

DIVISION MEETING
SOCIAL SCIENCES
NOVEMBER 7, 2006 - 1H7

Dr. Yoder opened the meeting sharing plans for the division celebration of Thanksgiving. We will meet together on Thursday, November 16 and Mendy will have sign up sheets in the division office for the time you would like to eat and the dishes you would like to bring.

A happy November birthday was wished for Bruce Cook, Ron Gray, Thomas Jones, Wanda Roepke and Cecelia Yoder. The November birthday cake will be next Tuesday. Ray McCullar suggested that the faculty should make donations for the cake this month so Dr. Yoder would not be purchasing her own cake.

Dr. Yoder expressed her thanks to the faculty that the five year plans were turned in to her in a timely fashion and she was able to submit them before the deadline.

Dana Glencross and Markus Smith were congratulated on their WOW session on voting information.

Guest, Jon Inglett gave a presentation on Gen Ed Assessment. The goal for competency requirements is 70% and 65.6% of students passed. The essays showed students are moving forward in their writing skills ranking highest in organization. There is a conference session for evaluators. Recommendations:

- Sequence of courses
- Exit essay - possible software to evaluate essays
- Designing system to see progress of students
- Focusing on revising drafts
- Using Communications Lab, other resources
- Writing across the curriculum
- Understanding differences

The faculty thanked Jon for his presentation.

Marcelene Rogers stated that enrollment was busy and that four new counselors have been hired and will start soon.

Program Reports

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

- Had Advisory Committee Meeting, working on Assessment and Accreditation

POLSC

- Rick reported the final plans for the convention are being made. They will meet on the fourth floor of the Library. David Edgar of the Terrorism Institute will be the speaker Thursday night at the off campus dinner meeting. The Friday luncheon features a panel and Dan Shea,

Center for Political Participation, Allegheny, Pennsylvania will be a keynote speaker.

PSY

- Working on Program Review

SOC

- Working on changes in the Sociology Seminar course

John Ehrhardt volunteered to be on the committee for assessing grant initiatives.

Trish Bilcik has been visiting other division meetings in her capacity as Director of the Center for Learning and Teaching. She has attended Arts and Humanities and Science and Math meetings. She is getting a feel for their issues and how they meet. They are both large divisions and it is good to see other faculty in the area where they belong. S&M mostly have building issues right now as the SEM Center is nearing completion. Trish's office will move to the SEM Center when it is completed. She plans to attend the other three divisions in the Spring semester.

Dr. Hughes reported on the 9th annual Global Ed Conference held at OSU-OKC on November 5th and 6th. Eighty people registered and the speakers were good. The next conference will be in Tishimingo. The green calendar mouse pads that John handed out to the faculty were compliments of Jim Ellis in the Testing Center.

Dr. Yoder shared the results of the syllabi checklist. Of the 149 syllabi submitted, only two were really lacking. As much grading information as possible should be included. A suggestion was made that a no cheating policy should be outlined while others thought it should be assumed that cheating is not an option. Dr. Yoder recommended that faculty detail their expectations of students in their syllabi. Adjuncts did well overall in their syllabi preparation.

There is a lot of work to be done for the Gen Ed Assessment:

- Work on evaluation
- Need people on committee
- Need to find a standardized measure
- 1st week of April - get students on board
- Put assessment statement in syllabus

Trish Bilcik is on the Assessment Week committee and there will be information tables available with displays - action type assessments.

Meeting dismissed at 1:30 PM

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