

Academic Senate Council Minutes of December 12, 2016
Contra Costa College GEB 305
2600 Mission Bell Drive, San Pablo, California 94806

Call To Order with Introduction of Guests at 1:00 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance: Beth Goehring (President), Rick Ramos (VP/CIC), Katie Krolikowski (CTE), Wayne Organ (LA), Leslie Alexander (NSAS), Judy Flum (DE), Intisar Shareef (LAVA), Lucile Beatty (LAVA), Luci Castruita (SS), and Alissa Scanlin (SS).

Committee Members Absent: Randy Watkins (NSAS/SLO)

Visitors in Attendance: Eric Silver (ASU)

AGENDA ITEMS

December 12 agenda (Action item)

ACTION: Wayne motioned to approve the agenda; Alissa seconded; Beth Goehring (President), Rick Ramos (VP/CIC), Katie Krolikowski (CTE), Wayne Organ (LA), Leslie Alexander (NSAS), Judy Flum (DE), Intisar Shareef (LAVA), Lucile Beatty (LAVA), Luci Castruita (SS), and Alissa Scanlin (SS) were all in favor; no abstentions.

December 5 minutes

ACTION: No action taken.

General Education Requirements (Action)

The results from polling the divisions were as follows:

- LAVA (25 responses) voted 60% (15/10) to keep LIBST, 52% (13/12) to keep HED, 52% (13/12) to keep PE, and 60% (15/10) to remove the Science Lab.
- LA (9 responses) voted 67% (6/3) to keep LIBST, 78% (7/2) to remove HED, 67% (6/3) to remove PE, and 55% (5/4) to keep the Science Lab.
- NSAS (12 responses) voted 58% (7/5) to remove LIBST, 84% (10/2) to remove HED, 75% (9/3) to remove PE, and 50/50% (6/6) Science Lab.
- SS (8 responses) voted 100% (8/0) to remove LIBST, 75% (6/2) to re remove HED, 100% (8/0) to remove PE, and 100% (8/0) to remove the Science Lab.
- Out of the 54 faculty responses, it was voted to remove all four areas.

Student (179 responses) polled as follows:

- (132/47) remove LIBST.
- (93/88) to keep HED.
- (118/62) to remove PE.
- (101/78) to remove the Science Lab.

Beth asked each attendee, beginning with ASU, to express their opinion.

- Eric Silver representing ASU feels all the courses are important. LIBST is important because of the tutoring resources available to students. He said that CCC is different from other colleges and that it would be a disadvantage to students to remove the LIBST from the degree.
- Intisar (LAVA) agrees with LAVA to keep LIBST and would like to see the Science Lab kept.
- Wayne (LA) would like to keep all the areas. He feels that the degree is being degraded, but that he can't impose his will on the LA division and so will vote with his division's polling numbers.
- Alissa (SS) agrees with Wayne, but will support her division's poll.
- Leslie (NSAS) said that the CTE students' needs shouldn't be ignored, and that CTE needs to be grown.
- Wayne added that he'd like to see that if in three years, the percent of degrees have not changed, that the areas be reinstated.
- Luci said that Counseling would be against the areas being reinstated.
- Lucile said that it sometimes takes an average of six years to get a degree, so three years is unreasonable.
- Alissa responded that the delay may be because of the English and Math requirements.
- Rick said that the needs of all students need to be met. He said that some of his guided pathways include some of these requirements, specifically PE and LIBST.
- Katie said that she had heard from Mojdeh and Tammeil that only 30% of our students receive local degrees, and agrees with Wayne's idea and timeline.

According to the Brown Act, each vote must have the voter's name attached. The up and down vote on each requirement is as follows:

- Wayne (LA) voted to remove HED and PE; and keep LIBST and Science Lab GE areas of local degree.
- Lucile (LAVA) voted to remove Science Lab, HED, and PE; and keep LIBST GE areas of local degree.
- Intisar (LAVA) voted to remove Science Lab, HED, and PE; and keep LIBST GE areas of local degree.
- Alissa (SS) voted to remove Science Lab, LIBST, HED, and PE GE areas of local degree.
- Luci (SS) voted to remove Science Lab, LIBST, HED, and PE GE areas of local degree.
- Leslie (NSAS) voted to remove LIBST, HED and PE; and keep Science Lab GE areas of local degree.
- Katie (CTE) voted to remove LIBST, HED and PE; and abstained from voting on the Science Lab GE areas of local degree.

- Judy (DE) abstained from voting.
- Rick (CIC) voted to remove all four GE areas from the local degree.

The results of the vote are as follows:

- HED removed (8 for/1 abstention)
- PE removed (8 for/1 abstention)
- LIBST removed (5 for/ 4 against/1 abstention)
- Science Lab removed (5 for/ 2 against/2 abstentions)

Whereas, this vote to remove these areas from the local GE requirements for graduation was taken to increase the number of degrees that may be earned by CTE students. Affective Fall 2017 these areas will no longer be required for the local degree. Wayne added that this accomplishes our Strategic Directive 1.1D. Lucile would like to see a task force created to reintegrate these courses back into the local degree and asked if this issue could be returned to the next agenda for a full discussion.

Discussion Items

Guided Pathway Training Opportunity (Ramos) Rick said that opportunities for guided pathways have come forward. The state is interested in students transferring or getting a job. He said our CCC students do not have the social capital. Guided pathways are important because it makes it enjoyable for students to have a pathway to help on guidance. CCC students are taking too many units. Guided pathways will help the student not to waste units. The state has created Meta Majors. Rick presented the steps to develop Guided Pathways: 1) Barriers, 2) Multiple measures, and 3) Rethinking remedial courses. He also encouraged faculty to read Redirecting Community Colleges. Accomplishing this is part of the first strategic initiative in our Strategic Directive. Using Starfish for Guided Pathways supports students getting back on track. He said there is a training opportunity for 6 teams of faculty, including Counselors. The deadline is February 8 to receive the \$45,000 grant, to decide if CCC should participate. Katie would like interdisciplinary discussions between divisions.

Planning Institute Conference at District Office Beth announced that three faculty are needed to attend this conference. She will send out more information. At this time, the date and time of conference has not been announced.

Morale Survey Processes Conversation The short discussion focused on how to streamline and cut down on paperwork. There is too much paperwork and not enough help.

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC/ANNOUNCEMENTS/OPEN DISCUSSION

There were no presentations from the public.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m. Next meeting will be February 6 in GEB 305 Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,
Lynette Kral