

**DEPARTMENT MEETING  
POLITICAL SCIENCE  
NOVEMBER 27, 2018**

ATTENDEES: Dr. Roger White, Dr. Philip Dynia, Dr. Young Soo Kim. Minutes taken by: Wendy Porche

**MAJOR FIELD EXAM RESULTS**

Dr. Cain distributed his major field exam results. Faculty thanked him for all of his annual work on these reports.

**SCAP LETTER**

Dr. White referred to recent SCAP report. The SCAP review was completed May 2, 2018. Dr. White met with all of the faculty individually to discuss the findings and asked for further discussion. Dr. White asked if a Scope & Methodology could possibly be a required course with Quantitative and Qualitative? All faculty agreed that we should keep our current number of electives. Instead we would take one of the POLS electives out and replace with Scope and Methods.

Dr. Kim stated that our current curriculum includes Con Law I & II, HPT I & II, should IR be 1 & II? Dr. Dynia asked if he thinks he is giving enough to the subject by only teaching one section? Dr. Kim stated that he would like to cover another IR course with IR II. All agreed, but are concerned about adding 6 more hours to the major. Dr. Dynia stated that it would be good to get into more depth of this subject. Dr. White asked about the Major Field Test and if IR was down?

Dr. Cain stated that all of our scores are slightly down in all areas except Methods. Faculty do have a concern that the standards of our current students were decreased and that is a concern.

Dr. Cain expressed a concern that there would be a new provost next year so what would that mean? He had two suggestions:

Quantitative Math Course or  
Foreign Language Course

and that we would not make changes immediately but instead respond with a report that represents data. Dr. Cain suggested that maybe we should have a student survey of freshmen and then re-do the survey for Capstone students. All agreed.

Dr. Dynia suggested that we also get data over the past 10 years of the percentage of political science graduates.

Dr. White stated that we should address what current students are requesting and definitely agreed with collecting student data. Could we have two tracks instead? Dr. Dynia stated that in the SCAP letter it stated that they did not want it to be on a track by relying on collaboration with other departments.

Dr. Cain stated that at the last APSA conference the Research and Methodology group discussed that most pols programs typically require Quantitative or Qualitative, but rarely both. Dr. Cain stated that in his current Methods course he has ten students.

Dr. Dynia stated that the most vital part is our MFT scores because that is our means of assessment.

Final decision was that we would collect data of preferences from first year students and their backgrounds. Surveys will be collected in spring Capstone and fall freshmen advising.

Dr. White said the due date is in February, 2019. In addition, SCAP requested more student mentoring.

Dr. Cain stated on the exit survey we could also ask seniors if they would prefer two IR courses and Dr. Kim stated he would write up what the second course would entail. In addition, we could ask what are their career goals? All agreed.

Faculty also stated that the department is concerned that we don't want to make things income negatives rather than income positives.

Dr. Dynia asked if Dr. White could send a draft to faculty prior to sending response. Dr. White agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.

