

San Diego Miramar College
Curriculum Committee
Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2021, 2:30-4:30

Zoom Meeting Room: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/3977050710>

Password: NCC1701

Members: Jon Alva; Lou Ascione; Matthew Cain; Isabella Feldman; MaryAnn Guevarra; Christina Hambrick*; Alex Mata; Max Moore*; Kelly Morelewski*; Jennifer Ock; Larry Pink; Ken Reinstein; Mara Sanft; Wayne Sherman; Duane Short; Alex Stiller-Shulman*; Ryan Zimmerman

* Permanent guests

- 1) **Call to order** – 2:32 P.M.
- 2) **Approval of agenda** – Motion to approve by W. Sherman; seconded by M. Sanft; motion carried.
- 3) **Approval of minutes from last two meetings** – Motion to approve the last two meetings' minutes by W. Sherman; seconded by I. Feldman with L. Ascione abstaining; motion carried.
- 4) **Course proposals**
 - a) New courses
 - b) Activations
 - c) Deactivations
 - i) Courses with noncompliant hours
 - (1) AVIA 277D Aviation Service Learning -- on Campus
 - (2) AVIA 296 Individualized Instruction in Aviation
 - (3) CHEM 277D Service Learning -- on Campus
 - (4) CHEM 296 Individualized Instruction in Chemistry
 - (5) ECON 296 Individualized Instruction in Economics
 - (6) ENGL 296 Individualized Instruction in English
 - (7) EXSC 277D Service Learning -- on Campus
 - (8) FIPT 296 Individualized Instruction in Fire Protection Technology
 - (9) GEOL 296 Individualized Instruction in Geology
 - (10)HUMA 296 Individualized Instruction in Humanities
 - (11)MATH 296 Individual Instruction in Mathematics
 - (12)PARA 296 Individualized Instruction in Legal Assistant
 - (13)PHIL 296 Individualized Instruction in Philosophy
 - (14)PHYN 296 Individualized Instruction in Physical Science
 - (15)POLI 296 Individualized Instruction in Political Science
 - (16)SPAN 296 Individualized Instruction in Spanish
 - (a) D. Short stated in-person courses need to follow Title 5 regulation regarding face-to-face contact with students. There are certain exceptions such Distance Education and Allied Health courses. Miramar has a number of courses with noncompliant hours that do not have the faculty line-of-sight supervision with students. During

San Diego Miramar College Curriculum Committee

the Fall 2020 term, the Curriculum Instructional Council (CIC) agreed to deactivate such courses. The majority are being proposed for deactivation while the remaining ones will be converted to a compliant format. In terms of review, Miramar is ahead of City and Mesa.

(b) Motion to approve the aforementioned proposals (1 – 16) by W. Sherman; seconded by J. Alva; motion carried.

ii) CISC 071 Microcontroller Programming

(1) D. Short stated CISC 071 had been created about a decade ago, but it had never been offered. CISC 071 was intended to be part of a new instructional program which had not been developed. The Computer Science department currently does not believe they have a need to offer such a course nor wish to develop a program for it.

(2) Motion to approve by W. Sherman; seconded by I. Feldman; motion carried.

iii) COMS 099 Voice and Diction for Non-Native Speakers of English

(1) A. Mata stated COMS 099 has not been offered in quite some time.

(2) The committee discussed that there had been interest in offering the course to ESL students to develop their oral language skills. However, the faculty needed to meet the minimum qualifications with a master's degree in Communication Studies. The Communication Studies department currently does not have a faculty member who is able to teach the course.

iv) Motion to approve by W. Sherman; seconded by A. Mata; motion carried.

v) FIPT 364 Marine Firefighting

(1) D. Short stated the San Diego Harbor Patrol takes FIPT 364 to be trained in marine firefighting. FIPT 364 has not been offered in a while. The Fire Technology department believes they will not offer the course in the near future. If a need arises, it can be offered through a special topics course.

(2) Motion to approve by I. Feldman; seconded by W. Sherman; motion carried.

d) Revisions

e) Distance Education

5) **Award proposals**

a) New awards

b) Deactivations

c) Revisions

6) **Other business**

a) Expansion of GE "Option 5" to foreign degrees evaluated by an accredited agency

i) D. Short stated the committee had previously discussed this item at the last two meetings. The three proposal options are listed below with the third option representing the stance to remain in a status quo. If the committee recommends either option one or two, it can direct the Curriculum Technical Review Subcommittee to draft a detailed proposal. The item will need Districtwide approval. If the committee agrees to option three, the matter will not be addressed further but can be brought up to another committee (e.g., Academic Senate).

(1) A foreign baccalaureate degree equivalent to a regionally accredited U.S. baccalaureate degree which clears all District and GE requirements

San Diego Miramar College
Curriculum Committee

- (2) Clear some or all of the District and GE requirements
- (3) Status quo: Evaluators review the foreign transcripts and decide which District and GE requirements will be cleared with the exception to Communication and English courses
- ii) The committee discussed the following points:
 - (1) Many courses not counting towards the current status quo ruling
 - (2) Not providing clearance to students who earned a foreign degree from an English-speaking country or took English courses
 - (3) Mixed opinions among evaluators based on recent discussions
 - (4) Advocating for students who earned foreign degrees
 - (5) Students who earned a foreign degree most likely pursuing local AA/AS degrees only
 - (6) Being methodical in the approach in order to not waste the time and effort spent on the matter
- b) The committee agreed to wait for the District feedback regarding the legality and feasibility of options one and two. R. Zimmerman, C. Hambrick, and M. Sanft will provide an update at the next meeting.
- c) Competency Based Education (CBE) workgroup
 - i) D. Short stated Benjamin Gamboa had requested D. Short, M. Sanft and a group of other people collaborate to create and present a FLEX session that provides a broad overview of Competency Based Education. There is proposed Title 5 language regarding CBE that may possibly be passed in the near future. The presentation had been conducted last week, and the workgroup generated a list of questions and issues that arose during discussion with the attendees.
 - i) The committee discussed the following points:
 - (1) Benefits to the students
 - (2) Possibly more relatable to CTE areas
 - (3) Retaining competencies
 - (4) CBE Implementation in other states
- d) New CSU GE ethnic studies requirement
 - i) M. Sanft stated the CSUs require that the courses meet any three of the five core competencies in order to be approved for the CSU GE ethnic studies requirement.
- e) Proposal for new CCC "local" GE ethnic studies requirement
 - i) D. Short stated there are two state-level Academic Senate resolutions proposed by Mesa which request a local GE ethnic studies requirement. He also shared the "Our Call to Action: Ethnic Studies and the San Diego Community College District" document which defines ethnic studies and how it is different from multicultural studies in other fields.
 - ii) The committee discussed the following points:
 - (1) Possibly keeping the multicultural competency and adding 3.0 units to a total of 18 or 21 units
 - (2) Possible overlap ("double-dip"/"triple-dip") to meet multiple requirements
- f) Changes to application process for award revisions

San Diego Miramar College
Curriculum Committee

- i) D. Short stated there is no update from the District Office. He plans to bring up the matter at the next CIC meeting and if clarification still is not provided, he may create this as an action state resolution item for the committee's review to move forward to the Academic Senate.
- g) New Service Learning (SERV) subject area
 - i) D. Short stated service learning courses require a student to learn about a specific subject while volunteering in the respective field. A new type of service learning is being proposed under a new subject area, SERV. Planned to be offered in a regular lecture format, the courses can address past low enrollment issues by being offered collegewide for a variety of areas. City and Mesa must also approve this new subject area.
 - ii) Motion to approve by I. Feldman; seconded by M. Sanft; motion carried.
 - iii) D. Short will forward the SERV subject area item to CIC.
- h) New Audio Production and Engineering (AUDI) subject area
 - i) D. Short stated Music courses are taught at all three colleges. However, the curriculum focus has diverged over the years. Mesa offers traditional music studies while City teaches commercial music development under the subject area, MUSC. Miramar instructs students not only on commercial music but also audio production and engineering. In order to differentiate the latter, Miramar's department would like to create a new subject area, AUDI.
 - ii) The committee discussed the following points:
 - (1) Minimum qualifications
 - (2) Creation of a new program which must undergo the Program Viability Process
 - iii) Motion to approve by L. Ascione; seconded by W. Sherman; motion carried.
 - iv) D. Short will forward the AUDI subject area item to CIC.

7) Reports

- a) Vice President of Instruction – None.
- b) Evaluator – None.
- c) Articulation Officer – None.
- d) Curriculum Chair – D. Short stated there were a large number of proposals submitted and approved at CIC in December to meet the catalog deadline. However, due to the complex relationships in which course changes affect award changes or vice versa, the proposals are still undergoing the District Curriculum Technical Review process.

8) **Roundtable** – None.

9) **Adjournment**- 4:01 P.M.