

Post - Year Three Review Action Plan - Political Science

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Part 1 -- Updates and Reflection on Action Items from APR

Recommendation	DEPARTMENT ACTION	COLLEGE ACTION	PROVOST'S OFFICE ACTION	Action Plan Update
Assessment reform	X			We now have a complete assessment plan and have collected and analyzed data from several classes. We should continue to assess regular courses according to our rubric and utilize data from assessments to make decisions about curriculum reform. Completed.
Curriculum reform	X			<p>After a full year of extensive discussions, we have made significant progress in reforming our minor programs with three new minors. We should also consider increasing opportunities for students to be more involved with experiential learning activities. Undergraduate Council has approved the new minors.</p> <p>Discuss a security study certificate. Timeline: Plan should be complete by May 2020</p> <p>Discuss an upper level gateway course for transfer students. Timeline: Discussion should be complete by May 2020; if the department decides to move forward, the plan should be complete by May 2021.</p>
Add Speakers Program	X			We have now developed a lively and biweekly 'Current Events Forum'. We should now develop regular 'brown bags' for faculty to discuss pedagogical strategies. We should also aim to propose at least one Social Science Forum speaker per year.
Faculty	X			We have developed new strategies to increase the diversity of any future applicant pool.

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Part 2 -- Current/Ongoing Action Items for YTR

Recommendation	DEPARTMENT ACTION	COLLEGE ACTION	PROVOST'S OFFICE ACTION	Action Plan
Improve undergraduate research capacity	X	X	X	<p>We should encourage faculty to engage students in research as much as possible. We should also work very closely with administration to develop a social science lab with at least 30 terminals.</p> <p>The dean's office is working with departments and DOIT to plan for such a lab.</p> <p>Timeline for recommendation: End of fall semester 2019</p>
Integrate Shady Grove program and students more with main campus	X			<p>We should try to facilitate ways for students to travel between the two campuses for classes and extracurricular activities. We should also continue to encourage faculty from main campus to teach at Shady Grove and the involvement of Shady Grove Program Director in regular department programming.</p>
Improve communication	X			<p>We have made significant progress in updating our website and how the department communicates with students and faculty. We are in the process of developing an extensive departmental alumni network and plan an event for POLI alumni for Homecoming 2019.</p>
Update P&T to include interdisciplinary activities	X			<p>We need to add language to our current P&T policy to give credit for interdisciplinary activities and community engaged scholarship. Timeline: Fall 2019</p>