

Political Science Department  
Faculty Meeting Minutes  
April 28, 2017

Associate Dean, Robert Goldstein was present for this meeting

Political Science faculty present: Don Haider-Markel, Chair, Nazli Avdan, Hannah Britton, Paul Johnson, Mark Joslyn, John Kennedy, Patrick Miller, Mariya Omelicheva, and Gary Reich.

Graduate Students present: Patrick Gauding, Bronson Herrera

The meeting began at 11 a.m.

Associate Dean from the College, Robert Goldstein introduced himself, and his first business was presenting Professor Gary Reich with the Gene A. Budig Teaching Professorship in Social and Behavioral Sciences for 2017-18! Congratulations, Gary!

Goldstein led the meeting and answered questions in regard to the upcoming Kansas Board of Regents departmental review.

The department should consider such things as its needs, goals, common goals, strengths. External reviewers would visit Oct 22-25; this will include 3 external reviewers and one internal reviewer from KU.

Reviewers will meet with the Chair, Undergrad and Graduate Directors and with the rest of the faculty by sub-field or individually. Faculty need to have PRO up to date from now through October.

Some faculty had questions about, with the changes in the College, whether the department can expect any positive outcomes after this process of reviewing and describing our vision, and expressing our needs. Goldstein said the areas he is over have seen very good response after going through their review; the Dean is interested in working with the departments more directly and will stay in communication with them.

Following Goldstein's visit, the Chair had a few more pieces of departmental business..

The minutes from the prior meeting, in February, were called for, seconded and approved by voice vote.

Discussion followed on the external review.

Professor Johnson began a discussion on more cooperative quantitative methods teaching in the social sciences.

Reminders: upcoming Spring Gathering, May 4 in the Bruckmiller Room, (upstairs in) the Alumni Center. Schumaker, Loomis retiring and also Office Manager Betty Jo Ross. Another reception the department for Betty Jo on May 5, from 2 to 3:30 in the department. And the departmental graduation recognition ceremony on May 12.