

BEHAVIORAL SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION
DIVISION MEETING

Monday, February 23, 2015 2:35 pm to 4:30 pm

Location: General Classroom Building, 410

All division members, full-time and part-time, are invited

PROPOSED AGENDA

1. SLO Assessments and Maps. According to Academic Affairs:
 - a. Pending SLO Assessments Fall 2013 Past Due
 - b. Pending SLO Assessments Spring 2014 Past Due
 - c. Review and update calendars
 - d. March 16, starting at 1:30, SLO workshop
2. Instructor Evaluations
3. Division re-alignment
 - a. Review proposal from President Nabil
 - b. Offer suggestions in writing to deans, senate, etc
4. Housekeeping items:
 - Keep your class for the full hour
 - Do not add students beyond capacity
 - Administer final exams as published in the Schedule of Classes
 - Report instructor absences, including partial absences, to (310) 287 4570
5. Next Meeting, March 16, computer lab
 - a. 1:30 to 4:30
 - b. Bring materials or thumb drive

Attest



Charles "Buck" Stapleton, Professor-chair
Behavioral Social Science Division

**BEHAVIORAL SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION
WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE**
Minutes from the Division Meeting of February 23, 2015, 2:40– 3:45 PM

- I. DIVISION MEMBERS:**
1. Members present: Buck Stapleton, Kenyatta Bakeer, Norma Barragan, Carrie Canales, Dolores Gallegos, Meric Keskinel, Sholeh Khoroshi, Jeff Lee, Richard Olivas, Aimee Preziosi, Jack Ruebensaal, Marlene Shepherd, Patricia Siever, Corey Williams, Donald Mark Susuki (adjunct rep).
 2. Members absent: Dave Smith, George Yan
 3. Guests: Anthony Lee
- II. HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS:**
1. Keep your class for the full class meeting, start on time, finish on time.
 2. Do not add students beyond capacity, submit exclusion and census
 3. Administer final exams as published in the Schedule of Classes
 4. Report absences to the chair and hotline (310) 287 4570
- III. SLO's:**
1. Fall 2013 Past Due Assessments
 2. Spring 2014 Past Due Assessments
 3. Review and update calendars
 4. Workshop set for March 16
- IV. INSTRUCTOR EVALUATIONS:**
1. Full-time instructor, determine if comprehensive or basic.
 2. Adjuncts, obtain list of any not completed for Fall 2014
- V. NEW HIRE COMMITTEES:**
1. Political Science. Committee appointed, Sholeh Khoroshi chair.
 2. Administration of Justice. Not yet approved by President Nabil.
- VI. Voting on Reorganization and Presidents Draft Division Reorganization Plan:**
1. Do we want to realign or reorganize the Behavioral Social Science Division? Yes, 4 votes; No, 10 votes; abstain, 2 votes
 2. If Behavioral Social Science Division were to reorganize, do we accept the President's Draft Proposal? Yes, 0 votes; No, 14 votes; abstain, 1 vote
- VII. DISCUSSION:**
1. **Previous Reorganization Attempts.**
 - a. The Division discussed reorganization 5 or 6 years ago when President Rocha approached the issue, but no serious efforts were made for the division to reorganize. Since we failed to reorganize ourselves then, the president may have felt more justified in addressing the issue now.
 - b. A.J., Corrections and Fire Tek voted to bring in EMT under the name of Public Safety.
 2. **Administration of Justice.** AJ is both an academic program and a CTE program, primarily an AA Degree and transfer program. However, four colleges in our district have recently brought AJ (and CD) into Behavioral Social Science Division (Pierce, Harbor, LATTC, Southwest). Statewide AJ is moving toward a social science component and dropping traditional CTE classes in favor of the TMC-AAT or AST.

- a. School of Criminal Justice now exists at CSULA, CSUDH, and at other universities AJ is imbedded into Sociology, Political Science, or Public Administration.
 - b. AJ has four courses that are social science electives: AJ 1, 2, 4, 67.
 - c. WLAC did not renew the 36 unit A.J. Certificate of Achievement
 - d. Public Safety was passed by the senate to include AJ, FT, Corrections and EMT which has an AJ top code.
 - e. AJ is not a good fit with travel, hospitality, etc.
 - f. Advisory Committees have recommended a stronger GE focus.
3. **Child Development.** Child Development was left in the Behavioral Social Science Division under the President's Plan but AJ was moved to the CTE disciplines, including those that are failing badly with enrollment.
- a. CD has a strong set of courses aligned with the CSULA and CSUDH, and two private universities wanting to align with the WLAC CD program for transfer (Chapman and Pacific Oaks).
 - b. CD is reorganizing and moving skill certificates into Certificates of Achievement.
 - c. Family & Consumer Studies is related to Child Development.
4. **Alcohol and Drug Studies** has never been separate from psychology because they are psychology classes.
- a. Logistically, in which department would the instructor vote in and how can they be in two divisions under two division chairs?
 - b. There is an AA offered in A/D studies so that makes it an academic major as well.
 - c. Several classes overlap as both Psych major and GE classes as well as A/D classes (Psych 1, 14, 64); again, it doesn't make sense to separate these under different divisions because there is a lot of overlap in the classes and adjunct instructors.
5. **Jewish Studies:**
- a. No longer exists and for that matter neither does Chicano Studies. However, there is rational that they could provide the seeds toward an ethnic studies major does have some merit.
 - b. If Jewish Studies and Chicano Studies were to exist, then they should be placed under Global Studies as a component of Social Science. This would also cover, though not exclusively, the Middle East Studies Program which West is in the process of developing (and to which the U.S. Department of Education has agreed to fund within its first three years of development.) These programs, as well as any related Certificate programs, could then be housed within the Social Studies Department; and, the Middle East Program would then be a subset to the International Area Studies Program.
6. **Social Sciences:**
- a. The President's Draft does reflect that of the university system.
 - b. Adding Philosophy to BSS Division is a good fit.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm

ATTEST:



CHARLES "BUCK" STAPLETON, Professor-chair

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