

Division Meeting
Social Sciences Division
May 2, 2006
1H7 - HTC Building

Cecelia Yoder opened the meeting by inviting everyone to share the cake she made to celebrate the near end of another successful semester. The cake was from a recipe of the late Dr. Peter Wright of the History Department.

The Gen Ed and Scholarship committee reports were distributed.

Jane Carney gave the report from the Benefit's Committee. She reported:

- personal leave for faculty now is 5 days before banking
- retiree spouses may use Wellness Center
- extended leave will begin in Fall 2007

Other items are still before the committee but not yet approved. She asked that the faculty be aware that insurance premiums will be rising as will co-pays. The committee is reviewing HR Policies and Procedures and changes will be made in the Family Leave Act. Everyone will need to update beneficiary information for life insurance by June 10. It was mentioned that life insurance benefits are reduced as the employee ages.

Jane is also the Chair of the Search Committee for the position of Vice President of Academic Affairs. She stated that the committee and Dr. Sechrist were looking at 29 applications and that it is Dr. Sechrist's desire to finalize the search by the end of May.

Dana Glencross presented a written proposal for loaning textbooks to students on an emergency 30 day basis. Arts & Humanities uses this program and have asked us to join them. It would be for first time, first semester students only in the basic courses. Books would come from Publisher donations and housed probably in the division office with someone, (perhaps Mary Barr) in charge of distribution. Dana Tuley Williams said it was not an option to house them in the library.

Discussion was held as to having the student be responsible for returning the books and that holds could be placed on transcripts until they are returned instead of the attitude they might not be returned and that would

be accepted. It is ideal that they be loaned for only 30 days rather than all semester. Probably the information as to availability of books for loan could come from Counselors instead of widespread announcements. Dana asked that any thoughts on this proposal should be emailed to her as soon as possible.

Dr. Yoder mentioned upcoming events:

- Graduation pinning - May 8, wear your regalia that day
 - A reception will follow the pinning instead of at graduation
- Graduation - May 12
- Faculty appreciation luncheon - May 15
- Grades due - May 16

Ray McCullar reminded everyone of the Make It, Bake It, Take It sale tomorrow, May 3.

Dr. Yoder thanked the search committees:

- POLSC - Chair, Dana Glencross, Randy Hopkins, John Hughes, Rick Vollmer and Anita Williams
- PSYCH - Chair, Stephanie Hayes, Richard Anglin, Peggy Jordan, and Kathy Wullstein
- SOC - Chair, Nancy Pietroforte, Chuck Carselowey and Dana Tuley Williams

Announcements:

- Richard Anglin is new department chair of Behavioral Sciences.
- Jane Carney is retiring in 10 days. Thanks for her service.
- Dr. Yoder has two Native-American paintings of Peter Wright's that she would like to hang in the division office. She will frame them and then donations would be accepted to cover costs.

Dr. Jerry Steward attended the meeting to express his pleasure as being a part of this division for several years and that his current position now will not allow him the time to teach.

Dr. Yoder expressed her thanks to the faculty for a good year as she served as Acting Dean and related she is looking forward to one more year and then her retirement.

Wanda Roepke, Division Assistant