SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES DIVISION MEETING

Thursday, August 23, 2012, 1:15pm, NEA 187


Announcements and Discussion: Mr. Young welcomed the division to our fall 2012 semester meeting. Mr. Martinez announced the college hired eight new faculty members. The college needs to reach 75% faculty. We are currently at 52% need 35 additional faculty members. S. McMurray announced Brad Young is now academically ranked at Professor. B. Young suggested the division to go paperless and they can see Jonathon in the library about designing their own website.

Seniority List: The seniority list is posted on our website. Please go online to review and let us know if there are any issues.

Committees: B. Young distributed the committee assignment list and encouraged all adjuncts to volunteer for committees. M. Agopian is chair of Professional Growth committee.

Accreditation: E. Joiner announced the standard 1 committee will meet weekly. B. Young: Accreditation steering committee will begin meeting. E. Joiner: welcomed all faculty to attend. She also encouraged everyone to attend the retreat tomorrow. B. Young announced Elena Reigadas as the new research coordinator. E. Reigadas explained we need the data so we can get off probation. E. Joiner: Ten years ago ACCJC asked our college to be 100% in compliance by 2012.

FLEX: B. Young: reminded everyone to please meet their flex obligations, forms are available online.

Changes to College Policy: B. Young: the financial aid office wants us to drop students by Tuesday if they don’t show. Remember, you don’t have to add students if your class is full, it’s up to you. The new college policy, students only have two weeks to drop with a “W”. This semester the state will require 2.75 GPA to receive financial and 2.8 next spring. Students will only be able to repeat classes once. These new policy changes are listed the schedule of classes.

Budget: B. Young: Our division offers 22.9% of all academics on campus. We have been able to keep all faculty scheduled in the fall. We are two million over budget if prop 30 passes, we can’t get any worse. The division discussed college wide priorities for 2012-2013. Turnitin.com is funded for 2012-2013 school year.
**Syllabi:** Mr. Young reminded the division to include student learning outcomes, grading scale, special programs & services and plagiarism information on their syllabi. He also asked the full time instructors to please review the adjunct instructor syllabi for this information.

**SLO Assessment & Pathways:** B. Young asked for the departments for full participation in assessing the SLO’s. Everyone shall review course outlines. Your current SLO’s will be in the outline. See your department lead professor for the outcomes that you are assessing for your class. Please be in compliance, this is required. He distributed SLO spreadsheet explaining how many SLO’s were measured and when. Some courses must be archived. He explained SLO assessment is a part of your job assignment and is required. Please inform B. Young of those who are not assessing SLO’s. The division discussed how pathways will strengthen the discipline. E. Joiner wrote an in depth comprehensive report.

**Equipment and Supplies:** The division was asked what supplies are needed. Items requested were item analysis scantron forms and white board markers. The division was told to send requests to Yvette. We currently don’t have a budget but would try to locate funding.

**Union President:** L. Glover, Union President, discussed prop 30 and cuts if it doesn’t pass. Classes will be cut, HRA funding will be suspended and there could be admin furloughs.

Meeting ended at 3:30.