

School of Social Sciences Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2009

Those present:

Jean Abshire, Ronald Allman II, James Beeby, Stephanie Bower, Bernardo Carducci, Dana Creamer, Aimee Edison, William Farrell, Deborah Finkel, Sara Hare, Meghan Kahn, Carl Kramer, Brigitte LeNormand, Todd Manson, Robin Morgan, Bernadette Olson, Greg Phipps, Kelly Ryan, Jim St. Clair, Valerie Scott, Dean Clifford Staten, Kristin Tennyson, and Diane Wille.

Dean Staten opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing Ron Allman to speak about the Faculty Senate IT Software funds. The funding for the School of Social Sciences is \$1,500 per year. To date Ron has received only 2 requests totaling \$200. If the remaining funds are not spent by March 15, 2010 they will be forfeited. Ron also noted that Microsoft and Adobe products are free due to a licensing agreement with IU. The program [ALynda.com](#), a training program for software, is available on a one-month free trial basis. If enough of the faculty and staff use the Lynda training program, the University may decide to make it available on a long-term basis. Robin Morgan recommended Tube Soft for all SSCI faculty which would cost approximately \$15 per person.

If you have any software requests, please speak to Ron Allman.

Social Science Strategic Plan - Cliff Staten

Dean Staten asked for a motion to be made to adopt the Social Science Strategic Plan. The motion was made and seconded. Dean Staten then opened the floor for discussion. He also noted that the Strategic Plan Committee had received no responses from faculty regarding any changes to the plan since the last SSCI school meeting. The question of if and how the Strategic Plan would be assessed was raised. Dean Staten said that it would be assessed and that he will report to the disciplines how assessment will be carried out. Another question was raised regarding section 4.2.2. Will full professors observe all junior faculty or only junior faculty in their discipline? Dean Staten responded that they would observe all junior faculty.

With no further discussion, the question was called and the motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.

Dean Staten noted that an edited copy of the Strategic Plan would be placed on the School of Social Sciences Website.

Announcement:

Social Science Forum - Brigitte LeNormand

Brigitte noted errata on the published Social Science Forum Mission Statement. The statement should read @two events per year@ instead of @two events per semester.@ She also encouraged SSCI faculty members to come to the Committee with ideas for the future events. They are open to hearing all suggestions.

With no further business or announcements, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.