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| **Economics** | **History** | **Psychology** | **Political Science** | **Sociology** |
| Juan Carlos Ginarte | Tom Donaldson | Leslie Bartley | Bruno Baltodano | Phil Wiseley |
| Randy Moffett  | Mark Herman | Camille Drake-Brassfield | Joel Reinking |  |
| Alexandra Nikishin | Brandon Jett (Absent) | Jackie Davis |  |  |
| Phillip Post | Kaitlyn Muchnok | Terri Housley |  |  |
| *Isabella Bazoeva (Adjunct)* | Matt Vivyan | Sabine Maetzke |  |  |
|  | *Richard Kaserman (Adjunct)* | Sheila Seelau |  |  |
|  |  | Eric Seelau |  |  |
|  |  | Terri Taggart |  |  |
|  |  | *Jesus Rivera (Adjunct)* |  |  |

**Social Sciences**

* **General Education Competencies**: Dr. Rebecca Harris rescheduled for 2025
* **History Search Committee:** Per Kaitlyn, the position will be officially posted at the end of November. Brandon is leading the search committee.
* **Psychology Program Committee:** discussed the possibility of expanding the program and potential collaboration with the Human Services department director, Christy Clark. Terri Housley will lead research on potential psychology program expansions, certificates, and internship opportunities. Sheila shared that Dr. Page expressed that they couldn't compete with FGCU for a bachelor's program, but they could consider certificates or other options. Discussion ended considering various ways to prepare their students for pursuing psychology, including creating a flyer of their courses and exploring internship opportunities.
* **Common Course Assessments:** per Eric the **psychology** department is not using traditional assessments for the next couple of years and is exploring other methods. Leslie will remove old psychology assessment materials from Canvas Commons. Thom mentioned he will continue researching requirements for **history** assessment, is working on new versions of assessments, and plans to pause the assessment process for one to two years to focus on student learning outcomes.
* **Faculty Lead/Liaison:** the team discussed the importance of having a liaison lead faculty to provide information to adjuncts.
* **Adjunct Mentoring:** the team discussed the new process; Terri H. and Leslie shared experiences and concerns. Joel mentioned reaching out to a mentee twice without response. Matt advised that public school systems use Webex, not Zoom, for webinars.
* **Course Redevelopment updates:** Matt (a) discussed curriculum changes for the **AMH and World History** courses, including the approval of new learning objectives and the shift from 3 to 2 courses, (b) mentioned the involvement of an instructional designer and the availability of US history faculty for consultation (c) announced would be using an OER textbook, American Yawp, and has secured an info base American history database from the library, which would be available for all students starting in spring 2025. Per Sabine and Leslie, **Psychology** department is (a) working on aligning DEP 2004 module objectives with learning activities, (b) plan to complete by the end of the spring term, (c) decided to stay with the current textbook, Santrock, and (d) in the process of reviewing module learning outcomes. Per Bruno, Michael Demoran will be working on redevelopment of the **Political Science** course.
* **All Inclusive Access/BibliU:** The team discussed issues with BibliU and all-inclusive access, urging everyone to double-check their processes to avoid student issues.
* **Adjunct Attendees**: Adjuncts Isabella Bazoeva and Dr. Jesus Rivera introduced themselves, expressing their enthusiasm for the meeting and their work

**Committee Updates (as needed)**

* Academic Technology-L. Bartley: Leslie mentioned the academic technology committee's exploration of a new video platform, USA, and the potential shift to Honor Lock for remote proctoring. Sabine expressed enthusiasm for Honor Lock, viewing it as a better option than Proctorio.
* ARC- R. Moffett: Randy updated the team about the changes in the deadlines for the ARC grant, with the first deadline now being in April.

**Department Goals/Action Items**

* Psychology Major Exploration Committee – T. Housley, L. Bartley, T. Taggart (see SS notes)
* Assessments - Psychology- E. Seelau, History- T. Donaldson (see SS notes)
* Lead faculty/Liaison – updates (see SS notes)

**New Business**

* Social Event – C. Drake-Brassfield: Jackie will ask Dr. Page to host Christmas party at his home. Camille will organize a party theme.
* H/G Service Opportunities- T. Taggart mentioned Big Brothers, Big Sisters, service opportunity which aims to recruit students to be big brothers or sisters in the Henry Glades area. Lori Whitneyer, the program coordinator, plans to visit Terry's class to recruit additional students. The program offers opportunities for network creation, skill building, and helping others.
* Suicide Awareness – C. Drake-Brassfield – Camille suggested a focus on suicide prevention awareness in September 2025.

 *Next Department Meeting: December 13, 2024 @ 2:00 pm*