Curriculum Committee Minutes

Sub-Committee of the Academic Senate

Spring 2025 Semester

Meeting Thursday, Feb 13th, 2025, 2:15 pm

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

Present in AC 303: Gina Cullen, Kevin Muller, Sara Malmquist-West, Kathleen Smyth, Cari Torres, Maria Coulson, Jeff Yates

Present in Zoom room:
Alex Jones – KTD office
Jason Dunn- KTD office
Sheldon Carroll – KTD Office
Grace Yuan – home 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:
   - General Counsel notified committees about Brown Act and the need of an in-person quorum to hold meetings.
   - DENT will come next time to present stackable COAs

Discussion

1. GDES/MMST 120 Substantive Change – Seth Cortright

- Proposal to rename "Illustration" to "Digital Design and AI Tools"
- Focus on digital and AI tools to better align with industry needs, student demand and workforce expectation.
- The course will include digital workflows, asset management, and collaboration tools (e.g., Figma, MIRO)
- Aligns with industry demand: 5,784 Figma-related job postings vs. 441 for illustrator/artist
- No additional resources required; existing faculty prepared to teach
- Prerequisite will change from GDS 115 to GDS 112
- Equipment requirement: Figma is free for education and already installed

Discussion:

Jeff inquired whether student interests were related to the course content or its necessity for transfer. Seth clarified that the course aims to address industry needs in prototyping and responsive design.

Jeff expressed concerns about potential overlap with web design courses and the MMST program. They briefly discussed Figma's role in the design process and its connection to web design. Jeff noted that Figma's output should be integrated into web design. Seth emphasized that the course will foster understanding of collaboration across various digital design workflows, an aspect currently lacking in the curriculum. While the course will address both web and app design, it will not delve deeply into either area.

Gina remarked on the importance of modernizing the course and highlighted the need to explore the overlap between MMST and DGES, encouraging interdepartmental dialogue. Seth mentioned that discussions are underway regarding retiring the MMST program in favor of DDES (Digital Design). The goal is to develop complementary coursework that leverage collaborative digital tools that are becoming essential in the creative field.

Action:

Kathleen moved to approve the consent agenda item, AS-T in Biology. Jason Dunn seconded the motion.
   Vote: no objections.
   Result: approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:47 pm.