The department should continue its efforts to clarify areas of disciplinary overlap after the merger of Sociology and Interdisciplinary Social Sciences (ISS). The department will identify and eliminate areas of redundancy and streamline the programs. This should be completed before the next program plan.

The department will work with IEA to develop tools to evaluate the minors in the programs to be reported in the next program plan.

The department will work with the assessment coordinator to develop a sustainable, multi-year assessment plan for Social Science Teacher Preparation undergraduate degree program and Sociology graduate program.
  o The department teacher preparation program will work with the CCTC (California Commission on Teacher Credentialing) in aligning the PLOs and assessment plan for the Social Science Teacher Preparation degree program with the implementation of the Common Core and current subject matter competencies expected of teacher preparation programs.
  o For the graduate program, the department will update the PLOs to include explicit criteria for evaluation and expectations for student performance at varying levels. This plan will be reported back to the program planning committee in December 2015.

The department will take steps to improve graduation and retention rates for the MA program with a goal of matching the College of Social Sciences norm by the next program plan cycle.

The department will work with the Dean to develop a plan to seek accreditation for the applied sociology master's program. The department will provide an update to the PPC by the end of AY 2015-16.

The department will review BOGS' assessment of their GE program and make the modifications requested. A timeline for reporting back the requested material will be set in consultation with BOGS. BOGS will report the final outcomes (or an update) to the Program Planning Committee by the end of AY 2015-16.

Next Program Plan is due Spring 2020.

By signing below, we agree to the action plan outlined above.

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