



## **CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

San Diego Miramar College  
Curriculum Committee

**September 15, 2021 – 2:30-4:30 PM - <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/96691399291>**  
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**Members:** Jon Alva; Matthew Cain; Isabella Feldman; MaryAnn Guevarra (Lisa Clarke as proxy); Christina Hambrick\*; Max Moore\*; Kelly Morelewski\*; Jennifer Ock; Michael Odu; Larry Pink; Mara Palma-Sanft; Wayne Sherman (Christopher Silva as proxy); Alex Stiller-Shulman; Ryan Zimmerman

\*Permanent Guests

### **A. Introductions**

**B. Approval of agenda** – Motion to approve by L. Clarke; seconded by L. Pink; motion carried.

**C. Approval of minutes from last meeting** – Motion to approve by I. Feldman; seconded by J. Alva with C. Silva abstaining; motion carried.

### **D. Dean Shelly Hess (with Curriculum Services)**

1. Annual Training Presentation
  - i. Shelly Hess conducted the annual training presentation for the Curriculum Committee members.

### **E. Approval of consent agenda**

### **F. Course proposals**

1. New courses
2. Activations
3. Deactivations
4. Revisions
  - i. FIPT 381F Regional Firefighter I Academy
    1. Daren Hall stated FIPT 381F is based off an in-service agreement with Heartland Fire Training. Southwestern College recently became an accredited regional fire training program, and it had offered a better package to Heartland. Hence, Miramar had lost the agreement with Heartland a few months ago.
    2. Motion to approve by I. Feldman; seconded by J. Alva with L. Clarke abstaining; motion carried.
  - ii. FIPT 381S San Diego City Basic Firefighter I Academy
    1. D. Hall stated FIPT 381S is four more units than FIPT 381F since the course is more intensive in terms of content and requirements. Miramar lost the agreement with San Diego City due to lack of funding and commitment. It is the department's hope that the partnership will be revisited. FIPT

381S should still remain in the catalog and be part of the awards for students whom already received credit for the course.

2. Motion to approve by L. Clarke; seconded by I. Feldman; motion carried.

## **G. Award Proposals**

1. Deactivations
2. Revisions

### **i. Miramar - Entry Level Firefighter - Certificate of Achievement**

1. Darren Hall stated CAL FIRE is requiring that Miramar adds additional hours to the on-campus Fire academy to satisfy the state's training requirements. Therefore, FIPT 322D has been added to the Alternate Fire Academy Delivery Option section. Furthermore, FIPT 150W which was approved last academic year is replacing FIPT 110A. The revisions apply to both the Certificate of Achievement and Associate of Science degree.
2. The committee discussed the following points:
  - a. Course duplication
  - b. Firefighter I certification and alternative, CAL FIRE option being offered in one degree to the benefit of the students whom may not get hired by the City of San Diego or neighboring counties right away but would more easily be able to be hired at CAL FIRE
  - c. Most Fire academies in the state not offering the CAL FIRE component
  - d. Miramar's strong partnership with CAL FIRE
  - e. Municipal fire departments requiring the Firefighter I standard while CAL FIRE is not adopting the full option
  - f. The highest number of hires being routed to CAL FIRE
  - g. The program's high number of required courses and the number of curriculum revisions proposed each year
  - h. Internal academies at the agency-level
  - i. The large number of firefighting agencies in San Diego county alone and the majority of them requiring the Firefighter I standard
  - j. The concern that there should be full disclosure that students may need to repeat a full academy
  - k. Veterans not being able to use the GI Bill funds for the second agencies' academies
  - l. The annual capacity of the Miramar academy
  - m. The number of instructors required to run an academy

- n. Accreditation status
  - ii. Entry Level Firefighter - Associate of Science Degree
    - 1. Motion to approve the Entry Level Firefighter Certificate of Achievement and Associate of Science by I. Feldman; seconded by L. Clarke; motion carried.
- 3. New awards
  - i. Miramar - Sustainability - Associate of Arts Degree
    - 1. Pablo Martin stated the Statistics courses (BUSE 115, MATH 119, & PSYC 258) that were listed separately have now been included in the Courses Required for the Major section. Per the committee's suggestion from the last meeting, SERV 101, 102, and 103 have also been included in the aforementioned section. Furthermore, AVIA 115, PHYN 114, and SOCO 223 has been added to the electives.
    - 2. The committee discussed the following points:
      - a. Correcting the total number of units (14 – 18); CurricUNET glitch
      - b. The “and” notations possibly creating confusion for students whom may interpret the requirements in a different way
    - 3. Motion to approve with the understanding that the total number of units will be corrected and the “and” notations will be removed by I. Feldman; seconded by M. Odu; motion carried.

#### **H. Other business**

- 1. California Community Colleges Ethnic Studies requirement
  - i. S. Hess stated M. Sanft has reached out to the faculty to see if they have determined if they will resubmit the BLAS 140A and B proposals to the CSUs for approval under the GE Area F Ethnic Studies requirement.
  - ii. The implementation date for the California Community Colleges Ethnic Studies requirement is unknown, but it will not be for the 2021 – 2022 academic year.
  - iii. There has also been discussion of creating an Ethnic Studies requirement for the IGETC pattern. The implementation date is unknown, but it will not be for the 2021 – 2022 academic year.

#### **I. Next Scheduled Meeting:**

- 1. Wednesday, 10/6, at 2:30 PM

#### **J. Reports**

- 1. Vice President of Instruction – None.
- 2. Evaluator – None.
- 3. Articulation Officer – None.
- 4. Curriculum Chair – None.

#### **K. Roundtable – None.**