Program Review Report

Yuba Community College District

YC - Sociology, Social Science & Women's Studies Program Recommendations

Program Description: The sociology program continues its healthy levels of enrollment, and is keeping pace with changes in the college, the community, and the California Community College system. It offers a range of classes that prepare students for transfer to university, as well as providing them tools for self-development, critical thinking, and civic engagement.

Year of Review: 2012-2013

Type of Review: Self-Study (4-year review)

Executive Summary: The sociology program continues to prepare students for transfer. In addition the program has demonstrated some very innovative approaches to improve student learning, student success and student engagement. Marysville has the strongest program since Lake Campus only offers an introductory course each semester. The FTES of over 100 for the past two years generates over half of a million dollars with 1.2 FTEF contract and .90 in adjunct offerings.

Future Goals and Program Direction: The sociology program has consistently involved itself in innovative approaches to improving student success and engagement, both on campus and in the community. We have taken part in such initiatives as Service Learning, Learning Communities, and Experiential Learning. The program hopes to consolidate and build on these activities by developing courses and opportunities around "community entrepreneurship" and by creating community-based research opportunities.

Curriculum & SLO Assessment Summary : At least one SLO has been developed for all active sociology courses. SLOs have been assessed for Sociology 1, and Sociology 10. Sociology 5, which is taught by an adjunct instructor, has a developed SLO, but it has not yet been assessed.

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YC - Sociology, Social Science & Women's Studies Program Recommendations - social science media lab - dedicated space for media technology for use by social science students, faculty, and staff. **Year(s) Requested:** 2010-2011 2011-2012 **Request Date:** 02/11/2012 **Recommendation Priority:** 3. High Priority **Supporting Evidence (SLO, WSCH, etc.):** The sociology department is currently without a permanent home. When we are re-located, it is essential that we dedicate a space for the Media Workstation that has already been purchased using Division funds.	**Plan of Action:** A suitable workstation--i.e., an Apple Imac loaded with Final Cut Pro--has been purchased by the Social Science Dean. However, because the Social Science Division is in transition to a new space, the workstation is now in the home of Sociology Professor Marc Flacks. The plan is to return the workstation to campus when our new space is ready, when and if there will be space dedicated for the media workstation. **Type:** Equipment/Technology **Budgetary Impact:** none **Perkins Eligible:** No **Plan of Action:** We are still waiting for a suitable space for		

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	the media workstation. We filed paperwork last year stating that the workstation is being temporarily stored off campus. Until the District provides a suitable and secure space in which store the equipment, it will continued to be housed in the home of Marc Flacks. **Budgetary Impact:** NA **Location:** Yuba College - All **DE Related:** No **HSI Related:** No		
YC - Sociology, Social Science & Women's Studies Program Recommendations - Develop Community Entrepreneurship Program--The Yuba College Center for Community Entrepreneurship - There is a concerted push nationwide for community colleges to play a stronger role in developing small businesses, local nonprofits, and entrepreneurship. There is great need in Yuba County for both economic development and development of nonprofit community based organizations, and the personnel who can manage both traditional and nonprofit ventures. We hope to develop a program that would place students in local nonprofit ventures, providing them with knowledge, skills, and experience needed to operate successful small social enterprises. **Year(s) Requested:** 2010-2011 **Request Date:** 02/11/2012			

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Recommendation Priority: 3. High Priority **Supporting Evidence (SLO, WSCH, etc.):** The U.S. President's recent state of the union speech emphasized the role that community colleges can and should play in local community development. Harmony Health FRC has received several grants for just this purpose, and has a strong track record of successful collaboration with the college. It is time to formalize this partnership, and give it an institutional home and title--i.e., Center for Community Entrepreneurship			
YC - Sociology, Social Science & Women's Studies Program Recommendations - Continue developing the Social Science Research Methods Course - We are planning to offer Socil 8/Psych 8 for the first time in Fall, 2012. Given the growth of applied sociology and community based research, we think it would be beneficial to partner with local organizations to create research projects in which students can apply their social science research knowledge and, in so doing, provide valuable data and analysis to the local community. **Year(s) Requested:** 2012-2013 **Request Date:** 10/12/2012 **Recommendation Priority:** 3. High Priority **Supporting Evidence (SLO, WSCH, etc.):** Recently, Sociology 2 partnered with North Yuba Grown, to conduct interviews and compile a database of local growers and agricultural retailers. This research was	**Plan of Action:** We are going to continue to do outreach to find other local organizations who have research needs, and who are interested in promoting information literacy in the community. **Type:** Curriculum/SLO **Budgetary Impact:** NA		

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sponsored by the Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation and by the Farm Bureau, and the data Soc 2 students provided was highly welcomed by all parties. This research is ongoing, and their is clearly a need for more applied, low-cost research, for local nonprofits and other organizations.			