

San Diego Miramar College
Academic Standards Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2011, 12:30 – 1:30
A-201

Present: George Beitey; Reginald Boyd; Kandice Brandt; Patricia Flower; Bob Fritsch;
Helen Houillion; Duane Short

1) Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 12:33pm.

2) Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus.

3) Adjudication of student petitions

a) Waiver of Physical Education Activity requirements (petition reference #021)

The committee reviewed the petition and the medical documentation provided. After a short discussion, the committee determined that one Physical Education Activity requirement should be waived due to the student's medical condition.

Approved for one of the Physical Education Activity requirements

4) Old Business

a) Use of additional mathematics placement assessments to clear Mathematics Competency requirement

The committee reviewed the draft CIC business item previously distributed by D. Short. After discussion, the committee unanimously approved the document with no changes and directed D. Short to bring it forward to the Curriculum Committee and CIC.

The committee also discussed several issues related to assessment instruments and placement practices used by the district. After discussion, the committee directed D. Short to contact D. Navarro (chair of the Counseling Dept and chair of the Academic Affairs committee) and suggest the following be brought forward to the college and district student services organizations:

1. Revisit the use of the old assessment exam, as it has advantages over the current exam in determining the level of placement.
2. Consider the use of additional assessment methods for student placement.

3. Consider the use of one assessment instrument that would place students in levels 1 through 5 rather than requiring students to choose between the collegiate and pre-collegiate instruments.
4. Consider shortening the 3-year waiting period between subsequent attempts at taking the assessment exam.

5) Standing Reports

a) Evaluators

R. Boyd reported that the district evaluations office was experiencing an increase in the number of student phone calls, probably due to the presence of a new evaluations webpage on the district website.

b) Articulation Officer

D. Short reported that several of the courses the committee recommended to fulfill the district Physical Education Activity requirement are going through the approval process. The GE portion of these proposals will be voted on at a CIC meeting in May.

6) Roundtable

7) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm.