**Department of Social Sciences**

*Friday, October 14, 2016*

9:30-10:30am

**Minutes**

1. Assessment:

* Professor Eric Seelau noted the department is on track for assessment
* Professor Amy Trogan is requesting that someone from the Social Sciences serve on a panel for research based assignments.
* It was noted it would be good to have someone from the department on the committee. Interested parties should contact either Professors Page and Seelau or Dr. Trogan directly.

1. General Education Assessment Volunteers

* The assessment office is still looking for volunteers for General Education Assignments.
* Faculty members were encouraged to participate.

1. Psychology/Human Growth and Development Credentials

* Credentialing in PSY and DEP. Do you need that one credit? The psychology faculty agreed that one graduate course for an introductory class was not necessary for teaching if the instructor had a masters or doctorate in psychology.
* The Psychology faculty stressed the importance to streamline the credentialing for PSY.
* It was noted that credentialing guidelines are periodically reviewed.

1. Textbooks

* The Psychology faculty discussed the problems of using Wilely Plus and the bundled material.
* The faculty agreed to discontinue the use of Wilely Plus for PSY 2012.

1. Sponsorship

* Dr. Herman discussed the local anthropologists Spanish-Mission in Colonial Florida conference and the request for sponsorship.
* The event is scheduled for February 25, 2016
* Motion to Sponsor. Unanimous in Favor.

1. Spring Schedule/Room Changes

* The Spring schedule was briefly discussed. Any requests for room changes need to be submitted.

1. Class Cancellations

* The Dean is encouraging faculty to consider how they approach class cancellations. If you are going to miss a class then you really should consider using canvas to make up for class time.
* The challenges and problems of using and locating substitute instructor was discussed.

1. General Education/Anthropology/Geography

* The following general education questions were raising in communication between the Dean and Dr. Deluca: Should the department consider additional writing-intensive classes and is their interest offering Anthropology in the core offerings.
* It was noted that this was discussed when the new core requirements were raised. The department does not have a full-time faculty member in Anthropology and the department remains satisfied with the current writing intensive offerings in Social Sciences.
* The Dean also noted recently that with the new aviation program on Charlotte there may be interest in offering Geography.
* Currently the department does not have a geography instructor.
* A motion was made to table these questions until next year. The department agreed to revisit these questions next year.

1. Community of Practice

* Next month our colleague Dr. Baltodano will be leading the Community of Practice. He will provide a more detail overview of his research. Everyone was encouraged to attend.

1. New Business

* There was no new business
* The meeting adjourned.