

Santa Monica College

Student Affairs Committee

Meeting Minutes

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| Date & Time: | Wednesday, December 1, 2021 |
| Location: | Zoom Session |
| Chairs: | Beatriz Magallon (Chair), Esau Tovar (Vice Chair) |
| Attendees: | Donna Davis King, Matt Musselman, Press Nicolov, James Thing, Mike Tuitasi, Alicia Villalpando, Kamiko Greenwood (student rep) Dom Prendergast (student rep) |
| Guests: | Estela Ruezga |
| Excused/Absent: | Redelia Shaw |

I. Call to Order: 12:01 PM

II. Public Comments:

- a. Kamiko notified the committee that she created a virtual scavenger hunt to connect students with resources to be held on February 22, 2022. Esau responded that she should email the details to Esau so he could send out a message to students notifying them of this scavenger hunt. She asked if committee members wanted to volunteer to let her know.

III. Approval of Minutes: November 10, 2021

Motion to approve Minutes from November 10, 2021 Esau moved, Matt seconded, (8) Yes, at 12:07 PM

IV. Old/New Business:

- a. AR 4100 Graduation Requirements for Degrees & Cert's
 - i. Bea met with Estela Narrie, Jason Beardsley and Sheila Cordova, chair of the curriculum committee and asked if she could attend the curriculum meeting since SAC's discussions regarding how many units/percentages are required for certificates needs input. As well as if students already having an AA/BA degree could be waived of English and Math requirement. Regarding certificates, if students are enrolled in one course at SMC, but finished all of their classes elsewhere, what are the requirements for certificates at SMC? Residency requirement for certificates is not 12 units. The other concern was the 50% major requirement if eliminated except for those programs requiring licensing. Estela Narrie, said that since this applies to nursing, cosmetology, and ECE and that we have CAP 8 that addresses equivalents. Courses are aligned with community colleges and others would have to go through department chair anyway.
 - ii. Alicia asked if there was a concern that not requiring students who have previous degrees to be waived from that requirement? Alicia thinks there is a big difference at how SMC awards degrees compared to other colleges. There should be a discussion about completing the ethnic studies requirement. Bea answered that Jason had stated this discussion would be had, but that it needs

- to be left for another time since we do not have any courses approved for ethnic studies yet. Mike mentioned first course going to Board next week. Alicia stated that other colleges have access to these courses at other colleges. She thinks it is important to include this language.
- iii. Esau stated this may be because some of the courses proposed were in disciplines not in ethnic studies but perhaps a history course so the recommendation is that the course fall under ethnic studies. English 1b is one course the English department proposed as a means of addressing equity/diversity. But this class only focuses on a couple of ethnic groups. Donna asked who is responsible for creating the course? Esau said it would most likely be an interdisciplinary discussion.
 - iv. Estela Ruezga looked at the regulation and made some edits prior to meeting, and so did Esau.
 - v. Esau expressed concern about the length of this AR being 20 pages, and wondered if we should break it apart by degrees rather than having a long regulation?
 - vi. Language edits were made with input from Esau and Alicia. Alicia suggested adding the website where students can find their major requirements.
 - vii. Esau requested that Alicia share the specific text she proposed regarding repetition rules and other grades earned at other colleges. Alicia cited the statewide discussion that is currently taking place regarding course repetition. CSU's policy regarding transferable GPA has to do with what colleges annotate on student record. SMC's students would be at a disadvantage since SMC has not annotated this per AR 4225. Alicia noted how this was an equity issue and added language to chat.
 - viii. Bea asked regarding GPA requirement keeping the text describing it as cumulative. Esau prefers to keep this language, and Estela's added notes regarding "degree applicable work" should be kept to keep this language as clear as possible.
 - ix. Language edits were made with input from Donna, Esau and Estela.
 - x. Regarding the Global Citizenship Requirement, Donna and Dom did not think a "D" would be a sufficient grade as it was not indicative of grasping course material. Bea responded that this was already decided by title 5 and transfer general education guidelines, and that students do ok when they transfer despite a "D" grade.
 - xi. Estela clarified there is no limitation of foreign coursework to satisfy requirements. Bea wanted to know why these could not satisfy Social Behavioral Science with US History/Political Science. Bea claimed this was a local decision. Esau answered this could have been the case, but also cited Title 5's philosophy and description of these areas. It could also be perhaps an attempt to align to American Institutions transfer requirements. Bea answered that is different and very specific to CSU. UC's do not have this requirement. CSU's would have to approve courses and not at the discretion of SMC. California requirement may not be met even with out of state schools.

- xii. Alicia mentioned how foreign coursework could be used when pursuing local general education requirements. It is up to the CSU/UC/Transfer institutions to determine if they want to accept this foreign coursework for bachelor's degree – in cases where students want a higher degree. Esau shared in chat that currently courses taken outside of the U.S. meeting local G.E. area IIA and area IVA will be considered on a case by case basis. Further that there is no limitation on the number of units applied toward degree nor are part of SMC GPA.
- xiii. Estela included clarifying language since students have in the past referred to “degree” when asking for their diploma. Degrees are annotated on transcripts at the end of the evaluation cycle.
- xiv. SAC will continue editing this AR at the next meeting March 2, 2022.

V. Adjournment: 1:55 PM

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Next scheduled meeting: March 2, 2022

Respectfully Submitted by Malin Bohman