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Division of Social Science
University of Minnesota
Morris, MN

Minutes
Division Meeting
September 29, 2014

Faculty in attendance: Janet Ericksen (Chair), Joe Beaver, Ed Brands, Stephen Burks, Dave Brown, Satis Devkota, Solomon Gashaw, Farah Gilanshah, Steve Gross, Hiro Imai, Seung-Ho Joo, Nick Leonard, Tim Lindberg, Hsiang-Wang Liu, Clement Loo, Leslie Meek, Kerry Michael, Benjamin Narvaez, Cristina Ortiz, Bibhu Panda, Heather Peters, Roger Rose, Dennis Stewart, Marynel Ryan Van Zee, and Lauri Wyum.

Student Representative in attendance:

Faculty excused absences: Chris Butler, Mike Cheyne, Rebecca Dean, and Jennifer Rothchild

Faculty on leave: Arne Kildegaard (sabbatical), Jennifer Deane (Fall SSL), and Bart Finzel (recused due to position as Dean)

Division Chair Janet Erickson called the meeting to order at 5:31pm in Imholte Hall 109.

A. Announcements:

- a. The 4th Annual Alumni and Students Networking Event on Friday, October 3 held in conjunction with Homecoming 2014. This program provides networking opportunities, alumni and student interactions, and accessibility with strong alumni engagement. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Also there is a gathering in memory of the late Chancellor Emeritus John Q. Imholte on Saturday, October 4. The event is at 3 p.m. at the LaFave House the Cougar football Homecoming game. A brief program, with remarks by Chancellor Jacqueline R. Johnson, will begin at 3:30 p.m.
- b. 2015-16 is the Division of Social Science's turn to invite an individual for the Distinguished Visiting Professorship in the Liberal Arts (possibly 2-week commitment). The individual should be from outside the University of Minnesota, preferably from beyond the state of Minnesota, and who is a nationally recognized authority in a liberal arts field within the arts, humanities, mathematical sciences, natural sciences, education or social sciences. If you nominated someone in the past, and would like to pursue that individual again, that's fine. See Janet's e-mail September 2, 2014 for the nomination instructions.
- c. Deadlines for sabbatical and single semester leaves are coming up. The deadline for Single Semester Leave is October 27th. The deadline for sabbatical applications is November 17th. The deadline for "time release" applications is December 5th. See the

Dean's Office web page for application forms. Keep in mind Janet would like to have the applications a few days in advance of the deadline in order to add her comments.

- d. It was suggested to inquire as to Camden Hall hours, and if they can be extended. The Chair reminded faculty the Division Office door should remain closed and locked after hours. Also, students should not be present in Camden after hours unless escorted by faculty (if necessary, a key can be procured for research assistants).

B. Approval of minutes

All present approved the minutes for September 10, 2014 after the addition of some faculty who hadn't signed the sheet.

C. Curriculum Revisions:

Stephen Burks suggested updating programs to use Adobe Pro instead of Microsoft Word for better formatting.

a. Anthropology (Anth)

Course Revisions: 1813, 2101, 3455, 3502, 3603

New Course: Anth 2206 – Sex, Marriage, and Family (4 cr; HDIV)

Main changes in Anthropology occur in new personnel. One important course change was the name change of Physical Anthropology to Biological Anthropology. This course will also be 5 credits instead of 4 credits.

b. Sociology (Soc)

Course Revisions: 3103, 3124, 3125, 3403

New Course: Soc 3125 – Terrorism, Law, and the State (4 cr)

Sociology had staffing changes as well as addition of IC courses. Upper level electives of IS and Sociology can now apply to major. Net change on totals for 3xxx and 4xxx courses in the catalog should be +1 instead of 0.

c. Economics (Econ)

Course Revision: 4121

Economics has new staffing arrangements. There was also the removal of General Education designation from some courses. Also, new courses have been added.

d. Management (Mgmt)

Course Revisions: 3134, 3141, 3142, 3151, 3152, 3171, 3503, 3513

Management had General Education designation removed from some upper level courses. Also, Consumer Behavior has not been cross-listed. This is deemed necessary for curricular design reasons. The cross-listing would change the totals for 3xxx in catalog to +1.

e. History (Hist)

Course Revision: 3455

Course Deactivations: 1701, 1813, 1815, 3381, 3457, 3463, 3558, 3559, 3707

Due to staffing changes, History has had several courses deactivated. Also, courses that have been approved and present in the online catalog for the past 2 years will be added.

f. Political Science (Pol)

Course Revisions: 3261, 3354, 3401, 3461, 3501, 3201, 3211, 3231, 3232, 4251, 3263, 4266, 4451, 3453, 3475, 3504

Course Deactivations: 3221, 3234, 3503, 4301, 4302, 4452

New Courses:

Pol 1202 – Law and Society: Introduction to Public Law
Pol 2221 – The American Judicial Process
Pol 2222 – The U.S. Supreme Court
Pol 2234 – Race, Class and Power: Social Movements in U.S. Politics
Pol 2235 – Race, Class and Power: Interest Groups in U.S. Politics
Pol 2262 – Power and Politics in American Cities and Communities
Pol 2301 – Anarchy and Utopia
Pol 2302 – Gandhi and the Politics of Resistance
Pol 2411 – The United Nations: Simulated Negotiations
Pol 3302 – Islamic Political Thought
Pol 3303 – Feminist Political Theory (2 cr; SS)
Pol 4205 – Seminar in American Politics (4 cr)
Pol 4305 – Seminar in Political Theory (4 cr)
Pol 4405 – Seminar in Comparative Politics and International Relations (4 cr)
Political Science has added some new courses. Additionally, some current courses are being changed from 4 credits to 2 credits due to the courses splitting from one class into two classes. The Political Science major is no longer requiring STAT 1601 because of student feedback.

Please note, some courses still have their old course numbers as they have not yet been approved by ECAS. Once approval has gone through, faculty should be able to see the correct course number.

g. **Psychology (Psy)**

Course Revisions: 3101, 3111, 3112, 3211, 3221, 3261, 3302, 3313, 3314, 3315, 3401, 3402, 3501, 3502, Psy 3503/Mgmt 3503, 3504, 3513, 3521, 4101, 4102, 4770, 4910, 4920, 4930

Course Deactivation: 1061

New Courses:

Psy 4771 – Independent Research in Psychology (1-6 cr)

Psy 4970 – Advanced Seminar in Psychology (4 cr)

Psychology is adding two new courses: PSY 4771- Independent Research in Psychology & PSY 4970 Advance Senior Seminar in Psychology. Course PSY 3401 Development and Child Psychology title proposed to be changed to include “Adolescent”. This change was approved by all present. Course PSY 1061 was cancelled because information is also covered in PSY 2411. Due to miscount, only 2 new courses have been added including one 4xxx course.

h. **Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies (GWSS)**

Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies has a possible count change. This will be double-checked when Jennifer Rothchild returns.

i. **Environmental Studies (EnSt)**

New Courses:

EnSt 3112 – Climate Change and Moral Responsibility (4 cr; ENVT)

EnSt 3201 – Environmental Justice (4 cr; (E/CR)

j. **Liberal Arts for the Human Services (LAHS)**

New Course: HMSV 2001 – Introduction to Human Services (4 cr; SS)

LAHS proposal to change title of major to Human Services is being reviewed. One lower level course was added. The addition of subplans was also proposed. There would be four subplans: General, Criminal Justice, Social Justice, and Human Development. Currently have faculty on staff to meet Criminal Justice requirements. Additionally, 4 staff members have volunteered to help teach added Human Services courses.

k. Social Science Major

Approval of minors for other majors essentially approves the majors of Social Science division.

- D.** Proposal to add World History 1111 to History courses. This was seconded by Cyrus Bina and all present approved the proposal.

Division Chair adjourned meeting at 6:33pm.