

San Diego Miramar College
Academic Standards Committee

Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2009, 12:30 – 1:30
A-201

Present: George Beitey; Reginald Boyd; Lisa Clarke; Patricia Flower; Thu Nguyen;
Duane Short

1) Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 12:38 pm.

2) Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus with one addition under “New Business”.

3) Adjudication of student petitions

a) Substitution of Health Education requirement (petition reference # 530)

D. Short stated that he invited Mary Kjartanson to the meeting to discuss coursework covered in EMT and paramedic programs, but she was unable to attend today. The committee discussed the approval of a similar petition in a previous semester. At that time, the committee had reviewed the course content in a college-level paramedic program and determined it would clear the Health Education requirement. The committee agreed that this would be the last petition of this kind reviewed until a faculty representative could attend to discuss EMT and paramedic programs.

Approved

b) Waiver of Physical Education requirement (petition reference # 073)

The committee reviewed the petition and documentation provided. The committee determined that the student had already completed one PE activity course and discussed the difficulty of completing a second course due to the nature of the student’s injuries.

Approved by unanimous vote

4) Old Business

a) Recruiting for position on committee

D. Short reported that Bob Fritsch from the School of Liberal Arts has agreed to serve on the committee.

5) New Business

a) Meetings next semester

The committee agreed to continue meeting at the same time next semester. If necessary, an earlier meeting could be scheduled to accommodate Mary Kjartanson attending.

b) Inclusion of Certificate of Achievement on CSU GE and IGETC certification petitions and on advising sheets

The committee discussed the idea arising from the Interdisciplinary Studies program review to inform students that the Certificate of Achievement (CA) was available for those who have completed the CSU GE or IGETC patterns. The evaluators indicated that this option currently exists on the petition to graduate, and that currently the CA is automatically awarded to students who use CSU GE or IGETC to complete the GE pattern for the associate degree or who ask for GE certification. L. Clarke stated that the counselors may not be widely promoting the availability of the CA and that students who transfer to SDSU do not need to obtain separate GE certification. After discussion, the committee decided it was unnecessary to add this information to certification and advising sheets. L. Clarke agreed to recommend wider promotion of the CA by the counseling department.

c) Elementary Education degree

D. Short reported that the Mathematics Department would like to remove the Elementary Education program from their area of responsibility. This program includes one degree: the AS in Elementary Education. The Mathematics and Counseling departments recommend that the program be removed from the catalog and that the AS degree itself be moved to the Interdisciplinary Studies program. The committee discussed the implications and voted unanimously to approve.

d) Acceptance of credit and "AG" ratings

D. Short reported on the district's current practice of only accepting credit towards the associate degree from institutions with an "AG" rating from AACRAO. Most other institutions apparently do not follow this practice. The committee discussed the implications of this practice. D. Short reported that the issue was being discussed at the state, regional, and district level and that in the future the committee may be asked to take a position on it.

6) Standing Reports

a) Evaluators

R. Boyd reported on the changes to Title 5 in regard to course repetition and withdraws. The committee discussed the implications and potential issues arising from this.

b) Articulation Officer

D. Short reported that the district articulation officers were preparing a recommended use of IB examinations in SDCCD GE and this would be presented to the Academic Senate for approval.

7) Roundtable – No items

8) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 pm.