

Curriculum Committee Minutes

Sub-Committee of the Academic Senate

Spring 2023 Semester

Meeting Thursday, January 26th, 2:15 pm via Zoom

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Present: Gina Cullen, Bob McCoy, Sheldon Carroll, Sara McKinnon, Kathleen Smyth, Alex Jones, Beth Sheofsky, Sara Malmquist-West, Kevin Muller, Grace Mengqi Yuan, Cari Torres, Paul Cheney, Erik Bruce, Dan Zaffran.

Absent: Scott Serafin, Luna Finlayson

Standing Items

1. Call to Order at 2:17 pm via zoom
2. Approval of the amended agenda
 - Motion to approve: Sara McKinnon
 - Second the motion: Kathleen Smyth
 - Vote: all approved
3. Approval of the minutes
 - Motion to approve: Bob McCoy
 - Second the motion: Sara McKinnon
 - Vote: all approved
4. Public request to address the Committee
 - None.
5. Chair Announcement
 - BIOL department requested the deactivation of Environmental Sciences Skills Certificate.

Discussion

1. Substantive Change: HIST Western Civilization Courses – Paul Cheney
 - Paul presented on behalf of the HIST department to reduce the three course series (HIST 110, HIST 111, and HIST 112) to a two-course series

- The C-ID descriptors for Western Civilization is a two-course series
- Three-course series present problems to transfer
- Researched community colleges in the Bay area; only De Anza College offers three-course series
- Other factors – financing and time commitment from students
- Erik Bruce added the following points to support the proposal:
 - History majors require Western civilization, but the focus moved from Euro-centric to world history in the current field of studies
 - It is nice for instructor to have extra time to address the big topics but to fit in the role of the community college; it is certainly doable to offer as a two-course series.

Discussion:

- Sara McKinnon and Kathleen discussed briefly on the origin of the three-course series. They wondered if COM was on a quarter system at some point when the courses were created.
- Sara MW commented that De Anza College was on the quarter system so it made sense that they offer the three-course series. She further commented that transfer students to History majors were required to take three to four History core courses from all the periods and the courses were aimed to giving students some foundation to go on to the major study. The change to align with CID descriptors would benefit the transfer students.

Action:

- Kathleen Smyth moved to vote on the history substantive change in the next meeting.
- Sara MW seconded the motion.

2. New Course Proposal: Math 102– Dan Zaffran

- Presentation attached in Exhibit A.
 - Math 102: Fundamentals of College Algebra
 - 3 Units
 - Aligned with C-ID descriptor: MATH 150
 - New entry-point for non-BSTEM students to meet CSU or IGETC GE quantitative reasoning requirement
 - Possibly a bridge course for BSTEM students

Discussion:

- Sara MW complimented the Math department on the proposal. She asked if the Department planned to remove Math 104 and Math105. Dan answered that it was likely to phase out the Math 104 and 105 combination. It might be overlapping a few semesters as Math 105 was listed as a prerequisite for certain science courses.
- Gina relayed support from the Physical Sciences department for Math 102. Due to AB 705, we did not have a course that we could send students for algebra skills. Math 102 could be helpful to both STME and non-STEM pathways.
- Sara McKinnon asked whether it could be meet the Math competency for COM’s graduation requirement. Gina answered that this course is college level and it would

meet the math competency requirement.

Action:

- Sara MW moved to vote on Math 102 in the next meeting.
- Sara McKinnon seconded the motion.

3. General Education Sub-Committee

- Gina gave an update on composing the GE subcommittee. She would continue to reach out to faculty to firm up the membership to represent the sub-areas.

Consent Agenda Action:

Sara MW moved to approve all the items on the consent agenda.

Alex Jones seconded the motion.

Vote: Yes (6), No (0), abstained: Kevin Muller.

Meeting adjourned 3:15pm.