

Poli Sci Department meeting minutes 12/2/16

Irmak: next week, colloquium is Elizabeth Hurd.

Kathy: with department party to follow; will be catered.

Course selection by faculty. Junior faculty go first.

Discussion about the optimal number of graduate classes we should have. Ehito says 9 or 10 is best; when we had 14, three of them got canceled. What is the optimal number of 600 level vs. 700 level. We don't know and should determine.

Discussion on undergrad: no one signed up for 110 & no one for 110 honors. Put Nevi down for 110A Honors.

Kathy: can we now stretch to spring 2018.

Small innovations happening. Mānoa academy: one class being taught up at KS by 'Umi Perkins in the summer. Different versions: one on horizon, next spring. Handful of Honolulu high schools, Leslie Thorne in dean's office running; high school counselors will nominate students to come to Mānoa to take a 110. We are one of the departments that may be able to offer this. There is also a Punahou version, called Pueo, maybe offer 170, policy class. Kathy wants buy in from department that this is a good idea and we keep an eye on it so that we are the ones to pick the instructor. Punahou has chosen their instructor who is BA grad of ours and has law degree.

Renewed push for international side to have 3+2 with Beijing Institute of Foreign Lang. Ivy in Dean's office drew up MOA, undergrads at Beijing would come here to finish thesis and do their MA. Important that we have control over admissions; we have to be willing to have the admissions committee consider them after the deadline, because their deadlines are later than ours. After our committee, they are vetted by grad division. Jairus: can we put pressure on Dean to put more resources into writing center? Right now students only get one visit. They will need more support for English writing.

Jon: what is happening with Nursing req course for us. Jairus: they have now agreed to once a year, in person class; Debbie will rotate with Jairus. Kathy: we need to change that to Outreach so that we earn some revenue from it.

Kathy: Class will be dual listed as outreach and regular. Nursing students will enroll under outreach. Current deal is Outreach takes 27%, Dean's office takes 25%, dept gets 48%. We would get a GA out of this.

Katharina: our entire campus is buzzing about 3+2 grad program. How about recruiting our best undergrads; DURP is doing this; we might be able to model/pilot. Maybe a 4+1,

grad with both BA and MA. Petrice: we shouldn't be thinking of Asian students as moneybags, but rather look at them as students/people who want to come here.

Kathy: Likelihood that our current undergrads if contacted by one of us that they know, and we have a way for a personal letter to go to the students to come to session (with pizza) on this. Jon: this is important; should be only an invited thing. When we advise undergrads, encourage good ones to do more than one capstone. These can count for more upper division classes. Ehito: Capstones can also count towards 300+ electives. Krishna: we need to advertise our grad courses as capstones. Jon: had a couple undergrads who have done astoundingly well in grad classes.

Petrice: she, Myungji, and Ehito also got NOTHING from college for travel. Krishna: Aren't you supposed to apply to URC first? Maybe that is a factor in decision. Jon: this is not okay for junior faculty. Kathy will check into it.

Kathy: let me know if you are planning to apply for spring pile of money for travel. Irmak's S-fund will be for grad students. Jon: we should adhere to the norm, that junior get funded with our money first.

Dick: Pi Sigma Alpha has an online journal for undergrad publication. Encourage students to submit to that. Any topic. Second, 390 should be one of the first courses that our students should take.

Respectfully submitted by Noenoe.