SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES DIVISION MEETING

Wednesday, April 14, 2010, 2:00pm, NEA 187

Attendance: Elena Reigadas, Ellen Joiner, Janice Sandell, Brad Young, Jim Stanberry, Harv Siegel and Bill Loiterman, Gary Miller, King Carter, Michael Agopian, Yvette Parra.

Announcements: The District hired a security firm for all nine colleges. Please inform us of any security issues or suggestions.

Strategic Plan: Gave a special thank you to Jim Stanbery who is working diligently on the Strategic Plan and also for Ellen Joiners hard work on accreditation. Wildland Fire Tech program is being funded by WIB. Students will be certified for employment to work in the US Department of Forestry. The student graduation is in 3 weeks all are invited to attend.

The Director of Student Transfers would like to meet with each division to discuss any issues, questions or concerns by attending the counseling division meeting. Various programs will be discussed and faculty is invited to attend.

President search was yesterday; five candidates have moved forward and will meet with the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Young asked the division to please calendar in his chair evaluation meeting. He appreciates everyone’s involvement in the process.

Enhancement project from NEA was distributed included upgrades to level 1 classrooms, ventilation, doors and corkboards.

Schedule: Fulltime schedules will remain the same. There’s a good chance the college may have to cut 120 classes in the fall. Thirty-Two sections will be cut from the Spring 2011 semester to fund the summer 2010 schedule. The division discussed the college budget, class cuts and President Transition.

The history department will announce the hiring of a full-time history instructor. In Psychology the SPSS package has been renewed and a new adjunct instructor has been hired to teach it. We have our first student graduation this year with a Psychology degree.

The Human Services certificate is coordinated by Deborah Tull. This program is in need of funding and may be cancelled.

Important dates: 05/05 is the grand opening of the new Health & Wellness building. 05/06 is the employee appreciation lunch 5/26 Chair Evaluation meeting. Textbook requisitions for fall are due April 28th.
A draft of the WSCH was projected and the division discussed increases in discipline sections. Preliminary numbers will be sent to district.

**Class size:** There was a concern regarding class size and fire codes. Apparently some classes have more seats than the fire code limit. Class sizes are capped at the maximum capacity limit and all extra seats should be removed.

Meeting adjourned 3:30pm