

SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

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Present: Richard Anglin, Felix Aquino, Mary Barr, Melinda Barr, Trish Bilcik, Chuck Carselowey, Bruce Cook, John Ehrhardt, Dana Glencross, Randy Hopkins, John Hughes, Thomas Jones, Peggy Jordan, Yuthika Kim, Jerry Ludlow, Ray McCullar, Cecilia Pittman, Susan Tabor, Dana Tuley-Williams, Debra Vaughn, Rick Vollmer, Cecelia Yoder

Absent: Jeff Carlisle, Ron Gray, Stephanie Hayes, Markus Smith

Dr. Cecelia Yoder welcomed everyone back to start the new semester and congratulated Mendy Barr on her NISOD award.

Dr. Yoder reported there have been 16 applications received for the vacant division assistant position. The job posting closed last Friday and Dr. Yoder will pick the top five candidates for the position. Dr. John Hughes has volunteered to serve on the selection committee. Rick Vollmer nominated Trish Bilcik to serve on the committee and Trish volunteered to serve.

The Dean of Social Sciences position has been posted and will close on February 17. Dr. Yoder plans to retire on July 3rd. A search committee will need to be formed to fill this position.

Dr. Richard Anglin also plans to retire this summer. Nancy Pietroforte moved to New York, leaving a vacancy in sociology. Search committees will need to be formed to fill these positions as well as a newly planned position for a geography professor.

Dr. Yoder visited the OSU campus recently to study the formation of the leisure management department. Dr. Bruce Cook has been searching for and helping with the selection of instructors for these classes.

Dana Tuly-Williams reported that \$20,000 has been reserved for the purchase of new books during the next six months. She said most of the journals and periodicals are being transitioned to electronic versions rather than paper copies, since most of the students prefer to do their research on computers.

Trish Bilcik reported there will be a discussion series offered during the spring semester, with topics of concern for higher education. The first session will be offered during the last two weeks of January, with a new topic and facilitator each month. These sessions will be held on Wednesdays or Thursdays at 11:00 - 12:00 or 11:30 - 12:30.

Dr. Susan Tabor reported on the special events program held Saturday to provide information for adjunct professors about the program accreditation process. The paperwork is due in Washington in March. All adjuncts must be present and able to answer questions during the visit of the accreditation board this fall.

Employee Handbooks were discussed and passed out, along with acknowledgement forms for employees to sign as they received their copies.

Updated information was presented by Dr. Yoder regarding the building remodeling process. Sue Tabor and Cecilia Pittman have requested PT rooms 1H3 and 1H1 to be used for child development classrooms. Several people expressed concerns regarding the environment, air quality, mold, etc. of the health technology area.

Dr. Felix Aquino addressed the meeting and reported enrollment is down 7.7%, which is better than two weeks ago, when it was down 20%. Dr. Aquino answered questions and concerns regarding the Employee Handbook and the acknowledgement forms. The acknowledgement forms should be signed and returned by January 23, 2008.

The meeting adjourned.