

10/14/2016

Department of Political Science – Draft Minutes

In attendance:

Faculty: Kathy, Katharina, Jairus, Nicole, Myungji, Petrice, Colin, Carolyn, Larry, Manfred, and Dick; eight grad students.

Announcements

- UHPA meeting: watch the Firefighters [implication: if they get salary increases...]. Contact our Legislators in Residence!
- Mini-conference tomorrow: one teaching and one research panel.
 - Formula used by admin. for resource allocation: student semester hours; general criteria: enrollment, assessment, online classes.
 - Dept. interest is to broaden contacts with political scientists in the UH system. Goal: informed advising.
 - Many are our former students; maintaining contact will improve our knowledge of situations in other campuses.
 - What do we do to promote the department?
 - Warm, accessible. Face-to-face, website (e.g., pictures of student events).
 - Jairus: we have a lot of “O” and ... designations; need more in more designations.
 - Revising curriculum.
 - Lower division classes don’t do great on enrollment; designations might help.
 - What to do after the mini-conference? Evaluation?
- Colloquium today. Kaimana Beach reception. Has fireworks 7:30.
- Myong: Friday workshop on Asia.
- Grad certificate process (identify grad programs that might interest our students and improve our students’ “credentials”). Advantage to faculty: reduce grad class cancellations by attracting students in other departments to include our courses in their certificate programs. Kathy presented a draft grad certificate template and reflected on its merits. Included were discussions of
 - Job applications: e.g., the cover letter is an introduction to the c.v.
 - Need to consider how to assure that the template isn’t lost in time.
- Colin: introduced the idea of a “3-2” program (3 year undergrad program, 2 year grad, ending in an MA). No separate admission into MA if enrolled in the 3-2.
- Colin: QR (quantitative reasoning) requirement. But who would teach it?
- Kathy: teaching a class in reading and writing politics is desirable, but who would teach it?
- Kathy: sustainability curriculum initiative. “Renewable energy and island sustainability”
- Manfred: 2 weeks from now at the East West Center, Indonesia experts, one from our department, one talk on Islamic parties in Indonesia, and one on modern Indonesia. Noon-1:30 October 28 at the EWC cosponsored with our department. Cancel the dept. meeting?
- Colloquium on police violence on the 28th at 2:00 p.m.
- Kathy: involve undergrads by having them write up one page commentaries on colloquia they attend for credit in some of their courses.