

San Diego Miramar College
Academic Standards Subcommittee
September 11, 2025; 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
N-201

Meeting Notes

Members Present: Michael Odu; Paul Chlapecka; Meredith Morris; Barbara Clark; Laura Pecenco; Mara Sanft; Jamie Hammond; Sharilyn Wilson; Robert Sojourner Worlds; Jeffrey Orgera

Members Absent: Barbara Clark, Evelyn Escalante; Edwin (Tali) McLemore

1) Call to order

- Meeting called to order by Chair Sanft at 9:35am

2) Approval of agenda

- MSC (Chlapecka/Wilson) to approve the agenda. (0-Nays; 0-Abstentions)

3) Approval of meeting minutes

- No minutes available at this time; will review at next meeting

4) Adjudication of student petitions

- ~~#3701~~
 - This petition was removed from the agenda, as it is not under this Committee's purview. This Committee only review changes and substitutions involving our local GE pattern. We cannot review or approve any changes to Transfer GE patterns.
 - The petition was requesting a modification to Transfer GE. The student wanted to substitute a course taken at Palomar College in 2017 to fulfill the Ethnic Studies requirement, which was not in place until Fall 2023. This is not an allowable change.
 - Chair Sanft will deny the petition in JIRA, with a note that the student should meet with a counselor if they need further assistance.
 - Chair Sanft will also bring the topic up at a future District Articulation Council meeting, to ensure everyone is on the same page re: petition routing and approval authority.

5) Old Business

- Academic Standards Subcommittee Role and Charge
 - The Committee reviewed membership, purpose/charge, responsibilities, procedures, and meeting frequency as outlined in the current [College Governance Handbook](#).

- In terms of membership, the Committee decided to keep the Administrative position listed as “VPI or Designee” for now. Dean Orgera will serve as the VPI designee.
- Odu – starting this year, committees will also complete a Committee Goals Form annually.
- The Committee discussed the procedure for initiating a change to the handbook. One of our goals should be to separate out the “review and oversight of interdisciplinary degrees and certificates” point from our responsibilities and transition that to the School of Academic Services. It is not ideal to have a committee overseeing academic awards.
- In terms of meeting frequency, the Committee agreed to keep meeting monthly on the 2nd Thursday of the month in N-201 + Zoom. If needed, we may need a June meeting to capture any lingering petitions before the summer.
- CalGETC
 - Discussion over implementation of CalGETC so far. Sanft mentioned that if students need help, they should connect with counseling or her.

6) New Business

- Subcommittee membership
 - See notes above

7) FYI

8) Standing Reports

- a) VPI or Administrator Designee
 - Welcome and thank you to Dean Orgera!
- b) Evaluator
 - No Report
- c) Articulation Officer
 - Will provide update on CPL at a future meeting

9) Roundtable

10) Adjournment

- Adjourned by consensus at 10:14am