

**SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2007 - Room 1H7 - 1:30 PM**

ATTENDANCE

Richard Anglin	Melinda Barr
Trish Bilcik	Jeff Carlisle
Chuck Carselowey	Bruce Cook
John Ehrhardt	Lois Ganick
Dana Glencross	Ron Gray (Absent)
Stephanie Hayes	Randy Hopkins
John Hughes	Thomas Jones
Peggy Jordan	Yuthika Kim
Jerry Ludlow	Ray McCullar
Nancy Pietroforte	Cecilia Pittman
Wanda Roepke	Markus Smith
Susan Tabor	Dana Tuley-Williams
Rick Vollmer (Absent)	

Dr. Yoder welcomed everyone back to campus and wished happy August birthday to Trish and Dana. Cake was served in their honor. Dr. Yoder thanked Bruce, Ray, Sue and Wanda for their hard work on the schedule with all the changes being made trying to make sure we had no small sections, closing some and adding others as well as adding seats to morning classes.

Thanks also to Bruce for taking on the job of Leisure Course Manager. We are offering three classes this Fall - Swim Techniques, Total Wellness and Weight Training. Hopefully more will be added and this program will be going to Curriculum Committee and it will be housed in Social Sciences. In addition to the Leisure Management Program degree there will eventually be emphasis in Health Promotion and Physical Education.

Thanks to Dana for her political button display in the new display case. Peggy manages this and has arranged that Mendy will have the next display. Mendy is no longer coordinator for the Honors Program and has moved her office to the old Science and Math area room 1M1A. This summer Chuck had hip replacement surgery and Trish had knee surgery and both are mending well. Rick is out yet after knee replacement surgery.

Lois Ganick will now be our liaison from Advising and Career Services. Overall our enrollment is up 2% largely due to History and Geography. Last year we had one online Geography section and are now up to four. Our core classes are all in the top 50% of college enrollment A letter is going to the Regent's requesting we add the GIS and Leisure Management Programs.

.Opening Day - Orientation will be Saturday from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. Cecelia will be there for the entire time and asked for assistance from three others. A sign up sheet was circulated. Student Success classes have over 1400 students enrolled. Please remember to use our Early Alert system for student success. Mary Turner is in charge of this program and the form is easy to fill out. This is now Mary's full time responsibility.

Development plan appointments begin on August 27. Your 2006/2007 plan last Fall would be goals and resources and now what you did and how the college benefited and then the goals once again for the future. Your draft is due 48 hours in advance of your appointment. Appointments should last 30-45 minutes.

Cordless remotes that were ordered this summer are here. If you asked for one to be ordered for you then check with Wanda.

Susan Tabor says she and Cecilia Pittman are working on Accreditation which is due March 31. Tech Occ will also be this Fall. Child Development classes have been moved from 1H10 to Library 401.

Cecelia asked for a wish list for the remodel of this area. When Health Profession faculty move from 1H13 then Trish, Bruce and Mendy should be able to have offices there and we can all be in one area.

We want to be sure we are using our classrooms most efficiently. Some of the rooms will only accommodate 30 students. The Learning Community classes are limited to 25. Ray asked if classes would decrease in size if these were shown to be effective and Cecelia answered that we are not aiming to have all classes grouped into Learning Communities. This is just one of many strategies aimed at increasing student success for first time students.

- Lois Ganick reported Admissions is busy filling classes. She is pleased to be our representative from Advising and Career Services.
- Dana Tuley Williams distributed information on a library tutorial that she created to help students learn to use the library facilities. She asked that we let her know when our textbooks change as they keep those on reserve for students. She has also created a My Space page for the library.
- Trish reported that there will no longer be a WOW booklet but all the information will be online and presented monthly usually two weeks ahead. They will try not to schedule events the first and end of semesters when faculty are very busy. Wednesday lunch hours seem to be an open time for faculty so many events will be scheduled at that time. She stated the adjunct website is on the employee homepage and she is working to get this added to the college homepage. The Center for

Learning and Teaching is in the SEM Center and she has a resource room and conference room there. She would like ideas as to how the resource room might be best used. Perhaps discussions on academic freedom, political views and book reviews and perhaps guests from other colleges. What would make you use this room?

- Achieving the Dream - Stephanie is on the leadership team and Yuthika is on the data team.
- SAS - Data driven project. Our present system of Datatel does not work well with various reports. Cecelia and Yuthika will attend meetings with this new company to let them know what kind of reports are needed. Send any ideas to Cecelia.
- ANGEL migration is beginning and Thomas Jones is pilot person for the division and then will act as mentor in Spring.

Dr. Aquino joined the meeting welcoming the faculty back to campus for the new semester. Dana asked about allotment cuts that might be made if the lottery falls short as in the past year. Dr. Aquino stated that the college is fiscally sound and has a decent contingency plan. John Hughes asked about the time line for selecting a new Dean of Social Sciences. Dr. Aquino presumes the search will begin in January with hopes of having someone in place here the day after Cecelia retires. He mentioned the new Success in College and Life classes that are required for incoming freshmen. We can use the tools of Social Science to mine the data to see the differentials of student success. We have a five year commitment to this program of "Achieving the Dream."

Dr. Aquino invited and encouraged the faculty to come to the new Center for Learning and Teaching resource room suggesting it is like the town square for faculty. Journals and periodicals can be found there and a place to converse with colleagues. It should be a place for coffee and conversation.

Dr. Yoder invited the faculty to her home Friday, August 24th for a back to school pot luck. She will provide meat and you may sign up for the side dish of your choice to bring to share.

Dr. Hughes mentioned the Global Ed Conference in Ardmore October 4th and 5th and that it should be a superior program.

- Outcomes Assessment due September 14
- Basket for cake money in office

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