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| **Economics** | **History** | **Psychology** | **Political Science** | **Sociology** |
| Juan Carlos Ginarte | Tom Donaldson | Leslie Bartley (excused) | Bruno Baltodano | Phil Wiseley |
| Randy Moffett | Gary Girod | Camille Drake-Brassfield | Joel Reinking |  |
| Alexandra Nikishin | Mark Herman | Jacquelyn Davis |  |  |
| Phillip Post | Brandon Jett | Terri Housley |  |  |
|  | Stacy Klein | Sabine Maetzke |  |  |
|  | Kaitlyn Muchnok | Sheila Seelau |  |  |
|  | Matt Vivyan | Eric Seelau |  |  |
|  | Amy English (adjunct) | Terri Taggart |  |  |
|  | Sara Gottwalles (adjunct) | Charles Brown (adjunct) |  |  |
|  | Richard Kaserman (adjunct) | Renee Hester (adjunct) |  |  |

* Approved previous minutes

**Social Sciences**

* Semester updates (challenges/opportunities)

The team discussed textbook issues, noting ongoing problems with Bibli's inclusive access and planning to clarify expectations for the spring semester. Kaitlyn reported that the new AMH 2020 shell has good activities and assignments, but is facing technology challenges, particularly with students needing assistance setting up accounts for Canva and Lucid. Matt mentioned that the world history course has been successful except for issues with multiple-choice quizzes, which were fixed by reducing the test bank to multiple-choice questions. He and Gary noted that students were having difficulties with Lucid diagrams. Jacquelyn offered to have Jillian create a video tutorial for students to address technology issues.

The team also addressed issues with outdated course learning outcomes (CLOs) in some syllabi. Jacquelyn agreed to follow up with Steven to ensure all CLOs and shells are updated by spring.

* Mentors assigned (thank you)

Mentors were encouraged to reach out to their mentees and set up schedules as soon as possible.

* Submit Spring Schedule

Faculty encouraged to submit to Dr. Summary by 9/12

* Psychology Workforce Badge- Davis

The team discussed the development of a workforce badge for Psychology, which has been well-received by local schools and organizations in Collier with plans for implementation by Fall 2026.

* Assessments -Seelau, Donaldson

Eric and Tom will meet with Elijah Pritchett, the new Effectiveness Coordinator, to discuss assessment results and goals.

* Study Abroad – Nikishin

Alexandra is recruiting faculty to collaborate on Study Abroad in China.

* Florida Civics Literacy Exam

Joel announced upcoming exam review sessions on September 26, October 24, and November 14 at 9 am for students to prepare for the exam. Joel also advised faculty to refer students to Academic Advising to check if requirements are met.

**Committee Updates (as needed)**

* Academic Standards – C. Drake-Brassfield
* Academic Technology – L. Bartley
* ARC- R. Moffett
* Curriculum Committee – R. Moffett
* Faculty Senate – K. Muchnok
* GEAC – R. Moffet, J. Reinking
* Honors Advisory Council – P. Wisely, B. Baltodano, M. Herman, J. Davis
* Holocaust Committee – M. Herman, B. Baltodano
* Learning Assessment – E. Seelau, T. Donaldson
* OTOC – S. Maetzke – This year’s theme is “The Power of Story”
* Professional Development – S. Maetzke

**Department Goals/Action Items:**

* Human Services-no update
* Christmas party – Thom - Updates next meeting

*Next Department Meeting: October 10, 2025 @ 2:00 pm*