

SOCIAL SCIENCES
DIVISION MEETING
January 11, 2006

Continental breakfast was available courtesy of Dr. Yoder. She welcomed the faculty making note that several of our faculty members are not in attendance because they are teaching Intersession.

Congratulations to Dr. John Hughes. He will be delivering a paper before the National Association of Student Advisors in Montreal in May. Congratulations to Jane Carney also as she begins her last semester before retirement.

Dr. Yoder introduced Robert Edmondson, a former adjunct who is returning to teach Sociology.

Retention is ongoing. Please make use of the Early Warning System found in Electronic Forms on the website. Mary Turner directs this program and calls or writes to at risk students from your requests. These calls often make a difference in student attendance and success.

The conversation of competency based instruction has begun and will continue. There are WOW sessions offered that were not listed in the orientation schedule and because of that faculty has *not signed up* for them. Dr. Sechrist is encouraging attendance at two WOW sessions on Wednesday led by Darlene Rickett.

Strategic Plan – Dr. Yoder thanked the faculty for their input and explained that she took all the requests very seriously and wants the faculty to see the plan and will have it available soon. Ranking the requests was not easy. She said there was no emphasis on funding but she believes technology will be high. Reassigned time is on the plan and the division cannot pay for reassigned time but could pay for some items under \$500 from our budget.

Staffing – Psychology, Political Science, Geography
Five ergonomic desks, CD Accreditation, Reassigned time for
Psychology and Sociology
Furniture for CU 7
New chairs for adjunct office
Bring CD Center into Social Sciences

From Student Development fees – 10 faculty computers, lock down
units, flash drives

Workshops for adjuncts, pay a stipend for attendance and to the facilitator.

Trish Bilcik suggested that when adjuncts have had some workshops and proven their abilities that perhaps they could have an adjunct ranking and receive more compensation.

Performance Appraisals – Sign up sheets will be available outside Dr. Yoder's office. There will be specific times between January 26 and March 1. Give your appraisal materials to Dr. Yoder two business days prior to your appointment.

Dana Tuley Williams reported that The Chronicle of Higher Education is now available online from the Library website. She stated that she would have one more exhibit of reader's choices but then it would be discontinued for the foreseeable future. The faculty expressed their appreciation of this exhibit. Ray McCullar also stated how helpful Dana was to him selecting books for his Great American Biographies class.

Richard Anglin asked about the search for a new Dean and Dr. Yoder said she had not heard anything about a search. Richard said he would like her to stay as Acting Dean and this was met with applause. Dr. Yoder stated she would be very pleased to stay on as Acting Dean and if anyone was so inclined they should express their opinions by email to Dr. Harison and Dr. Sechrist.

Reminders:

Performance Appraisal period (January 26 – March 1)
Health and Safety Training by March 31, 2006
Higher Ed Day, February 15, 2006

Keep paper work up to date. When you dismiss your class please fill out an application for leave form and/or professional absence. Online office hours and Outside Employment also should be filled out. Give copies of your syllabi to Mary.

Have your information in the division office up to date in case of bad weather and college closure you can be notified.

Economic Development Grants – Dr. Sechrist is very aware of reassigned time. Some grants such as Student Success grants might be used to accomplish some of the activities for which reassigned time has been requested.

Nancy Pietroforte will be moving into Jerry Steward's vacated office in 1H13 on Friday.

In two years there will be a serious increase in space when HP moves out. Child Development would like a permanent location and 1H1 and 1H3 would be ideal.

Psychology, Sociology and Child Development department is being renamed the Department of Behavioral Sciences.

All changes to the matrix are due from department chairs a week from Monday.

Adjourned to departmental meetings.

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