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## Curriculum Committee Minutes

Sub-Committee of the Academic Senate

Fall 2021 Semester

**Meeting Thursday, December 09, 2021 2:15 pm via Zoom**

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

Present: Gina Cullen, Luna Finlayson, Sheldon Carroll, Rachel Klein, Bob McCoy, Sara McKinnon, Lori Michelangelo, Heather Rahman, Cari Torres, Derek Wilson, Kathleen Smyth, Holly Shafer, Nancy Willet, Grace Mengqi Yuan

Absent: Kevin Muller, Steve Newton, Logan Wood

### **Standing Items**

1. Call to Order at 2:22 pm via zoom
2. Approval of the agenda
  - Motion to approve the agenda: Derek Wilson
  - Second the motion: Lori Michelangelo
  - Vote: approved
3. Approval of the minutes
  - Motion to approve: Bob McCoy
  - Second the motion: Derek Wilson
  - Vote: approved.
    - Abstained: Mengqi Grace Yuan
4. Chair Announcements: None

### **Discussion:**

- New Course Presentation: COMM 107 Confident Communication: Managing Public Speaking Anxiety – Patty O’Keefe
- 1 unit, 17.5 lecture hours, in-person, starting Fall 2022

### **Q:**

- Kathleen said the proposal was great. She asked if students could enter the course, say 6 weeks into the semester or when they need it. She asked about the repeatability, and whether students could take this course in conjunction with other performance course outside COMM department.
- Cari asked about the transferability, articulation, and how it would fit in the TMC/ADT.
- Patty has not decided on the transferability. It could be credit or noncredit. She has not decided how it would fit in the current programs.
- Cari asked if the methodology could be imbedded in all COMM courses to teach it at scale. Patty responded that the 3-unit COMM courses were already packed with the required content, and there was

no room to add more materials to address students' acute pressure. Patty gave examples of student's anxiety and challenges when they were in the regular speech courses.

- Derek commented that the proposal was great. He reiterated that it could be challenging to fit into the ADT but the course could benefit Career Education students.
- Luna commented that she was all for the Safe Space but she was concerned about the acute symptoms and asked about what the plan was when students start to share personal issues in the class. Patty said that the course was not therapeutic but she had strategies and tools, from her 30 years of teaching, to make it open for students to talk about issues in the class safely. She added that she wanted to bring SAS in the classroom and recognized that the course was just a small opening to the much deeper issue about anxiety and off-campus issues.
- Patty said the course would be mainly focused on talking about public speaking anxiety.
- Gina commented the minimum qualification for teaching this course.
- Lori chimed in about her support for this supplemental course.
- Rachel shared her experience from counseling students that she thought this course could be a great option to help students who have put off the COMM courses until the last semester due to anxiety.

Patty left the meeting and the committee continued on deliberating the proposal.

- Several members mentioned that noncredit version would be beneficial to students, if it fits within one of the noncredit categories, most likely "College Readiness", so that issues about financial aid, or unit saturation, and open entry would be solved.
- Luna and Bob asked to see sample courses and more information from other colleges (DeAnza College, Ohlone College, and CCSF) as mentioned by Patty, to look at the curriculum content and structure of the class.
- Bob also reiterated Cari's previous point that it would be beneficial to imbed such course in the current curriculum to serve students at large.

### **Action**

Rachel motioned to extend the virtual meeting in the emergency situation.

Sara McKinnon seconded the motion. Vote: approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:14 pm.