

Senate Meeting Tuesday, May 1st, 2018 11:15 a.m. – 12:35 p.m. | BUS 144

I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda

Motion: B. Antrim Second: J. Quevedo

Passed unanimously at 11:23am

II. Public Comments

N. Donahue introduced the wonderful new Academic Senate administrative assistant, Tamika Philips.

III. Approval of Minutes 3/27/18

Motion: M. Trujillo Second: A. Espinosa

Passed unanimously at 11:29am

Approval of Minutes 4/17/18

Pushed to 5/15/18 meeting.

IV. Action Item

a. Curriculum Information and Action Items (B. Antrim)

The new courses COUNS NC 901 and COUNS NC 902 were introduced, along with the Transition to College and Career: Certificate of Completion.

Approved unanimously as block at 11:41am

Substantial changes were made to ESL NC 901-906 and the new course ESL NC 980 ESL Citizenship was introduced as both as both an on-ground and Distance Education course. There was discussion on renaming the new course as ESL NC 980 ESL US Citizenship Test Prep for clarity and to avoid confusion with global citizenship.

Friendly amendment to change course name to as ESL NC 980 ESL US Citizenship Test Prep

Motion: L. Koenig Golombek

Second: A. Tower

Passed unanimously at 11:45am

ESL NC courses passed unanimously as a block at 11:46am

b. Global Citizenship Theme (A. Tower)

Proposed revisions to SMC's Global Citizenship Definition were presented. 'Customs and cultures' was replaced with 'cultures, societies, and ecosystems' and 'a livable, sustainable world' with 'a just, vibrant, and sustainable world.'

Revisions passed unanimously at 11:49am

There were 25 recommended themes for the Global Citizenship Theme 2018-2019. The two most favored themes were Justice and Migration. The broad nature of these single word themes allows for multiple interpretations and for them to be worked into the curriculum of a wide variety of disciplines. There was discussion that Migration can fall under the umbrella of Justice. As no senators opposed Justice, it was decided on as the theme.

Motion: W. Meyer Second: C. Gabler

Justice was unanimously approved at 11:59am

The Study Abroad Policy regarding faculty-to-student ratio was amended. In particular that if a program has only one faculty member, there must be a pre-arranged, in-country resource person designated, who is affiliated with the host institution, and prepared to handle emergencies if the faculty is incapacitated in some way. There was discussion that such a designee should be arranged for all programs.

c. Honor Council News (G. Brookins and N. Mata)

The Recommended Practices Document developed by the Honor Council was presented. Faulty are encouraged to start with their syllabus to set the tone on academic honesty. Several examples of policies intended to address and deter cheating were given. Faculty are encouraged to report incidents with students even if the faculty deal with them themselves, in order to track students that are repeat offenders. There was a discussion of implicit biases in reporting students and the equity issues it raises.

V. Discussions and Information Items

a. Redesigning the Students Experience: Guided Pathways Framework: Update (N. Donahue)

Sorting Day is taking place on Friday, May 18th and has 150+ faculty/staff signed up so far. The focus will be on sorting the college's degree and certificate programs into meta-majors, not on program mapping. Several programs will do trial runs of program mapping this spring, with the hope of making the process as efficient as possible before it scales up.

There was discussion that all community colleges in the state are making pathways and meta-majors. The question was raised of whether the individual colleges will be able to have differentiated pathways, or if the state will eventually push for standardization.

b. Budget Talk/Funding Formula/Enrollment (N. Donahue)
Not discussed.

VI. Adjournment

Motion: A. Tower Second: B. Magallon Passed at 12:37pm