Assessment Plan

Yuba Community College District

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Program Description: The Humanities classes at Yuba College continue to be filled to capacity each semester, averaging 60-80 students per class for the introductory class. World Religion - Philosophy 20 classes also continue to grow each semester, currently with enrollments of approximately 70 students in each class. We are currently lacking a full-time Philosophy instructor, therefore have minimal offerings in this area. Humanities classes taught include: Humanities 10, 11, 20, and 31. Currently an adjunct instructor also teaches Humanities 10, 11 and Philosophy at Beale and/or on-line. Adjunct instructors teach Philosophy 1, 6, and 12 at Yuba College and at Beale or on-line.

Year of Review: 2011-2012

Type of Review: Annual Update

Executive Summary: We do have adequate adjuncts and lucky to have both of them. Both are recent graduate students who we hired to replace Abele.

The Critical Thinking course is one of the most popular in the philosophy department. This is why three courses have always been part of the full-time position course load in the past.

Again, it is the critical thinking skills which are enhanced by philosophy courses. These courses support the general education requirements for the college and make for excellent transfer courses.

Past program reviews have always demonstrated the need for a full-time position in this discipline. Again, if program reviews were one of the key documents for establishing hiring priorities at Yuba College we would have an automatic re-hire for this position. We remain the only one college in northern California without a full-time philosopher.

Future Goals and Program Direction: Hiring a fulltime Philosophy instructor

Recommendation: Curriculum

If resources permit, offer additional sections of Humanities and Philosophy to serve the needs in this area of instruction.

Year(s) Requested: 2011-2012

Request Date: 01/31/2012

Recommendation Priority: 3. High Priority

Plans of Action

Plan of Action	Budgetary Impact	Timeline/Responsible Party	Active
Offer more courses in Humanities and Philosphy to meet needs of students. **Type:** Curriculum/SLO	Yes	Fall 2012 - Administration	Yes

Recommendation: Staffing

Need to hire a full-time faculty member to teach Philosophy and more staff is needed to teach Humanities as well.

Year(s) Requested: 2011-2012

Request Date: 01/31/2012

Recommendation Priority: 3. High Priority

Plans of Action

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Hire full-time faculty member for Philosophy and more adjunct faculty for Humanities. **Type:** Staffing - Faculty	Yes - Substantial	2012-2013 - Administration/Division Dean	Yes

Recommendation: Equipment/Technology

Equipment is sufficient for the program.

Year(s) Requested: 2012-2013
Request Date: 01/31/2012
Recommendation Priority: 1. Low Priority

Recommendation: Facilities -1

Rooms are either too hot or too cold and waste energy resources - Temperature control is needed in buildings and classrooms.

Year(s) Requested: 2011-2012
Request Date: 01/31/2012
Recommendation Priority: 3. High Priority

Plans of Action

Plan of Action	Budgetary Impact	Timeline/Responsible Party	Active
Upgrade temperature control systems for classrooms **Type:** Facilities	Yes - But would save resources	Spring 2012 - Administration	Yes

Recommendation: Facilities - 2

Classrooms are in need of repair and updating. Classrooms need cleaning and upkeep. Classrooms need materials such as maps and emergency phone systems.

Year(s) Requested: 2011-2012
Request Date: 01/31/2012
Recommendation Priority: 3. High Priority

Plans of Action

Plan of Action	Budgetary Impact	Timeline/Responsible Party	Active
Repair and Update Classrooms, Hire more Custodial Staff to maintain classrooms, Install maps where appropriate and emergency phone systems in all rooms. **Type:** Facilities	Yes - Substantial	2012 - Administration	Yes