**Department of Social Sciences**

*Friday, January 12, 2018
Lee I-223
Charlotte O-118
Collier M-201*

**Agenda**

Attendance: Mark Herman, Leslie Bartley, Lauren Madak, Randy Moffett, Thomas Donaldson, Terri Housley, Sabine Maetzke, Sheila Seelau, Eric Seelau, Brian Page, Harold Van Boven, Matthew Vivyan.

Excused: Bruno Baltodano, Jacquelyn Davis, Dawn Kulpanwoski, Phillip Wisley.

1. Mentoring 2017-2018/2018-2019
* Professor Page reminder faculty to complete their observations for the 2017-2018 academic year.
1. Spring Enrollments
* Enrollments looked good for the Spring semester. All classes/sections were relatively full.
* Noted enrollment on Charlotte campus has improved.
1. New Faculty:
* Dr. Teed is reviewing new faculty lines.
* In the Social Sciences there is a need for Economics on the Lee Campus.
1. Fall and Summer Schedule
* The Fall and Summer Schedule will be out soon.
* Faculty should review the schedule to make suggestions based on need.
1. Textbooks
* Textbook adoptions are due next month.
* Psychology will need to consider an adoption for PSY 2012.
* Social PSY will also be offered in the Fall. If you are interested in discussing the course and the text contact Eric Seelau.
* It was also noted that consideration is being given to development an Adolescent PSY course.
* The faculty discussed the upcoming textbook fair hosted by the bookstore.
1. General Education
* The general education changes proposed to the curriculum committee were withdrawn.
* This was done out of concern for the new civics literacy requirement and the uncertainty to the speech offerings.
1. Cheating and Online
* Harold Van Boven discussed a recent problem with cheating for online economics. There is a “clitch” in the system that allows students to get the right answer. He will be in contact with the publisher.
1. New Business
* A community of practice focused on new technology ideas for canvas was suggested.
* Dr. Teed visited the meeting.
* There was a discussion about contract dates. Given the new process faculty were not clear on what was do when.
* Dr. Teed noted this is a new process, so everyone is learning.
* Dr. Teed also noted an advisor meeting to take place on March 1. There was so question about the best way to communicate new courses to advising.
* After Dr. Teed left the faculty discussed the portfolio process.
* Professor McDaniel asked questions about the portfolio process for adjuncts.
* Faculty returned to their discussion on textbooks.
* A discussion of OERS followed and the possibility of future adoptions for Psy.
* Faculty were also reminded of the upcoming textbook fair.

The meeting adjourned.