SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES DIVISION MEETING

Wednesday, April 13, 2011, 1:00pm, NEA 187

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

Introductions: Mr. Young welcomed everyone to the division meeting.

Announcements: Mr. Young announced our division is ahead of the college average 53.4 class size. VTEA has been revamped and there are now twenty one people on the committee. Everyone was asked to review their adjuncts syllabi. Discipline web pages should have examples of student work. Ancillary pay is available for adjuncts who are interested in working on course outlines. Son Nguyen has researched ordering Turn-it-in.com which is plagiarism software for our college. He reported the cost is $15,350 for unlimited usage campus wide.

Fall Schedule: Mr. Young distributed the schedule and planning document, he explained the percentage of cuts.

- Plan “A” has a baseline of 186 sections
- Plan “B” has 167 sections- cuts were made to 185, 285 and 385 directed study courses.
- Plan “C” has a total of 129 sections. We may not have to go to plan “C” but can explain how it works if needed. Adjuncts with 3 sections would be cut to two sections.
- Plan “D” has only 111 sections. Adjuncts with two sections would be cut to one section.

Dr. Agopian complemented Mr. Young on the time he’s put into planning the different plans for the fall semester.

The division agreed to send out Plan “B” to adjuncts explaining this is a proposed schedule subject to changes by administration.

Textbooks: Dr. Reigadas explained she will utilize fee e-books as a trial this semester in one section. She will continue with physical textbooks in the other sections and compare.

ECD Update: Mr. Young explained ECD’s are now 50% complete that’s 425 out of 850.

Safety: Mr. Young explained there have been situations where students have stalked instructors this semester. He asked everyone to be aware of their surrounding and call the Sheriff’s if any concerns.

Meeting adjourned 3:00pm