
Curriculum Committee Minutes

Sub-Committee of the Academic Senate

Spring 2024 Semester

Meeting Thursday, May 9th, 2024, 2:15 pm

Emergency Zoom link: <https://marin-edu.zoom.us/j/82951617913>

Present in AC 303: Gina Cullen, Jason Dunn, Bob McCoy, Mengqi Yuan, Sara Malmquist-West

Present in Zoom room:

Alex Jones – KTD office

Beth Sheofsky – KTD office

Kathleen Smyth – remote office

Lisa Morse – KTD office

Dan Zaffran – KTD office

David Jones – KTD office

Sara McKinnon – KTD office

Absent: Sheldon Carroll, Luna Finlayson

Standing Items

1. Call to Order at 2:16 pm in AC 303
2. Approval of the amended agenda
 - Motion to approve the agenda: Jason Dunn
 - Second the motion: Bob McCoy
 - Approved
3. Approval of the minutes
 - Motion to approve: Bob McCoy
 - Second the motion: Sara Malmquist-West
 - Vote: approved.
4. Public Announcement
 - none
5. Chair's Announcements:
 - AS Computer Sciences Degree Update: Jeff Yates updated the degree to be leaner and more prescribed, using data-driven decisions. The update was approved by the Physical Sciences department and was reviewed by the Counseling department.
 - COMP 138 General Education Proposal: COMP 138 is at the same level as COMP 130 and COMP 135, both of which are COM GE courses. Sara proposed to add COMP 138 to the

COM GE list as well.

- Deactivation List: The deactivation list was reduced as a number of courses went through last-minute revisions.

Discussion

1. DANC Proposals – Dave Jones
 - DANC 121 Popular Dance Styles – reactivation
 - DANC 100 History of Hip Hop – new course proposal

Q&A on DANC 100

- Kathleen inquired about the DE notation on the course proposal and clarified the timeline for the Peer Online Course Review (POCR). Discussion also included DE and the rotation of offerings.
- Sara MW asked how the course will fit into the curriculum and how the decision was made to classify it as an elective course versus a General Education course. She also inquired whether it would be part of the local degree. No answer was provided, and there was no time to discuss these questions further.
- Kathleen asked about the inclusion of Hip Hop history in the current Dance history class. The response indicated that only a small section of the course covers Hip Hop.
- Sara McKinnon asked if this would be the first time the course is offered in the Bay Area as stated on the presentation PPT. The response confirmed that it would be the first course of its kind. Sara suggested working with Lisa on assignments and mentioned that similar courses at other community colleges are serving as GE 3A/C1.

Q&A on DANC 121

- Gina asked why the course was deactivated and what has changed to justify its reactivation. There was no clear answer.
- DANC 121 Enrollment: The last time DANC 121 series was offered, it had a total enrollment of 5 students. There was a discussion on whether a surge in enrollment is expected. The response was that it depends on advertisement efforts, and predicting enrollment is challenging.
- Course Scheduling and Allocation: Grace asked whether the additions of courses are considered in the unit allocation, whether it should rotate with current courses, or if additional allocation should be requested. The decision was to rotate with current courses.

Discussion

- There was a suggestion to table the proposals for further deliberation. Recommendations to the department include the following points:
 - Present more information on how the new courses fit into the DANC program and General Education, as there wasn't enough information in the presentation.
 - Due to the current enrollment in DANC not being robust, it is recommended that the department program review objectives include advertising efforts to attract more interest from the community.
- There was a discussion about how to better support departments and faculty in developing curriculum presentations.

2. Math Substantive Change and a New Course Proposal – Dan Zaffran

(1) Prerequisite change:

- Update the descriptive language for MATH 104, 105, and 109 in accordance with AB 1705 mandates.
- The courses impacted by these changes include MATH 122 and MATH 123.
- Sara MW reminded the committee that several science courses are also impacted by the changes to the prerequisite language for MATH 104, 105, and 109.
- The changes will not modify the prerequisite level but will align the language with the updates made to MATH 103 Intermediate Algebra in light of AB 705.

(2) New “innovative” course: Math 108 Precalculus

- Math 108 will be an innovative course designed to serve students who need precalculus skills before entering the Calculus series; it is not a prerequisite course.
- Offering this new course as an alternative to the Precalculus prerequisite aligns with Option D in the implementation guide from the Chancellor’s Office.
- There is a two-year term to demonstrate the course's effectiveness through statistical validation and proof of efficiency.
- There was a discussion regarding students' access to precalculus and the limitations imposed under AB 1705.

3. Revising WE curriculum to align with Title 5 – Alex Jones

- Addition to WE 298 Family of Courses:
 - WE 298E: 5 units
 - WE 298F: 6 units
- Students will be eligible to take 5 or 6 units of Work Experience courses
- The distinction between paid and unpaid work experience will be eliminated per Title 5 updates.
- The distinction between general Work Experience (WE) and occupational Work Experience will be eliminated. All WE courses will be called “Work Experience Education”
- The WE 297 and WE 299 families of courses will be consequentially deactivated.

Action:

1. Sara MW moved to approve the new innovative Math 108 and prerequisite verbiage change for Math 104/105 and 109.
 - Kathleen Smyth seconded the motion.
 - All in favor.
 - No objections, no abstention.
2. Bob McCoy moved to approve the new WE 298EF and WE revisions to align with Title 5.
 - Sara MW seconded the motion.
 - All in favor.
 - No objections, no abstention.
3. Jason moved to (1) approve DANC 100 with condition of writing the course to meet Cal-

GATC 3A requirement; (2) approve DANC 121 with the stipulation that DANC degree gets updated to wrap in the reactivated courses in Fall 24.

- Bob McCoy seconded the motion.
- All in favor.
- No objections, no abstention.

4. Sara McKinnon moved to approve the consent agenda.

- Bob McCoy seconded the motion.
- All in favor.
- No objections, no abstention.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.