

Meeting Minutes from February 15, 2018

Curriculum Committee

Voting Members: Rebecca Beal, Becky Brown, Maria Coulson, Gina Cullen, Dave King, Karen Koenig, Bob McCoy, Sara McKinnon, Joanna Pinckney, A Joe Ritchie, Karen Robinson, Nancy Willet

Nonvoting Members: Cari Torres-Benavides

Guests: Nadia Sanko

Chair: A Joe Ritchie

Agenda for February 15, 2018

- Motioned to approve: Sara McKinnon
- Second the motion: Joanna Pinckney
- Approval status: Members in attendance voted to approve the Agenda

Minutes from February 8, 2018

- Motioned to approve: Karen Robinson
- Second the motion: Maria Coulson
- Approval status: Members in attendance voted to approve the minutes with edits.
- Members voting no: None
- Members abstaining: Maria Coulson, Gina Cullen

Presentation:

1. Presentation by Modern Languages

- Nadia Sanko described the core courses in the Spanish sequence from SPAN 101 to 102 to 203. Many students struggle at the 101 and 102 levels (four units each) because the pace of covering the language and other challenges. Some students audit at the 101 and 102 levels to be able to get more contact hours before moving on.
- The department is proposing developing extended versions of 101 (101A and 101B) and 102 (102A and 102) to offer one of the eight 101 sections each semester for students who may need to move at a slower pace. The department proposes that the new courses would be three units each.
- Solano, Napa, Skyline, CCSF, Chabot and other colleges have developed similar curriculum.
- Nadia also presented a proposal for a culture course in French (FREN 98A). There is student interest in covering more of Francophone cultures beyond the core courses and the film as conversation courses. Similar courses in Spanish and Italian have been working successfully.

- The committee asked questions and discussed the numbering of courses, the impact on prerequisites, potential conflicts with existing curriculum, impact on degrees, the unit differences.

Reports:

Academic Senate Report (Karen Robinson)

- No report.

UDWC Update (Cari Torres)

- No report.

GE Committee Update (Dave King)

- GEC meeting today from 3:00pm-4:00pm in AC 217.

eLumen Update (Cari Torres)

- No report.

Curriculum Chair Update (A Joe Ritchie)

- Invite for new courses and programs distributed to all faculty this week.
- Two possible presentations from Paul Cheney and Stephanie Wells, and Bob McCoy upcoming.

Process for New Program / Course Submission

- The committee discussed questions for visitors after Nadia Sanko's presentation. Several issue/topics were brought forward:
 - Evidence supporting the presentation?
 - Units impacted?
 - Financial Impact on students?
 - Articulation necessary?

Interesting Facts

- Nothing to share today.

Technical Review:

For the most recent information on the status of courses being reviewed, please refer to the Course Approval Schedule on the Curriculum Committee website or the attachment from the regular distribution of curriculum materials by the Chair.