



CURRICULUM COMMITTEE | MINUTES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011 | 3:00 p.m.

Loft Conference Room – Drescher Hall 300E

Members Present:

Guido Davis Del Piccolo, <i>Chair</i>	Randal Lawson	Patricia Ramos	Gary Taka
Georgia Lorenz, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Emily Lodmer	Deborah Schwyter	Esau Tovar
Brenda Benson	Eric Minzenberg	Jeffery Shimizu	Marco Vivero
Diane Gross	Estela Narrie	Marcel Strickler	Carol Womack
Aileen Huang	James Pacchioli	Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein	

Members Absent:

Ellen Cutler	Helen LeDonne	Walter Meyer	Edie Spain
Maral Hyeler			

Others Present:

Laura Campbell	Ed Markarian	Susan Sterr	Gary Todd
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MINUTES

- I. **Call to order:**

The meeting was called to order at 3:12 p.m.
- II. **Public Comments:**

None.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of March 16, 2011 were unanimously approved as presented.
- IV. **Chair's Report:**
 - The Chair welcomed Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, the new representative for Psychology and Philosophy & Social Sciences; and Marco Vivero, Associated Students representative.
 - The Academic Senate approved the following on March 29, 2011:
 - **New Courses-credit:** Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) 3, Medical Laboratory Technician 4
 - **Degrees:** Associate in Science, Recycling and Resource Management
 - **Certificates:** Recycling and Resource Management Certificate of Achievement, Recycling and Resource Management Department Certificate.
 - Georgia Lorenz, *Vice Chair*, gave a brief report on the recent California State University (CSU) Early Start Initiative meeting, which she attended. A proposal was presented by CSU, where local CSU campuses and local community colleges were asked to participate in helping prepare newly admitted students requiring remediation in math to get an "early start." The community colleges present agreed that in the current budget climate, the only ways this could be achieved are if CSU contracted community colleges to provide these classes or rented community college facilities.

V. Information Items:

1. ESL 11B: Basic English 2 (course update)
2. ESL 17: Intermediate Reading Skills (course update)

VI. New Courses – credit:

- a. **English 85: Reading and Writing I** – presented by Susan Sterr (along with Ed Markarian, Gary Todd and Laura Campbell).

Randal Lawson moved to approve English 85 with the following change:

- Correction of spelling error under II “Examples of Appropriate Text...”

Approval of Course

Motion made by: Randal Lawson

Seconded by: James Pacchioli

The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Old Business

- b. **SB 1440 update** – presented by the *Chair* and Estela Narrie.

All three local Region 7 CSUs have accepted the Region 7 proposed AA-T for Sociology – there is concurrence that even this has sociology units in excess, although it more closely reflects lower division requirements for students beginning at CSU, in contrast to the currently approved TMC in Sociology.

An alternative TMC for Psychology has been drafted and an unofficial version has been sent to the [three] local Region 7 CSUs – two of which have responded with positive feedback.

VIII. New Business

- c. **Global Citizenship AA requirement** – An extensive discussion took place on the options to be explored in maintaining SMC’s Global Citizenship AA requirement, since SB 1440 does not allow for local community college requirements. There was consensus that the requirement should remain, until further need for review.

A discussion also took place on earlier inquiries made to the Curriculum Committee about waiving the Global Citizenship AA requirement for military veterans who have served overseas and FI international students.

The final consensus of the committee was that *Linda Sinclair* (Veterans Resource Center, SMC) and *Gail Fukuhara* (International Students Center) would be invited to present to the Curriculum Committee, ways in which experience/courses that international students and veterans may possess, could possibly be translated and assessed for equivalency in fulfilling the Global Citizenship AA requirement.

- d. **CurricUNET Update** – presented by the *Chair*. The *Chair* and *Vice-Chair* have participated in two conference calls with CurricUNET. They reported on the progress of the modules, and mentioned that a fall launch date is still the plan.

IX. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

The next Curriculum meeting will be on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at Drescher Hall – Loft 300E.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Lorenz, *Vice Chair*
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