

San Diego Miramar College
Academic Standards Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2009, 12:30 – 1:30
A-201

Present: George Beitey; Reginald Boyd; Lisa Clarke; Patricia Flower; Jeff Higginbotham; David Navarro; Thu Nguyen; Duane Short

1) Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 pm.

2) Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus with no changes.

3) Adjudication of student petitions

a) Petition for Selected Studies Degree (petition reference # 224)

The committee reviewed the petition and the requirements for the Selected Studies Degree as specified in the Miramar Catalog. The committee discussed how each course in the proposed degree related to the student's specific career goal and also reviewed the student's overall academic history. In addition, the committee considered potential alternatives, such as the Transfer Studies Degree – Other.

Approved by unanimous vote

b) Substitution of coursework for Physical Education requirement (petition reference # 354)

The committee reviewed the student petition and documentation. After discussion, the committee determined that the course proposed to substitute for the Physical Education requirement (ADJU 149, *Firearms*) had limited or no physical education content and had already been determined by college faculty not to meet the Physical Education requirement.

Disapproved by unanimous vote

c) Waiver of coursework for Health Education requirement (petition reference # 489)

The committee reviewed the student petition and accompanying letter, as well as minutes from previous meetings in which similar petitions had been adjudicated. The committee agreed that the course content described in the letter (college-level paramedic training) would meet the intent of the Health Education requirement. D. Navarro reviewed the student's record and determined that the

coursework had actually been completed at another community college. The committee also discussed past practice of waiving coursework for student who had previously completed approved paramedic training.

Approved by unanimous vote

The committee agreed that in the future documentation of previously completed coursework or training should accompany all petitions. D. Short agreed to invite Mary Kjartanson to the next meeting to discuss the health-related content in paramedic programs

- d) Substitution of coursework for Physical Education requirement (petition reference # 198)

The committee reviewed the student petition and attached documentation (certificate of proficiency for corrections academy at another community college). After discussion, the committee voted to return the petition to the student for the following additional information / action: 1) Resubmit using proper petition; 2) Submit official transcripts of prior coursework for evaluation; 3) Attach documentation of physical activity content in previous coursework being proposed for substitution.

Returned to student petitioner

R. Boyd agreed to find the minutes from previous meetings in which similar petitions had been adjudicated and to bring those to the next committee meeting.

4) New Business

a) AP Exam Review

- i) D. Short passed out documentation about the curricular content of several Advanced Placement (AP) exams and asked committee members to review the exams for possible fulfillment of various general education or district requirements. D. Short explained that the point of the review was to determine if the district's use of AP exams for these purposes could be more closely aligned with how the exams are used in fulfillment of general education requirements at the CSU and UC systems. Information on the following exams was distributed:
- AP Chinese Language and Culture in fulfillment of SDCCD GE area C (Humanities)
 - AP Government – U.S. in fulfillment of US-2 requirement in American Institutions District Requirement
 - AP History – European in fulfillment of SDCCD GE area C (Humanities) or D (Social Science)
 - AP History – U.S. in fulfillment of US-1 requirement in American Institutions District Requirement
 - AP History – U.S. in fulfillment of SDCCD area C (Humanities) or D (Social Science)
 - AP History – World in fulfillment of SDCCD area C (Humanities) or D (Social Science)

- AP Japanese Language and Culture in fulfillment of SDCCD GE area C (Humanities)

The committee agreed to review and discuss the exams at the next meeting.

5) Standing Reports

a) Evaluators – No report

b) Articulation Officer – D. Short reported that he had been invited by the CCC Chancellor's Office to be the CCC Articulation Officer representative on the CSU system's LDTP program advisory committee.

6) Roundtable – No items

7) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm.