

School of Social Sciences Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2011

Those present:

Jean Abshire, James Beeby, Stephanie Bower, Sara Hare, Linda Jasper, Carl Kramer, Todd Manson, Robin Morgan, Bernadette Olson, Gregory Phipps, Kelly Ryan, James St. Clair, Yu Shen, Dean Joseph Wert, Diane Wille, Lucinda Woodward and Rhonda Wrzenski.

Dean Wert welcomed everyone back for the new semester. He thanked all those attending for their patience during his and Abbi's first semester as Dean and Administrative Assistant.

He noted that Annual Reports are due by February 11, 2011. Junior faculty review meetings with the Dean are mandatory. Others may choose whether to have a review meeting with the Dean or just sign the review and return it. Paper forms are still necessary this year. Electronic forms are being considered for the future.

Please submit items for the School of Social Sciences web page to Brigette Adams. Check sheets for each of our majors are now online in PDF format. Please notify the Dean if you have changes in your requirements for degrees.

In a meeting with VC Atnip, utilization of existing classrooms was stressed. There are now 20 Friday courses being offered. The goal for Fall 2011 is 30 Friday courses, and the goal for Fall 2012 is 40 courses. If you regularly meet with students on Friday, VC Atnip requested that you get a room assigned for these meetings. Another alternative would be to switch Saturday courses to Friday. When scheduling, please consider these options.

Physical Plant Director Jim Wolfe requested that faculty and staff not bring home recycling to IUS. The recycling service is for University waste only.

Dean Wert asked if anyone had a copy of a field trip waiver form that they have used in the past. If so, please let Joe know and get a copy to him. Thanks.

Lucinda Woodward, International Programs Coordinator, spoke for Walter Ryan on Fulbright Scholarship opportunities. She distributed International Contact forms asking all those attending to complete them and return them. She noted that Fulbright Scholarships have two categories: Teaching Assistantships and Study/Research Abroad. The application deadline for both categories is mid-October. Senior undergraduate students who are US citizens are eligible. Discussion followed. If you have questions, please see Lucinda for details.

Dean Wert noted that the budget situation is not particularly good. Estimates of budget cuts range from \$600,000 to 1.3 million dollars depending on the Legislature. He will begin to prepare the budget for submission next week. Please send your suggestions to him. Faculty asked if they could see the current Social Sciences budget before making suggestions. Dean Wert noted that most of the budget consisted of salaries and benefits, and that he will send out more details to faculty members this week regarding the budget.

Questions were raised regarding the space partially vacated in the lower level of Crestview Hall by IT personnel. Dean Wert noted that VC Atnip has asked us to be patient regarding this decision. Joe will check again with VC Atnip to clarify use of this space.

With no further business or announcements, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.