

Political Science Department
Faculty Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 22, 2017 meeting, 11am

Faculty present: Don Haider-Markel, Chair, Nazli Avdan, Brittnee Carter, Paul Johnson, Mark Joslyn, John Kennedy, Mariya Omelicheva, Gary Reich, Clay Webb, Michael Wuthrich
Graduate Students present: Rachel Finnell, Patrick Gauding, Bronson Herrera, Alexandra Middlewood

Consent Agenda Items: Bylaw changes (first reading), new course proposal (499), proposal for minor in Security Studies, and proposal for minor in Data Analytics for Politics

The Chair welcomed everyone back for the new academic year. Also, a welcome aboard to new Political Science faculty, Brittnee Carter and Michael Wuthrich!

The Chair explained this meeting is the introduction to the bylaws, and discussion of the vision and mission of and the strategic plan of the Political Science department and goals, as had been circulated.

The prior meeting minutes, from end of spring semester, were also called for, seconded and approved by voice vote.

The chair briefly discussed a new capstone course option (499) for undergraduate students for research and field experience under direction of a faculty member and approved by the undergraduate director.

The faculty discussed including more political science courses in the KU Core.

The external review team will be visiting on December 11 & 12, arriving the evening of Dec 10. Please make a note on your calendar so we can schedule meetings, meals with, and assistance with transporting from airport etc. Linda Pickerel will be in touch as we work with itinerary.

The U.S. Politics faculty search is moving forward and applications are coming in. The goal is to complete the search before early December.

Megan Denison is our department's new specialist for graduate advising. Please have the graduate students check with her for deadlines etc. and reach out to her with any questions.

Reminder: the Departmental picnic is Sunday 01 Oct @4pm, Clinton Lake Park, Pavilion

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30