concerns regarding overlap that were raised by Psychology.

Recruitment

Hiring full-time faculty in Soc/Phil has been put on hold by the College.

Reports

Sam gave a Faculty Association report regarding the following:

- Dental plans: The department agreed to remain with the more cost effective plan, which is the plan currently in effect.
- FACCC summary of bills on the Governor's desk

Marlene reported on what was discussed in the October division meeting (Marlene distributed her notes from the meeting via email)

- Given that the division will no longer post absences, we will now do our own postings internally

Faculty Accomplishments

The motion was made and seconded for faculty to be responsible for submitting their own lists of accomplishments to the Division. This suggestion was approved unanimously.

Closing Announcements

- The Documentary Club is meeting Oct. 17
- Charles announced that the Philosophy Club's topic this month is Philosophy of Mind
- Reminder: David Medina's retirement party is this Saturday at Sushma's house

Minutes were prepared by Michelle Stewart Thomas