

Curriculum Committee Minutes

Sub-Committee of the Academic Senate

Spring 2025 Semester

Meeting Thursday, Jan 30th, 2025, 2:15 pm

Emergency Zoom link: <https://marin-edu.zoom.us/j/84840451119>

Present in AC 303: Gina Cullen, Kevin Muller, Luna Finlayson, Sara Malmquist-West, Kathleen Smyth, Cari Torres, Grace Mengqi Yuan, Maria Coulson, Steve Newton, Nancy Willet

Present in Zoom room:

Alex Jones – KTD office

Patty France – KTD office

Sheldon Carroll – KTD Office

Standing Items

1. Call to Order at 2:17 pm in AC 303
2. Approval of the amended agenda
 - Motion to approve the agenda: Nancy Willet
 - Second the motion: Kathleen Smyth
 - Vote: Approved
3. Approval of the minutes
 - Motion to approve: Luna Finlayson
 - Second the motion: Sara Malmquist-West
 - Vote: approved
4. Public Announcement
 - none
5. Chair's Announcements:
 - Wende Bohlke from the DENT department will present stackable new Certificates of Achievement outside the Curriculum Master Calendar. The committee has agreed to hear the presentation.

Discussion

1. New AS-T Biology – Sara MW and Steve Newton

- COM was unable to offer the AST in Biology with the three-course major series due to exceeding the 60-unit transfer degree limit.
- The new two-course major series, along with Cal-GETC, now allows for the transfer degree.
- Benefits of the AST in Biology:
 - Guaranteed admission into one of the 23 CSUs
 - Guaranteed to be done within 60 units once they transfer
 - ADT accepted in lieu of major preparation that creates a clear path for students
 - Some campuses give GPA boost or preference to students with the transfer degree
 - It is also accepted by independent colleges
- The program also complies with AB 928 ADT auto-placement for transfer students into Biology majors.
- Students who completed the old three-course series can substitute these courses to apply for the degree.
- UC-bound students should be cautious as requirements may vary by campus; it is best to consult a counselor for guidance.
- Nancy noted that the Environmental Sciences ADT may follow this model due to a similar unit concern.

2. AA-T in SOC – Sara MW

- Mandatory revision to include TMC alignment, Cal-GETC double count, and CCN alignment.

Action:

Luna Finlayson moved to approve the consent agenda items. Sara Malmquist-West seconded the motion.

Vote: no objections.

Result: approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.