

Social Sciences Division Meeting  
January 14, 2009 – 1H1

Melinda Barr	Ray McCullar	<b>Absent :</b>
Trish Bilcik	Greg Parks	Jeff Carlisle (class)
Chuck Carselowey	Cecilia Pittman	Bruce Cook (class)
John Ehrhardt	M'Lou Smith	Lois Ganick
Dana Glencross	Susan Tabor	Ron Gray (class)
Randy Hopkins	Laurie Thornton	Stephanie Hayes(class)
John Hughes	Dana Tuley-Williams	Yuthika Kim (class)
Thomas Jones	Rick Vollmer	Markus Smith (class)
Peggy Jordan		
Dawn Ladiski	<b>Guest :</b>	
Jerry Ludlow	Felix Aquino	

Holiday Stories/Reports:

Dr. Tabor opened the meeting by asking for any holiday stories from the faculty.

New Faculty:

Dr. Tabor introduced the division's new faculty member, Dawn Ladiski, who will be teaching Child Development.

Recognition:

Dr. Bruce Cook was awarded the Faculty Development Grant. Dr. Tabor recognized Chuck Carselowey, M'Lou Smith, and Jerry Ludlow for staying into the break and completing the Sociology program review.

Reports:

Ray McCullar explained the History department is developing an assessment test to gauge graduates' knowledge of the subject material versus average knowledge.

Dana Tuley-Williams reminded everyone she is available to talk to classes about library usage. The "Crystal Darkness" program which aired on all the major local television stations last night is being ordered by the library for classroom use.

Peggy Jordan announced the CLT will be sending out an evaluation form via email to all faculty regarding the Spring Planning & Preparation week activities.

Cecilia Pittman noted the Benefits Committee will be looking at five to six different insurance companies and evaluating their usefulness over Aetna (the current provider).

John Hughes explained that the Global Education Committee is in the progress of electing a chair for the committee.

Thomas Jones informed the group that the Online Textbook Request System Committee is very close to deciding on a program. The decision could come as soon as the end of January.

The group discussed use of “open textbooks” which are defined by Wikipedia as “openly-licensed textbooks offered online by their author(s). The open license sets open textbooks apart from traditional textbooks by allowing users to read online, download, or print the book at no cost.” Dr. Aquino mentioned he had heard mixed reviews on the value of the content in open textbooks. He also noted they are generally paid for by advertising.

Dr. Aquino announced that college-wide enrollment is up 11% this semester. Enrollment of students aged 25 to 40 is up nearly 25%.

The group discussed at length capacity of classes, student overrides, payment of overload, and override forms. Dr. Tabor then showed charts from the fall showing the breakdown of class timeframes and on/off-campus enrollment numbers.

Dates:

February 26<sup>th</sup> – Dedication of Visual Performing Arts Center  
Month of February – Performance Appraisals  
March 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> – OACC

Reminders:

Initial Attendance – second week of classes (This form is used by Financial Aid and Veteran’s Affairs to determine eligibility. When this form is ignored, it creates more work for both of those offices, as well as for the division office.)  
Early Alert Form has changed to Faculty/Staff Referral Form

Announcements:

Dan Anderson is interested in making a 3 to 4 minute video showcasing the Social Sciences division. Dr. Tabor would like to use previous statements submitted by the faculty for the video. She also shared a power-point presentation she created in the fall covering the division and some of its statistics. She asked that any ideas for this video or for the division brochure be sent to her.

The division scantron machine in 1H13 is actually owned by the Test Center and they are looking at replacements already. Please let Dr. Tabor know of any additions you would like added into the Institutional Plan.

Respectfully Submitted: Laurie Thornton, Social Sciences Division