History Department Meeting – October 4, 2012 Agenda and Minutes

Present: Eric Jacobson, Brad Wright, Suzanne Gretz, Mary-Jo Wainwright, Lisa Solomon

Counselors Trini Arguellas and Veronica Soto also attended

1. U.S. History SLOs: Discussion of U.S. History 120 and 121 SLO assessment data collected in Spring 2012 in order to finalize assessment reports due this semester.

Data collected from various faculty presented a problem in compiling the data for the report because not all faculty did the same SLO. The assessments that were done were discussed, as well as communication issues that arose.

It was decided to rewrite the third SLO for each course and change the types of assessments that were done to produce more comparable data. It was decided to assess the third SLO again in Spring 2013. Faculty will bring ideas for new assessments to next meeting. Mary-Jo Wainwright will complete the final assessment report for Spring 2012 based on today's discussion and turn submit it.

- 2. **History PLOs**: Discussion on type of data needed from institutional researcher for assessment of History program learning outcomes. Possible data criteria included ethnicity, GPA, time of day the course is offered, age, other colleges attended, liberal arts majors with emphasis in history, social science majors.
- 3. **History AA degree vs. TMC**: Lengthy discussion was held with counselors over merits of History 280, the history major capstone course and the probability of the state requiring the History TMC replace the IVC History AA degree. Movement to the History TMC would cause IVC to lose History 280 as a required course and probably doom the class. History faculty feel strongly that the course is necessary for the successful transfer student in history. Students need to have the experience of researching and writing a history paper before transferring to the 4-year institution. Suzanne suggested finding a way to keep the Hist 280 course as a highly recommended elective for history majors and other humanities majors. Suzanne will work on development of the History TMC.

Meeting began at 12:00 p.m. and adjourned at 1:00 p.m. Agenda and Minutes prepared by Mary-Jo Wainwright