

SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION MEETING

April 1, 2008

1H7 - 12:30pm

Attendance:

Barr, Melinda	Gray, Ron	Pittman, Cecilia
Bilcik, Trish	Hopkins, Randy	Smith, Markus
Carlisle, Jeff	Hughes, John	Tabor, Susan
Carselowey, Chuck	Jones, Thomas	Thornton, Laurie
Cook, Bruce	Kim, Yuthika	Vollmer, Rick
Ehrhardt, John	Ludlow, Jerry	Yoder, Cecelia
Glencross, Dana	McCullar, Ray	<u>Guest: Dr. Aquino</u>

Dr. Yoder began the meeting by wishing a Happy Birthday to John Hughes on the 8th of April and Ray McCullar on the 20th of April.

Dr. Yoder then congratulated John Ehrhardt on becoming the new Co-Chair of the Curriculum Committee and thanked Stephanie Hayes for her excellent service as Co-Chair of Curriculum Committee for the past three years. She then thanked Trish Bilcik for her outstanding service as Director of The Center for Learning and Teaching. Dr. Yoder went on to announce Melinda Barr as an OACC G. I. F. T. award winner and congratulated Susan Tabor and Cecilia Pittman for completion of the Self-Study for Accreditation for NAEYC.

Dr. Yoder announced that the Leisure Program went through Curriculum Committee without any problems. She mentioned the program can start without a director, but noted it would be ideal to have one.

Pot Luck was discussed again and, by a vote of the faculty, it was chosen to be held on May 17th at Dr. Yoder's home (time to be announced at a later date).

Yuthika Kim gave a report on the General Education Assessment Plans currently underway. He mentioned that the Gen. Ed. Committee voted not to use the same standard measure for assessment as some other colleges use. The Committee is focused on developing an assessment instrument unique to OCCC. He discussed that groups have been formed to

assess outcomes, review previous syllabi, current assignments, and course information. Melinda Barr announced how fortunate she felt we were to have someone like Yuthika working on this project.

Dr. Yoder stated any faculty who would be willing to take part in Supplemental Instruction in the Fall need to email Mary Turner by the end of April or first week of May.

Dr. Yoder instructed faculty to continue looking through the catalog and identifying changes as necessary. Although training for Division Assistants in online catalog changes has been postponed, Dr. Yoder pointed out that we still need to be ready since the deadline has not been postponed as of yet.

Dr. Yoder handed out the same Multimedia Classroom Equipment Survey which was discussed in the last meeting. Chris Kucharski from Instructional Video Services wanted it circulated again to get a better idea of whether or not some of the listed equipment would be useful.

Committee Re-Assignments:

Academic Outcomes Assessment Committee - Susan Tabor accepted re-assignment, while Ray McCullar declined. Markus Smith was nominated and accepted assignment.

Curriculum Committee - Peggy Jordan declined re-assignment. Trish Bilcik and Melinda Barr accepted assignment.

Faculty Development Committee - Peggy Jordan accepted re-assignment.

Global Education Committee - John Hughes accepted re-assignment.

Faculty Association Scholarship Committee - Jeff Carlisle accepted assignment.

Ray McCullar noted the Faculty Association Scholarship Committee raised \$6,200 last year for student scholarships. He also reminded everyone of the Make It or Bake It Sale coming up on April 8th to raise money for student scholarships. He offered \$5 and \$10 cards available for purchase for those who could not contribute items to the sale.

John Hughes reminded faculty to talk about tuition fee waivers with their students as our division rarely has applicants.

Bruce Cook, Yuthika Kim, and Peggy Jordan attended the Course Redesign Conference over Spring Break.

Chuck Carselowey mentioned the Sociology Department is looking for a replacement for Nancy Pietroforte and will begin interviewing on April 14th.

Interviews and selections are currently taking place for full-time geography and psychology faculty.

Trish Bilcik announced the April schedule is now available on the WOW website and an open discussion forum will be held Thursday, April 3rd at 12:30pm in the CLT Resource Room entitled "Good Boys, Bad Grades". This forum will discuss the difference between males' and females' success in college coursework.

Dr. Yoder discussed Achieving the Dream and indicated she wanted to help faculty understand the background for this program. At the 5th Tuesday meeting, there will be presentations in five areas of concern from the Achieving the Dream Strategy Teams. These areas of concern are: low developmental mathematics success rates, low online course success rates, low gateway course success rates (this includes HIST 1493, POLSC 1113, and PSY 1113), unclear Advisement policies and procedures, and concerns in Financial Aid.

The Health Technologies Center (soon to be Social Sciences Center) remodeling sign-up sheet was passed around. Small groups will be formed to propose ideas which will then be submitted to J.B. Messer.

Dr. Felix Aquino advised that the hiring committee for Dean of Social Sciences has narrowed their search down to two candidates and recognized Dr. Yoder as a great friend and colleague.

Meeting was then adjourned.

Reminder Dates:

- Requested Information for Faculty Luncheon, April 9th
- January Intersession/Spring 2009 Schedule, soon

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