

Program Review Committee

September 20, 2012

In attendance: Michelle Johnson, Russ Hickey, Lee Brown, Jim Chin (Via DL), Jeff Burdick

Called to order at 3:33 by Michael Stannard

Minutes of the last meeting approved: Lee Brown moved; Russell Hickey seconded, approved unanimously.

Michael Stannard reported that through a decision by the CCC, the Music Department will not do a PR since they have no program, but they will develop and track SLOs for the classes.

Discussion of philosophy PR draft. Discussion of study hall and a budget for study hall, which the committee recommends be added to the draft. Further research into the legality and practicality of the study hall idea is encouraged.

Discussion of Psychology PR draft. Questions about on-line class improvement, which is mentioned by not explained. Please explain. Some discussion about the outreach efforts to other campuses and a question arose for consideration: Should psychology instructors be in touch with CSU on a formal basis as well? This is merely a suggestion to Diane Schoenburg.

Discussion of prereqs and how they influence student success. Increasing prereq for courses such as philosophy and psychology might lead to greater success rates, but might also limit the numbers of students who take the classes.

Discussion of adjunct instruction and how to improve it. Instructors notice that, for example, students who claim high grades in English 1A but have low performance are often products of an English 1A taught by an adjunct.

Discussion of Political Science Draft. The committee thought that the draft that was presented was far too long and needlessly complicated. They noted that it needs a Willow international summary and goals completed. Lee Brown said that he would add that. However, because of discrepancies between philosophy and goals, the committee recommended that Lee Brown produce a Willow-specific PR document with a due date 31 January 2013. This will allow him to assemble appropriate documentation for his goals and to present his SLO materials in a useful manner.

5. Discussion of Art PR. We enjoyed Magritte. Note that DSS is used in place of DSP&S throughout the document and should be replaced. Page 24: Clarify which classes should be removed from the catalog. Clarify that the transfer degree may take care of that. Page 28 needs hyperlink as mentioned. Page 28, the issue of adjuncts not participating

should be explained. There is no funding issue here. We recommend that the paragraph be removed or modified. Page 30: A clear error with 22,000,000 soldiers mentioned.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35