

November 13, 2018, 4:00 pm Political Science Department faculty meeting

**Present:** Don Haider-Markel, Chair, Nazli Avdan, Christina Bejarano, Hannah Britton, Paul Johnson, John Kennedy, Patrick Miller, Kevin Mullinix, Robert Rohrschneider, Clay Webb, Michael Wuthrich

**Absent:** Brittnee Carter, Mark Joslyn

**Grad Students:** none

Don Haider-Markel, Chair, began the meeting with at 4pm with a call to approve the minutes, and a motion was made, seconded, and approved by voice vote.

John Kennedy provided an update on the East Asian Security search. The committee had received 115 applications, which were narrowed down to 40 qualified applicants. From that list the committee selected 11 candidates for phone interviews.

Following the phone interviews the department will meet at 4pm on 04 Dec or 11am on 07 Dec to develop a list of candidates for on-campus interviews.

Next the faculty considered the continuation of the appointment of Dr. Ramu Zeedan to a .50 tenure-track appointment in political science, with .50 of the line in Jewish Studies. Dr. Zeedan had been interviewed by the department on 08-09 Nov.

The chair outlined the strategy for considering appointments suggested by the College. Consideration is weighted based on the three-year hiring plan and the candidate's vita. In this case the original agreement was for a Visiting Assistant Professor position, but that was changed without the knowledge of the department. This created a need for a full consideration of this candidate, including an on-campus interview.

The faculty discussed the pro and cons of appointing Dr. Zeedan, with considerable focus on his lack of a political science background.

Following discussion Paul Johnson called for a secret ballot vote.

The ballot revealed a unanimous vote against offering Dr. Zeedan a tenure-track appointment, but after further discussion we agreed to offer a courtesy appointment, cross-listing of courses, and support for Dr. Zeedan's study abroad ambitions.

Christina Bejarano announced that on 30 Nov we'll have a speaker in, Dr. Wendy Smooth, to discuss the role of gender in the 2018 elections. Further announcements will follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30