

San Diego Miramar College
Academic Standards Subcommittee
October 10, 2019
N-201 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Members: Paulette Hopkins; Paul Chlapecka; Marc Hollman; Isabella Feldman; Laura Pecenco; Mara Sanft, Chris Silva; Ryan Zimmerman; Helen Houillion (guest)

Present: Paulette Hopkins, Paul Chlapecka, Isabella Feldman, Laura Pecenco, Chris Silva, Ryan Zimmerman, Patty Martinez-Parker as proxy for Marc Hollman

Absent: Marc Hollman, Mara Sanft

Guests: Kirk Webley

- 1) **Call to order** – 9:34 A.M.
- 2) **Approval of agenda** – Motion to approve by C. Silva; seconded by P. Hopkins; motion carried.
- 3) **Approval of meeting minutes (9/12/19)** – Motion to approve by R. Zimmerman; seconded by C. Silva with Patty abstaining; motion carried.
- 4) **Adjudication of student petitions**

- a. **#0481** (course substitution for major prep requirement)

Petition #0481 had been tabled at the previous meeting since the subcommittee requested further information from the Honors Coordinators. K. Webley stated the student currently attends University of California, Berkeley. He also stated that mathematical courses are listed in the Communication and Analytical Thinking area under the General Education Requirements' Language and Rationality category. The current course listings are formed based on meeting the various requirements for the Honors Global Competency Certificate of Performance. Another form of communication, mathematics is a foundational segue for transitioning to career prospects within the technological, science, and engineering arenas. From a global aspect, he believes MATH 150 meets the standard for substitution.

The subcommittee discussed the following points:

- Adding MATH 150 as an approved option for the certificate; the subcommittee and Honors Coordinators' past efforts in adjusting the certificate's curriculum and a possible, future collaboration in renewing the matter

Approved

- The possibility of substituting with another course
- Categorizing the other courses within the 3 unit options listing as socially focused; MATH 150 being considered a 'tool' whereas CISC 181 teaches one to place data onto a spreadsheet and run analyses; CISC 181 is broadly applicable ("This course is intended for the transfer student planning to major in business, economics, or social science.") while MATH 150 is specifically for those going into certain fields ("This course is intended for students majoring in mathematics, computer science, physics, chemistry, engineering, or economics.")
- How the substitution aligns with the certificate's description ("provides an interdisciplinary and systemic approach in order to prepare students for the highly diverse, technologically rich and multilingual global society in which we live...to gain a global perspective through completion of coursework in intercultural competencies, communication skills, technology skills and coping skills.")
- The benefits of earning the certificate (e.g., those wishing to earn scholarships, transition to additional honors programs, and gain internships)
- Concern that approving the substitution will set the precedence not only for the certificate but for all other awards

Motion to approve the substitution by I. Feldman; seconded by Patty; all opposed; motion not carried. Petition #0481 had been denied.

b. **#5401** (course substitution for district GE requirement)

I. Feldman clarified that the student is requesting to waive the District's General Education, Exercise Science Activity requirement with the Open Water Dive Course for which documentation has been submitted.

The subcommittee discussed the following points:

- Clarification on the number of units and how many courses the student would like a waiver for since the Exercise Science Activity Requirement lists the completion of two activity courses while the student cited 32 hours; confirmed that it would be for 0.5 units and one course
- Not allowing requirements to be waived except for specific circumstances as listed in the catalog (possession of an accredited Firefighter I certification, graduates of a P.O.S.T. Commission certified regional law enforcement academy, and U.S. Veterans and active duty U.S. military personnel if services has been continuous for at least six months)
- Political movement for removing the Exercise Science Activity Requirement since it is an obstacle for conferment of degrees
- The student doing her due diligence in having fulfilled the requirement through high-level, physical activity in the Open Water Dive Course

Approved

- Final approval residing with Vice Chancellor Lynn Neault

Motion to approve by C. Silva; seconded by Patty; three opposed (C. Silva, R. Zimmerman, and P. Hopkins); motion carried. Petition #5401 had been approved.

5) Old Business

- a. Proposed change regarding additional degrees (update)

I. Feldman stated there have been no updates. P. Hopkins stated the item is still under discussion at Curriculum Instructional Council and District Governance Council.

The subcommittee discussed the following points:

- Academic Senate's past approval for six units of separation for additional degrees
- The Student Centered Funding Formula being a factor in selecting the number of units of separation

6) New Business

- a. Information item – Proposed governance structure

P. Hopkins stated that the purpose of Collegiality in Action is to redesign Miramar College's governance structure since the current format is convoluted. There will be two type of committees based on their respective functions: academic and professional versus operational matters. Presently, Academic Standards Subcommittee answers to Academic Affairs. However, pending the agreement from the Collegiality in Action meetings and the approvals from the appropriate constituents, Academic Affairs may be dissolved and Academic Standards Subcommittee may report to Curriculum Review Committee (which reports to Academic Senate).

The subcommittee discussed the date of adoption and implementation of the new governance changes (possibly Spring 2020 or Fall 2020).

7) Standing Reports

- a) Evaluator – No report.
- b) Articulation Officer

8) Roundtable

- a. I. Feldman thanked everyone for allowing her to lead today's Academic Standards Subcommittee meeting.
- b. Patty stated she is filling in for M. Hollman until the end of the Fall 2019 semester.

- 9) Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn the meeting by P. Hopkins; seconded by C. Silva; motion to adjourn carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:22 A.M.