

San Diego Miramar College
Academic Standards Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2010, 12:30 – 1:30
A-201

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

1) Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 12:36 pm.

2) Approval of agenda

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

3) Adjudication of student petitions

- a) Course substitution/waiver of Physical Education Activity requirement (petition reference # 333)

The committee reviewed the petition and documentation provided as well as the catalog description of the Physical Education Activity graduation requirement. G. Beitey reported that the Fire Protection Technology faculty does not believe the training course submitted with the student petition fits the intent of the Physical Education Activity requirement. The committee discussed the Physical Education Activity requirement at length and the types of courses or other experiences that might or might not satisfy the requirement. D. Short agreed to add the topic to the next committee meeting agenda. After further discussion about the petition and a review of past decisions, the committee determined that the training course did not meet the Physical Education Activity requirement.

Disapproved

- b) Course substitution / waiver of Physical Education Activity requirement (petition reference # 150)

The committee reviewed the petition and documentation provided as well as the catalog description of the Physical Education Activity graduation requirement. D. Short reported that the course under consideration (FIPT 100D) has not been approved by the college or district faculty to meet this requirement. G. Beitey summarized the content and purpose of the course. The committee discussed whether this course should be proposed through the curriculum approval process to meet this requirement. D. Short agreed to add the topic to the next committee meeting agenda. After further discussion about the petition, the committee

determined that the course does not meet the Physical Education Activity requirement.

Disapproved

- c) Course substitution / waiver of American Institutions/California Government requirement (petition reference # 022)

The committee reviewed the petition as well as the catalog description of the American Institutions/California Government graduation requirement. D. Short reported that the courses under consideration (SDSU's POL S 102 and 422) do meet the identical requirement at SDSU. R. Boyd reported that the petition had come to the committee because POL S 422 is an upper division course. The committee discussed the distinction between lower and upper division and the cases when upper division coursework should be used to clear lower division requirements. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve the petition and also to provide a "blanket" approval of future petitions seeking to satisfy the American Institutions/California Government requirement using CSU courses that fulfill the CSU United States History, Constitution and American Ideals requirement.

Approved

4) Old Business

- a) CSU system acceptance of credit from external exams

D. Short reported that the City and Miramar Academic Senates have approved the alignment of the SDCCD GE categories and units of credit awarded for Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) exams with the way these exams are used at the CSU system. However, the Mesa Academic Senate has not yet taken a position on this, so the alignment is unlikely to occur for the coming academic year. D. Short also reported that the CSU system is currently revising its policy on the use of CLEP tests to fulfill GE and unit requirements. If that is approved, D. Short plans to ask the Academic Senate to approve the alignment of SDCCD policy with CSU policy in regards to the acceptance of all forms of external examinations toward GE and unit requirements.

5) New Business

- a) Use of additional mathematics placement assessments to clear Mathematics Competency requirement – deferred until next meeting
- b) Election of committee chair for 2010-11 and 2011-12
 - D. Short was reelected as the committee chair.
- c) Meeting schedule for 2010-11.

The committee agreed that the current meeting dates and times (2nd Tuesday of each month 12:30 to 1:30) are acceptable.

- d) Decision making authority of evaluators on student petition

R. Boyd reported that a student (petition reference # 065) indicated she would submit a doctor's note excusing her from physical education courses. Normally these petitions come to the Academic Standards committee for approval. However, this student intends to graduate this year and the committee will not meet again prior to fall term. R. Boyd asked the committee to delegate authority to him to approve the petition if it comes with a valid doctor's note. The committee discussed what constitutes a valid doctor's note. L. Clarke asserted that it is not the committee's role to question a doctor's recommendations, and cited the catalog wording pertaining to this matter. K. Brandt stated that sometimes doctors are unaware of the various options available for students to complete the Physical Education Activity requirement. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to grant R. Boyd the authority to approve this petition if it stated that the student should be excused from all physical education activity classes.

Approved

6) Standing Reports

a) Evaluators

T. Nguyen and R. Boyd reported that they still do not know if the college evaluators will be moved to the district central office, but that the Mesa and Miramar Academic Senates have taken positions against the move. D. Short stated that if they were moved he would ask the district office to ensure they could continue attending the committee meetings, since they are both standing members of the committee as per the Miramar College governance structure.

b) Articulation Officer – No report

7) Roundtable – No items

8) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 pm.