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Subject: SOSC Committee Assignments 2006-07 (fwd)
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Dear SOSC faculty members,

Please find below email from our Acting Head for your kind attention.

Best,

Josephine

----- Forwarded message -----

Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2006 18:25:27 +0800
From: Erik Baark <sobaark@ust.hk>
Subject: SOSC Committee Assignments 2006-07

Dear SOSC Faculty,

I'm sure that everybody have noticed that a lot of changes in committee assignments have taken place as a result of Prof. Alvin So's promotion to Acting Dean. For my own part, I have experienced a great deal of confusion during my brief experience as Acting Head. However, with a lot of assistance from Alvin and Josephine, a new list of committee assignments has been prepared, and I attach a file for your information.

As usual, committee chairs are taken up by associate and full professors; associate and full professors are usually assigned to both division- and school-level committees; and each assistant professor is assigned as a member to one divisional committee. This has been the tradition of our division, mainly for protecting assistant professors from taking heavy duty committee work before promotion to a higher rank. Nevertheless, given the conditions imposed by the fact that several faculty members have left the division or are on leave, there is a lot of work to be done by the rest of us. I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the willingness that all of you who have been called upon to take up new responsibilities have shown.

With this email, I also wish to announce that we shall have several visiting faculty and temporary instructors. Some of them you may already have met, since they have started teaching and have occupied offices:

Dr. Gaochao HE
Dr. Ge LIN
Dr. Alex CHAN Ching-shing
Ms. Anita Ching-Hua KOO
Mr. LEUNG Chi Yuen

I hope to be able to welcome all our new and old staff at the Divisional Social Gathering on September 12.

Best wishes,

Erik

[Attachment: all committee assignments 06/07 \[omitted here\]](#)

I don't have the original of my following email.
I only have it as appendix to Josephine's return email (second below):

On Mon, 4 Sep 2006, Carsten Holz wrote:

> Jo,
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> are you sure I'm on this committee? According to the original list, I'm
> not.
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> Is it correct that I am now on the:
> School Research Committee
> Division Acad Review Com
> and the Political Economy search committee?
>
> Thanks,
> Carsten

Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 06:51:02 +0800
To: sobaark@ust.hk, sozweig@ust.hk, sobarrys@ust.hk, sojowong@ust.hk
From: "Carsten A. Holz" <socholz@ust.hk>
Subject: Clarification/questions on search
Cc: socholz@ust.hk

Dear Erik, David, Barry, Jo,

re the Intl Political Economy position, on whose search committee I find myself:

1. Do potential candidates include *econ* PhDs?
2. Is this an entry-level or a more senior position, or anything goes?

3. Does a China focus matter, or is this intentionally anything goes?

4. I have never seen job talks in Oct/Nov --- how crucial is this timing framework? (a must?)

If this position is open to econ PhDs, then, FYI, (i) the deadline for advertising in the October JOE, Job Openings for Economists, is 15 Sept. --- JOE is the one place for advertising to economists, and the October issue is the one issue that everybody looks at. (ii) In econ, for new PhDs, a first round of job interviews happens at the American Economic Association meetings, 2-3 days with candidates as much as possible every half or full hour. One of the hotels is designated a job-interview hotel, people interview in their hotel rooms, and if we play by the standard econ practices and interview at the meetings we should get a room in the interview hotel, which sells out quickly, i.e., I would need to keep an eye on when the reservation starts. Fly-outs start the day after the meetings...; fly-outs *before* the meetings are rare.

Regards,
Carsten

Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 10:17:01 +0800 (HKT)
From: Josephine Wong <sojowong@ust.hk>
Subject: Re: Academic Review Committee - Fall 06/07 (fwd)
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Dear Carsten,

Yes! You are correct!

By the way, Prof Zweig would like to answer the questions you raised on the Search for the International Political Economy face to face on the meeting. Therefore, may I check with you whether you will come to the office next Monday, Wednesday or Thursday so that I may arrange a quick meeting for the three of you.

Please advise.

Best,

Josephine

Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 19:18:22 +0800
To: sozweig@ust.hk, sobarrys@ust.hk, sobaark@ust.hk, sojowong@ust.hk
From: "Carsten A. Holz" <socholz@ust.hk>
Subject: Advertisement for Intl Pol Econ position

Dear David and Barry,

I received Davids draft of an advertisement for a faculty position in the field of Chinese Politics or East Asian International Relations. [I think this was a hard copy in my mailbox.]

As a member of the International Political Economy search committee, and based on the relevant passages from Davids draft for this other position, I append below a job advertisement for a position in Political Economy. I drop the term International because it hints at a trade or finance theorist (building microeconomic, mathematical models), and I think thats not what we want.

Regards,
Carsten

Job ad:

The Social Science of the Hong Kong University of Science & Technology invites applications for a tenure track assistant professor in Political Economy to begin July 2007. Position requires a Ph.D. in Economics or Political Science. A China focus is strongly preferred. Candidates must have a PhD degree at the time of appointment and demonstrate strong evidence for a scholarly career. S/he will teach courses in political economy, ideally including on China. The successful candidate will join a strong team of experts on China and East Asia.

Salary is highly competitive. Fringe benefits include medical/dental and annual leave. A gratuity will be payable upon successful completion of contract. For more information on the Division and HKUST please visit <http://www.ust.hk/~websosc/>. Applicants should send a C.V., three letters of recommendation, and writing samples to Search Committee Chair, Division of Social Science, The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, Clear Water Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong. Review of applications will begin November 15, 2006 and will continue until filled. E-mail contact: sosearch@ust.hk; please indicate the position interested in.

The date of the following email precedes that of the previous one by 3 hours. I probably did not see it by the time I wrote the previous one, working on Eudora which operates on the PC and does not download automatically; at times I avoided downloading for some time in order not to be continuously distracted.

Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 16:28:58 +0000
From: david zweig <sozweig@threehk.blackberry.com>
Subject: Appreciate your efforts
To: Carsten Holz <socholz@ust.hk>
Cc: Barry Sautman <sobarrys@ust.hk>

Carsten, there is a field in Poli Sci called IPE. That is what we are seeking to fill in general, since no one else in the division is doing any type of "international" political economy.
Dr. David Zweig
Chair Professor

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Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2006 10:37:32 +0800 (China Standard Time)
From: Carsten Holz <socholz@ust.hk>
Subject: Re: Appreciate your efforts
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To: david zweig <sozweig@threehk.blackberry.com>
Cc: Barry Sautman <sobarrys@ust.hk>, sobaark@ust.hk, sojowong@ust.hk,
socholz@ust.hk

Hi David,

the info I received is that this position is open to applicants from any discipline in the social sciences.

If you two (David and Barry) want this to be a specific poli sci position, I will not object, nor vote for it, but abstain. I will go along with the decision and judge applicants by whatever criteria you establish for this, in your view, specific sub-field of poli sci.

In that case, I will send an e-mail to faculty stating this joint decision, and possibly interpreting it.

Regards,
Carsten

Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2006 15:42:08 +0800 (HKT)
From: Josephine Wong <sojowong@ust.hk>
Subject: 1st "International Political Economy" Search Committee Meeting
X-X-Sender: sojowong@ms1.ust.hk
To: International Political Economy Search Committee -- Prof Barry Sautman <sobarrys@ust.hk>, Prof Carsten Holz <socholz@ust.hk>, Prof David Zweig <sozweig@ust.hk>

Dear "International Political Economy" Search Committee members,

This is to confirm that the details of our 1st "International Political Economy" Search Committee Meeting to be as follows:

Date: 11 September 2006 (Monday)
Time: 3 p.m.
Venue: Room 3362 (HSS Conference Room)

Thanks for your kind attention.

Best,

Josephine

Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2006 15:50:20 +0800 (HKT)
From: Josephine Wong <sojowong@ust.hk>
Subject: 1st Academic Review Committee Meeting
To: Academic Review Committee -- Prof Barry Sautman <sobarrys@ust.hk>, Prof Carsten Holz <socholz@ust.hk>, Prof Gerald Patchell <sopatch@ust.hk>, Prof Yimin Lin <y.lin@ust.hk>, Prof Ngai Pun <sonpun@ust.hk>

Dear Academic Review Committee members,

May I check with you on your availability to have a half-hour meeting for the 1st ARC meeting next week:

- 11 Sept (mon) 11 a.m.
- 11 Sept (mon) 2:30 p.m.
- 11 Sept (mon) 4 p.m.
- 12 Sept (Tue) 12 noon
- 12 Sept (Tue) 2 p.m.
- 12 Sept (Tue) 2:30 p.m.

Please advise.

Best,

Josephine

[A week later](#)

Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 10:57:29 +0800
To: sosc-fac-list@ust.hk
From: "Carsten A. Holz" <socholz@ust.hk>
Subject: Position in International Political Economy?=> political science position
Cc: hmacyee@ust.hk, socholz@ust.hk

Dear colleagues,

I am on the IPE search committee. While, to me, either an econ or a poli sci candidate fits the job title, David had clear feelings about this being a political science position. I abstained from resisting, and the position then turned into a political science advertisement.

I explain and interpret on my weblog, where Ive also added other entries (a total of four since last time).

--- Otherwise, I hope to log out for a while because I feel I've covered about all territory that I may want to cover + I need to get other stuff done + it only seems fair to give the new appointees a break.

Regards,
Carsten

The weblog that I mention in the previous email no longer exists. It contained this entry at the time:

Position in “International Political Economy” => political science position (13 Sept. 06)

I am on the IPE search committee. While, to me, either an econ or a poli sci candidate fits the job title, David had clear feelings about this being a political science position. I abstained from resisting, and the position then turned into a political science advertisement.

Since I can currently only see a sociology future for the division, and since the poli sci and econ faculty are so marginal in the division, fighting over this position between poli sci and econ doesn't make sense to me. Adding one faculty to poli sci or econ will not make any difference, least of all to the fact that we are, at core, a sociology division.

Implications:

[1] With the Associate Dean [David] pushing so strongly along discipline lines, I can only conclude that he does *not* buy into the social science “division” concept/ farce. In my view, such clear distinctions between disciplines reflect a “School” of Social Sciences (with individual disciplines), but not a social science “division.”

[2] We have four searches going, for social psychology, IPE, Hong Kong society & politics, and Chinese Economy.

[a] I wonder who assumed the authority to make this particular choice of positions? (The previous dean?)

[b] Is the decision-maker a private owner of this factory, free to decide what new machines to buy? Or is this our, the faculty's university and division? If this is meant to be a university, how does the decision-maker justify that we, the faculty, had zero say in this choice of positions?

[c] I wonder what informed these particular choices? Is there a quota system by discipline? -- The fact that we are de facto a sociology division suggests there is no quota system, so what is the criterion?

[d] How does this choice of positions fit in with the long-run strategy for the “division?” What is the long-run strategy?

I don't envy the person who assumed the authority to decide on the four positions. Since one can't square a circle (make sense out of a social science "division" farce), decisions on new positions that aren't heading straight for sociology can probably only be anarchic. Involving the university (faculty) in the decision-making process would then only have been a waste of our time.

--- I think we are a great China/HK group (just not an operational division). Where do we want to go? If it were something else than a beautified sociology department, what does it take to get us there?

Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 16:25:18 +0800 (HKT)
 From: David Zweig <sozweig@ust.hk>
 Subject: Re: Position in International Political Economy?=> political science position
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 To: "Carsten A. Holz" <socholz@ust.hk>
 Cc: sobaark@ust.hk

Erik, I would recommend that, since Carsten seems interested in being involved in hiring an economist, and made that fact known to the entire department, he would probably prefer to be on the Economics search committee.

Also, I understand that Carsten will be going to Chicago for the AEA (American Economics Association) meeting in Chicago in January 2007, at which time he will be in an excellent position to do recruiting for an Economist on behalf of the division.

So, assuming that Yimin has no objection, I would like to recommend that you swap Carsten for Edward Tu--Edward has no objections to this proposal, as I have asked him--and let Carsten serve the division more effectively by helping find a first quality Economist.

Best,

David

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Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 17:23:31 +0800
From: Erik Baark <sobaark@ust.hk>
Subject: Change composition of search committees
To: Carsten Holz <socholz@ust.hk>, soejctu@ust.hk
Cc: David Zweig <sozweig@ust.hk>, soyimin@ust.hk, So Alvin <soalvin@ust.hk>
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Dear Carsten and Ed,

David Zweig has proposed that the two of you switch search committee membership so that Carsten will join the committee for recruitment of a faculty member in the area of Chinese Economy, while Ed joins the committee on International Political Economy. I personally feel that this rearrangement makes a lot of sense, and can provide optimal use of our resources. I am sure that you will also be able to contribute to the work of these committees.

Thanks for your cooperation and serious work in the search committees.

Erik