

SS Department Mtg – Fall 2020
 October 9, 2020 – 9:30am-11:30am
<https://fsw.zoom.us/j/93168457930>
 Meeting ID: 931 6845 7930

AGENDA

Attendees:

Alexandra Nikishin	Dawn Kulpanowski	Juan Ginarte	Matt Vivyan	Sheila Seelau
Brandon Jett	Eric Seelau	Lauren Madak	Phil Wiseley	Terri Housley
Bruno Baltodano	Harold Van Boven	Leslie Bartley	Randy Moffett	Tom Donaldson
Camille Drake-Brassfield	Jacque Davis	Mark Herman	Sabine Maetzke	Adjuncts: Jesus Rivera Renee Hester

- One word that sums up your teaching experience this fall!
- Thank you...
 - Eric’s contribution behind the scenes of our assessment practices for SACS
 - Juan Carlos Ginarte, Alexandra Nikishin, and Phil Wiseley for volunteering to attend the Textbook Affordability meeting on behalf of the SS department on Oct 30.
- Poll: Social Sciences website
 - 60% yea, 40% nay
 - Most who spoke rallied for the professional aspect of having a SS website
 - Are other departments doing this?
 - Compromise on how much info to include in bio (e.g., general contact info to full bio with link to personal/professional website, etc.)
 - By November meeting those who want to partake in having their info on website should have their headshots and bios uploaded in SS Headquarters
- Social Sciences Headquarters
 - If willing, please add sample syllabi before we head into spring semester?
 - Adjuncts have been invited
- Textbook updates
 - Economics will change to 22nd edition in Summer 2021
- Guest @ 10am: Rebecca Harris – Transdisciplinary Communication (TC)
 - Social Sciences contacts: Matt Vivyan & Brandon Jett
 - TC = Communication is the product (something we want students to do), and Transdisciplinary mixes methods, materials, practices, perspectives, modes of thinking (Rebecca will send definition to me to share with department)
 - Four subgroups/main ideas/directions for TC:
 - 1. Common gen ed assessment
 - 2. New course/program/learning community

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- 3. Capstone/portfolio (attached to AA degree)
- 4. Community research program
- Other Ideas:
 - Assignments, courses, programs, learning pathways, learning community
 - Label certain courses as TC (similar to writing intensive courses)
 - Release time is a possibility for those who want to develop/team teach
 - Portfolio: meaningful group of experiences building over time
 - Learning pathways – center on FL history & economics, e.g.
 - Cohort project due at end of 2nd year
- Qs: What do we already do to foster TC? If we could do anything what would it be? (the SS department will explore ideas in future department meetings)
 - Learning community
 - SS TC course? Introduction to Social Sciences (psy, anth, socio, etc.—Erik/Shelia Seelau)
 - SS team teach
 - Group/cohort project
- Assessment update – Dr. Erik Seelau
 - This AY the gen eds being assessed are Communicate & Evaluate
 - Oct 23 PD Friday at TLC will be running panels to discuss each of these gen eds
 - Syllabpalooza will likely occur in Spring 2021
 - If you are teaching online, assess online, if ground, you have the option of in-person or online assessment.
 - Assessment changes for Fall 2020 need to be made very soon so it can be distributed in a timely manner
 - Bruno plans to update the POS 2041 assessment (will do so by end of the month)
- Call for proposals FGCU/FSW Symposium: Building Connections in Virtual Environments
 - The call will be released next week, deadline Oct 30. Please submit a proposal!
- Other business...
 - Messages from Dr. Teed:

We heard in our Dedicate to Graduate (D2G) meeting last Friday that we are seeing students suffering from unemployment, food insecurity, homelessness, and other distress as a result of COVID-19. We may need to listen more closely to what is going on in their lives especially if they present us legitimate reasons (illness with doctor's confirmation) why they are behind in their work. Also from the D2G meeting: As we begin Term B, please remind faculty to make good use of the Early Alert System. It seems to help get students back on track or, in some cases, informs they are in a particular class they didn't know they enrolled in (!!!).

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Also, the deadline for submissions to the Curriculum Committee's November meeting is October 12. After that, no changes to programs may be made. I am hearing—and will confirm—that we have extra time on course proposals.

- TLC PD Friday – Oct 23 <https://www.fsw.edu/tlc>
 - *TLC Adaptive Services presentation specifically about student accommodations. Actually, all those TLC opportunities are worth mentioning.*
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- Curriculum – Dr. Sheila Seelau
 - Get proposals in early so you can make changes, if necessary.
 - Course changes need to be submitted by Jan. 11, 2021 for Feb meeting.
 - Last gen ed updates were made to syllabi 2016-2017; if we want to update our gen eds we can fill out a brief info item form, which can be sent in anytime (we can send to Wendie Thompson to make immediate changes)