

6 October 2017 Political Science Dept minutes

Announcements

1. Recall project about grad certificates and have done nothing since a few reports.
 - a. Enrollment, online classes, assessment are the three problems
 - b. This helps with potential enrollment, and helps grad students get more credentials
 - c. Reminder about what was agreed to
2. December 8th : additional dept meeting if needed
3. October 13 with Chuck. 12 :30 pm
4. Prof dev committee will do workshop on conferencing for grad students

Neofascist update

1. Things are continuing.
 - a. Security of affected faculty
 - b. Trying to get student out of there
 - c. Don't assume that other weird things are not happening. Just keep eyes open
2. Do people want active shooter training ? Think about it.

Curriculum

1. Focus designations deadline is October 13
2. Last day for students to withdraw from class is Oct 20 ; encourage those who are lost
3. Curriculum : UG survey.
4. 5 year BA/MA being talked about
5. Pol sci club is being organized
6. Movie night social event

Spring schedule time discussion

1. Some classes were switched to avoid overlap.

Budget :

1. Need to vote.
 - a. Take pool of extension money and use for travel : 50/50 grad/fac : 20
 - b. Divide money into travel + equipment/supplies : 2

Lecturer : People who are connected to the department in ways other than the formal hiring process. Wimal, Farideh, etc. Chairs make an informal arrangement with these people. New candidate : Sam Pooley. Ph.D. our dept 1987. Just retired as head of Fisheries. Proposal is to invite Sam for one course per year for 3 years (informal relationship). Down side is one fewer lecturership will be available for grad students ; positive is get valuable expertise in environmental politics.

Comments : This is a chance to hire. Hard to get a sustainability certificate program off the ground, and perhaps we can do this also having an association like this. Mike vouches for him. Curriculum committee approved his syllabus 2 years ago ; Grants & Awards/hiring approved proposal. One course per year for Sam. Larry says Sam understands local politics. Veerle : big attraction in this area. Noelani : yes strengthen offerings. Ehito : other programs may need a politics course, say in ocean policy. Manfred : yes. Noenoe : is the certificate already on the agenda for college cluster hire. Carolyn : hundreds of environmental studies programs exist but we should still do this. Global environ politics is taught by

Carolyn, Sarah will teach American course focused on oceans. Graduate students teaching environmental things have not gotten good enrollments. So we should consult with Sarah so there is no conflict. Kathy : not a competition. This will raise the profile of all environmental courses. So having another person is a good thing. Will raise amount and visibility of what we can do. Carolyn : certificate is stalled because soest v. Soc sci are fighting with each other. So Bruno said this must be cross listed. Faculty senate will do certificate but not a major. Anything that we can do will be great. Won't step down to allow Sam to teach. Noelani : want to see that caveat will be presented to him that if enough grad students applying then they get priority. VOTE : 18 yes////4 no///3 abstentions

Ehito : undergrad research opportunities

1. UROP has a lot of money. A lot of travel and research opportunities. Michelle has specific information to help students.
2. Possible course on thesis stuff for UG. Probably going to be small due to honors overlap (Honors has a thesis course).

Ehito : 3/5 BA/MA. Econ has done it. Other units are thinking about it. Good for motivated students. Have to do all your undergrad credits. Double count 9 credits of Grad towards UG. Junior year admissions. Debbie likes the idea. Bruno's office would have to look at this and grad council.

Hunger on campus : high percentage of students reporting they don't have enough to eat. Albie Miles at UHWO is doing a study showing almost 30% of students don't have enough to eat. Maybe ask Albie to come. Carolyn : invite George Kent also. Maybe dept food bank. Hawaii food bank : will give food 5 days a week.