
Curriculum Committee Minutes

Sub-Committee of the Academic Senate

Fall 2021 Semester

Meeting Thursday, September 30, 2021 2:15 pm via Zoom

<https://marin-edu.zoom.us/j/96427950157>

Present: Gina Cullen, Luna Finlayson, Rachel Klein, Bob McCoy, Sara McKinnon, Lori Michelangelo, Kathleen Smyth, Cari Torres, Derek Wilson, Nancy Willet, Grace Mengqi Yuan, Alina Varona

Absent: Steve Newton, Heather Rahman, Kevin Muller, Logan Wood, Holley Shafer

Standing Items

1. Call to Order at 2:17 pm via zoom
2. Approval of the agenda
 - Motion to approve: Lori Michelangelo
 - Second the motion: Derek Wilson
 - Vote: approved
3. Approval of the minutes
 - Motion to approve: Derek Wilson
 - Second the motion: Bob McCoy
 - Vote: approved
 - Abstained: Kathleen Smyth
4. Chair Announcements
 - Gina announced that there is a repeat of mandatory revision training on October 8th.

Discussion Items

Rachel and Gina gave updates to the Curriculum Committee regarding the new Public Safety degree, which included information from Alina, DART, and Counseling faculty.

- Streamlined the course lists into clusters. Counselors can guide students or spark a deeper conversation based on the clusters. Students can self-guide. Courses are more cohesive in each cluster.
- 200-level courses were removed from List A.
- List C is "tailor it to your own needs".
- The degree is intended to be a terminal degree. Course transferability to UC and/or CSU will be indicated.
- Infuse the degree with flexibility and DE options.

- Similar degrees that Nancy researched. Mt. SAC's Kinesiology and Wellness Emphasis (AA Degree A8986)
<https://catalog.mtsac.edu/programs/programsaz/kinesiology-wellness/aa-liberal-arts-sciences-emphasis-kinesiology-wellness/>
- It is an interdisciplinary degree so that the courses can double-count for GE.
- The degree responds to the community need. Almost all courses have the DE option, which is very important to fire service professionals.
- Nancy mentioned the minimum requirement of 18 units for the major.
- Alina shared some current information happening in the field both at the legislative and advocacy level.
- Degree description: Designed for students desiring a two-year degree to prepare to enter the workforce or continue in their current career. The choice of emphasis allows the student to explore an area of interest while providing sufficient depth in a field of knowledge to contribute to lifelong interest. Students complete the Associate Degree-General Education, one emphasis area, and electives to total a minimum of 60 units of coursework at the associate and transfer level.
- Other boiler plate language: The Public Safety Pathway/Degree is designed to provide students who are interested in the fields of criminal justice, emergency response, firefighting, paramedics, police, and any other public services field, the basic skills and knowledge for employment.

Action:

1. Sara McKinnon moved to put the Public Safety degree to vote on the next meeting.
Kathleen Smyth seconded the motion.
Vote: all approved.
2. Derek Wilson moved to approved the revised course substantive change template.
Rachel Klein seconded the motion.
Vote: all approved.

Other Discussions:

- Kathleen talked about that DEC was discussing a new/non-emergency DE addendum. It will include some specific questions that align with the rubrics, and the information about certified faculty and POCR status.
- Kathleen will send the draft addendum to CC members for suggestions.
- Proposed DE addendum tentatively scheduled to come to CC on 10/17.
- The group discussed DE process, online synchronous, the right size of DE offerings, student survey, and DE related topics.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05pm.