

Miguel Diaz -S&SB Department meeting notes 10/1 &10/15

- Economics, history, political science instructors needed
- PD (Professional Development logs/reports/emails. (Christine Reed) 36 hours annually. Reminder it is distinct from two hours of weekly college service. > The college and FA are undergoing a review and overall closer look of what is allowable under state guidelines. The underlining assumption is some faculty have met part or all of their PD obligations with activities that should not be accepted. The two All-Staff Days should always be included. If the faculty member does not attend, that also should be noted. The Faculty Senate is the body that should define what is allowable, FA is to implement it, deans are to oversee the correctness of submissions. A general form may be developed in the next round of negotiations to standardize the process. The FA contract currently defines the general list of what is allowable for PD and for service hours.
- (Bob Curry) Proposed revisions to equivalency standards. (See attachment) It was debated to make standards vary by discipline, but currently, it is one standard for all, and same for full-time or part-time instructors. The changes are still in draft form. Concerns were raised that the newest proposed changes could make it more difficult for a person to qualify, and yes, that is the intent. With CCAP rapidly becoming more prominent, the standards will carry greater weight. There are multiple changes proposed, but the elimination of part “D” is perhaps the most significant (having a BA in discipline or related discipline +18 units in the discipline.) There is a growing concern that high schools are asking for “higher level” courses without having the teachers who are qualified to teach the courses.
- Some expressed concerns the changes would also keep out part-timers from working at the college directly. Eliminating “D” will diminish the value of those with lower-level degrees but significant real-world work experience. Fine Arts and engineering were two of those areas cited and they are not alone It was recommended that the proposed changes be discussed in all department.