

Santa Monica College Student Affairs Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 27, 2021
Location: Zoom Session
Chairs: Beatriz Magallon (Chair), Esau Tovar (Vice Chair)
Attendees: Donna Davis-King, Matt Musselman, Press Nicolov, Mike Tuitasi, Alicia Villalpando, Redelia Shaw, James Thing, Kamiko Greenwood (student rep), Dom Prendergast (student rep)
Guests:
Excused/Absent:

I. Call to Order: 12:06 PM

II. Public Comments:

- i. None

III. Approval of Minutes: October 13, 2021

Motion to approve Minutes from October 13, 2021 Esau moved, Press seconded, (11) Yes, at 12:14 PM

IV. New Business:

- a. AR 4100 Graduation Requirements for Degrees & Certificates
 - i. Bea asked Esau if only waiver of Eng/Math for BA holders needed to be taken to the Curriculum committee's agenda to gain their insight. Esau stated that this would indeed be necessary.
 - ii. SAC resumed editing AR 4100 on page 4, going line-by-line.
 - iii. Edits were made with input from Esau, Alicia, and Kamiko. Both Kamiko and Alicia pointed out that Ethnic studies requirement was important to clarify, as it now is a graduation requirement.
 - iv. Kamiko asked if there would be classes that meet both the ethnic and global citizenship requirement. Esau answered that may be difficult to answer, as the new ethnic requirement has been made clear that those courses need to be in specific ethnic studies classes.
 - v. Alicia made a point to ask Bea to ask the Curriculum committee regarding the 50% requirement of units required for the major at SMC. Bea stated she would do this.
 - vi. Kamiko asked if this area means that those students who have a BA, could they apply to the nursing program. Or would they have to do required courses before being admitted. Esau answered they need to meet all admissions requirements still.

- vii. Clarifying language was included regarding minimum unit requirement and grades needed by Dom, James, Esau, Donna, and Alicia.
- viii. A few language edits were made with input from James and Esau.
- ix. Dom asked who reviews these AR's. Bea answered students, faculty, administrators, or anyone who wants to view the AR's from SMC or outside community. Dom then commented that it is important the language is clear for anyone to be able to comprehend. Kamiko agreed that students do need to find these AR's clear to understand. James did make the point that while language needs to be clear, there is certain verbiage that is necessary from a legal standpoint.
- x. Alicia asked to remove "successful" completion of a certificate, as there is language indicating "C" or higher. Bea edited this.
- xi. Kamiko asked if Esau could clarify the difference between a certificate of completion and a certificate of competency. Esau answered there is a program that is non-credit in which students simply earn clock hours based on program. Students enter courses beginning at a certain week and end at a certain point of semester, but they are not earning credits. Grade is based on pass/no-pass. So, the difference is one is credit earning and one is non-credit earning.
- xii. Kamiko suggested it may be easier for students if the format would be bullet points. Esau answered that Bea will reformat this, and agreed that it would be easier.
- xiii. Bea and Esau discussed the difference between IGETC certificate and certificate of achievement. Esau answered yes, we would not grant this unless they had the 50% requirement of CA Community colleges.
- xiv. Kamiko asked about C-, since SMC does not offer C- how would this apply to SMC courses. She wanted this to be clarified, if a C- was earned at another college then that would count as credit at SMC. However, at SMC if a C- is earned in Canvas then simply a C or D may be posted on the Transcript – this grade on the SMC transcript is the only grade that matters at SMC.
- xv. Alicia further confirmed that it boils down to what gets posted on SMC's transcript. So, Alicia suggested language could state, "grade posted on transcript".
- xvi. Esau suggested clarifying, a minimum grade of D if taken at SMC, or a minimum grade of D- at another college. A few more language edits were made with input from Esau, and Alicia.
- xvii. Stopped on page 9, to be resumed at next meeting November 10, 2021.

V. Adjournment: 2:00 PM

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Next scheduled meeting: November 10, 2021

Respectfully Submitted by Malin Bohman