

Religion/Philosophy Department
Action Plan Update: October 22, 2007

Status on Action Items from Program Review

1. The R/P department has researched the current Wilson Library holding for books relevant to their courses and made recommendations to the library (Appendix N).

Goal: Follow through on these new acquisitions.

2. Student Profile data for the purpose of comparing R/P students with the broader ULV student population is much desired but unavailable due to constraints in the Office of Institutional Research.

Goal: Re-address this issue when that department is functional again.

The department is working with Yingxia in the Office of Institutional research to develop this information.

3. Increased contact with department alumni is now more realistic.

Goal: Increase the number of contacts and more successfully administer the Alumni Survey.

The Alumni Survey was administered, but with very little response. The department will work with Alumni relations to see how others are more successfully approaching this.

4. The department now has an Exit Survey for graduating seniors

Goal: Implement the newly developed Exit Survey and collect data.

The department does not have an effective way to obtain results from Exit Surveys. Like Alumni Surveys, students are not available, nor motivated to respond once they are away from the campus. The department needs to develop a strategy for this.

5. The department now has a rubric for formal assessment of Senior Projects.

Goal: Implement the newly developed rubric for formal assessment of Senior Projects and collect data.

This is in process.

6. **Goal: Seek a replacement location for archeologically based courses.**

Several attempts have been made, but due to political unrest in the Middle East, none have been successful. The department is currently pursuing a possible location in Hippos, Northern Israel.

7. **Goal: Seek office space for Part-time faculty.**

The department continues to make this need known, but space is at a premium and a solution is not forthcoming.

8. **Goal: Broaden course offerings to include Islam and/or Buddhism.**

The department hired a specialist in Islamic studies to offer a course in Introduction to Islam. Interest was low.

Additional Goals for Coming Year

- 1. Complete the process of submitting courses for the various designations under the new General Education guidelines.**
- 2. Restructure the Majors and Minors offered through the department. In so doing, the department will a) address goal #8 above, and b) meet the demand to change the unit value of all courses to four units.**