

SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION MEETING

April 3, 2007 – Room 1H7

ATTENDANCE

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| Richard Anglin | Melinda Barr – Absent | Trish Bilcik |
| Jeff Carlisle | Chuck Carselowey | Bruce Cook |
| John Ehrhardt | Dana Glencross | Ron Gray |
| Stephanie Hayes | Randy Hopkins | John Hughes |
| Thomas Jones | Peggy Jordan | Yuthika Kim |
| Jerry Ludlow | Ray McCullar | Nancy Pietroforte – On Leave |
| Cecilia Pittman | Markus Smith | Wanda Roepke |
| Marcelene Rogers | Susan Tabor | Dana Tuley Williams – Absent |
| Rick Vollmer | Cecelia Yoder | |

Guests: Pat Stowe, Mary Turner, Carrie Workman and Stu Harvey

Dr. Yoder introduced Pat Stowe who related to faculty name changes that were occurring in her department. Services for Students with Disabilities is still functioning as always but now is named Student Support Services. The scope has been broadened to include Mary Turner with her early alert warning and SI leadership. A new counselor position has been created and Kari Workman has just been hired. The name counselor will disappear from all other departments and they will be renamed advisors.

Mary Turner spoke briefly about the Early Alert Warning and distributed a new form that should be easier and quicker for faculty to fill out. Any feedback from faculty regarding the form should be emailed to Mary. Please use the system as soon after the first two weeks as possible. A campaign promoting class attendance will be launched for the Fall.

Dr. Yoder congratulated John Hughes and Ray McCullar for their April birthdays and assured a cake would come later in the month. She expressed thanks to Wanda for the Easter display in the office.

Announcements:

- Deans will meet Friday with Connie Drummond regarding grade/attendance sheet format
- Budget for 2007-2008 is tight
- Geography position didn't happen. We will offer Physical Geography in Spring 2008
- 4 new faculty positions, 3 Nursing and 1 IT
- SEM Center furnishing was big budget item.
- Purchased furniture for CU7
- LB 401 now belongs to Social Sciences and the Child Development classes will be moved there for Fall. There is also a storage closet there for CD supplies.
- Waiting to hear about faculty replacement computers, replacements and one addition for the adjunct office and a new printer for the adjunct office. These would be purchased with student technology fees.

- Social Sciences display case arrived today. Peggy Jordan and Cecilia Pittman will be responsible for displays.
- Channel 9 wants to interview a Political Science professor at 4:00 PM today.

Program Reports:

HISTORY:

Mendy Barr is on the NEH committee. Program Review is completed.

SOCIOLOGY:

Living Sociology presentation will be May 10 and will be Manny Ness.

Marcelene Rogers reported there will be a game show quiz and scavenger hunt to get the word out about enrollment. The Compass Test has been replaced with the Accuplacer Test and hopefully will be better with student placement.

ASSESSMENT WEEK:

- Some faculty felt that the instructions were too long and involved.
- Some students complained they were taking tests at least three times.
- Concern about tests not being administered in the same manner to all students.

Trish Bilcik mentioned the Assessment Fair today and tomorrow showcasing positive accomplishments of divisions and departments across campus. The children from the Child Development Center will be featured as will the Jazz Ensemble and the Chamber Singers. In the future each division might do their own poster.

Professor Bilcik also announced that May 3 from 12:00 – 1:30 PM would be a session on Online Teaching Standards. This would be for teachers, department chairs and deans.

Dr. Yoder asked that everyone look over the floor plan of the HTC Building and offer their input on what changes they would like to see happen. She will be working with Traci Wheeler on this and would like to come up with a first proposal this summer.

Dr. Yoder introduced Stu Harvey who shared that he wanted to become more acquainted with the Social Sciences Department. He realizes we seem to be the forgotten division and would like to help us change that image. He is working with The Way Forward. The Institute for Global Excellence has come from The Way Forward and is housed in the Business Division. He suggested a representative from our division join this group.

Globally, education is recognized as the key to success. We need to determine how to help our students understand this and make them successful.

Ray McCullar encouraged everyone to participate in the Make It, Bake It sale tomorrow, April 4. All proceeds go towards scholarships.



Meeting Adjourned
Wanda Roepke
Division Assistant

