



Behavioral & Social Sciences Department

BSS Department Meeting
Monday, April 09, 2018
12:50 – 1:50 p.m., Room 412

Minutes

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Camillo, Elvia (Recorder)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Murray, Silvia (Admin. Sec.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Soto, Veronica (Liaison)
<input type="checkbox"/> Drury, Dave (Dean)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Navarro, Raul	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Staton, Robin
<input type="checkbox"/> Duva, Mark	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patel, Aruna (ADS Coord.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thelen, Austen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Epps, Ric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reyes, Barbara	<input type="checkbox"/> Wainwright, Mary-Jo
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gretz, Suzanne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reyes, Gilberto	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White, Kevin (Chair)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Knaak, Manfred	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rodiles, Nicole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wright, Bradford
<input type="checkbox"/> Minor, Monica	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solomon, Lisa	

I. Call to Order/Welcome/Approval of Minutes – 03/12/18 (K. White)

The meeting was called to order at 12:57 p.m.

Chair White welcomed all.

The minutes of March 12, 2018 were approved as amended (M/S/C – R. Epps/L. Solomon). *R. Staton was present at the March 12 Department meeting.*

Chair White clarified a misunderstanding of an agenda item under Distance Education. A Distance Ed. Psychology course was mentioned, however, no course number was mentioned.

II. Department Business (K. White)

1. **New Faculty Search Committees Updates** – POLS Applications need to be screened by Friday, April 13, 2018. S. Gretz stated that the History hiring committee met March 29, to select interviewees. Interviews will take place the first week of May. The department will have new hires by the end of the semester.
2. **Course Selection Process/Deadlines – Summer and Fall** – Chair White announced that May 15 is the deadline for the completion of the Fall schedule. S. Gretz asked if college hour would be included in the schedule and Chair White's response is that it would.
3. **PPIS and Media Resources/Purchased Updates** – Chair White stated that any leftover monies, outside of the discipline needs, would be spent on classroom

furniture. A. Thelen asked for the balance of Media account. The account balance is \$700.

4. **Chair Election** – *Item moved to end of Agenda* - Dean Drury stopped in and excused himself from not attending the meeting as he was on break from the President's screening committee. He stated that S. Murray and E. Camillo had the ballots for the Chair elections. Chair White gave each candidate time to speak. S. Gretz stated that she carries a vast amount of knowledge and knows the issues the college is facing. Her vision is of collaboration and her focus is on being the Chair. R. Epps stated that he sees our department as a collective with different disciplines and one goal in mind. He sees this role as an advocate for growth and for the Department. He has a voice on various committees to facilitate the needs of the department. L. Solomon stated that she'd like to advocate for both part-time and full-time faculty, she'd like to expand the program and ADS' Inside/Out program. She'd be timely with department work, and an advocate for faculty, if she knows the needs and has the data. Voting took place.

III. Discussion

- **Discipline Reports**
 - **ADS** – A. Patel read a letter from the Chancellor's office announcing that the ADS program has made the top 6 programs of interest. Their team would like to spotlight ADS' success on their Professional Learning Network (PLN) website. A. Patel thanked everyone for the kind words of the passing of her father. A. Patel asked for contributions in sponsoring students who will be attending the CAADE 2018 conference. They are short \$500.
 - **ANTHRO** – M. Knaak had no news and stated that he has a couple of items that he will be requesting through PPIS monies.
 - **GEOG** – A. Thelen spoke to M. Kanyi and he believes that a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) course would benefit the Agricultural major. A. Thelen's next step would be to speak to the AJ department. He stated that a (GIS) class would be good for our majors, since that's where the jobs are. Investing \$4-5 thousand in a GIS lab would be useful for AJ and AG. There is also a part-time instructor who can teach it.
 - **HIST** – S. Gretz stated that the HIST hiring committee is currently their biggest focus. Interviews will be held beginning of May. They are evaluating the electives and other items within the program due to the development of a Chicano Studies Program. This will require cross-listed courses to fit the new major. PLOs are also in process.
 - **POLS** – R. Epps stated that they are currently in the hiring process as well. The discipline will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to discuss looking into Independent Studies courses for POLS. The development of 199 courses would assist students in fulfilling other requirements. He and A. Thelen are working on a Global Studies major and expected completion would be in a year.
 - **PSY** – R. Staton congratulated M. Duva and N. Rodiles on their tenure. N. Rodiles stated that the Learning class will now be a Cognition course to align with SDSU.
 - **SOC** – B. Reyes stated that she is focusing on PLO/SLOs.
 - **EDUC 200** – V. Soto and A. Morris were not present.

IV. Other Items:

Department Meeting Schedule 2017-2018 – Chair White reminded everyone that our next department meeting on May 07, will be our last of the semester and potluck style as well.

For the Good of the Order: A. Patel shared that training to be certified and implement an Inside/Out program at the prisons is available. The cost is \$3-4 thousand for a week in Northern California.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.