Social & Behavioral Sciences Division Meeting

February 4, 2014, 4:00pm NEA 224

Attendance: All full-time and adjunct faculties.

Budget and growth: Cola is looking at a 3% growth for next year. The division discussed scenarios A-E for cutting budget last year. Make sure sections are high enrolled. We’ll grow as the college grows. V.P. Rosas share good news of a balanced budget. He explained 10% more students are enrolled than last year. Accreditation is on track. All SLO’s are critical right now.

New Program: B. Young announced new program “Student Success Umbrella” which is a comprehensive program. V.P. Patterson explained SB1456. The student success act will begin fall 2014. This will change how students enroll. We created the Student Success Umbrella to give priority to new students when they receive an educational plan and get assessed. Probation students will drop to the bottom of the priority list. There will be six or seven tiers of how students enroll. We’ll try to get them off to a good start. This should make them successful and retain them.

M. Yanez: This will be a village effort. Please notify students of the new process. Help spread the word.

FHPC: Two new positions have been approved, History and Psychology. Announcement could be posted within a few weeks.

Textbooks: B. Young explained all textbooks have been ordered. The new policy allows you to advertise to your students other sources to purchase textbooks from.

Summer/fall Schedule: Seniority list is now online. We will retain last fall’s number of section and hopefully we can add as we go. Outreach offerings have returned to the schedule.

Evaluations: Evaluation schedule will be posted on the website. S. Nguyen will evaluate online classes. M. Reid will evaluate in class. All we want to do is improve classroom performance. All videos must be closed captioned.

SLO: B. Young: SLO completion rates are high and E. Reigadas said our division is doing fine. Please meet with your department head to discuss SLO’s and assessment.

Service Learning: L. Minor explained the Student Success Umbrella and how service learning takes part in that. It is a one unit course transferrable. Service learning is hands on experience in which ten hours are required throughout the semester. There is a reflection piece at the end. She is available to meet with students and explain the program. B. Young: This course has always been offered through Psychology with J. Thomas-Spiegel. We decided to open it up to all disciplines. Service learning is an interdisciplinary approach.
Class enrollments are up; however, we cancelled six or seven per Academic Affairs. We kept a few low enrolled and are working on bringing up the numbers. Overall, class size average is 51 and we are doing okay.

B. Young thanked many of those who participate on college committees. We work together as a family he explained.

President Herzek welcomed the division back to the spring 2014 semester. He explained there is a lot going on in regards to how we serve students next fall. He thanked everyone for their hard work on SLOs. We will have an accreditation visit in the spring 2016. It is important that we keep assessing the SLO’s. This is a good time to check your delivery if you see a pattern in your assessment. We have to change your teaching to improve it.

Budget is better this year. Best budget seen in years. We are moving in the right direction for growth. Los Angeles has a good budget.

More than 90% of students come unprepared in Math and English. We are getting help from our Governor. We have 600 more students from last spring and are ahead 16% in our sections.

S. McMurray, Academic Senate President thanked everyone for the privilege of representing them. She was a graduate of LAHC and worked as an adjunct and classified. She asked the division to join the Academic Senate Committee. She has been to campus threat training and announced integrating training into Professional Development. She encouraged everyone’s participation we’ll give flex credit. The division discussed security issues. M. Reddick-Dallas asked any new adjuncts to please give us your personal email to receive information.

B. Young congratulated Professor S. Nguyen as he becomes fully tenured by the end of the semester.

Meeting end 5:30pm