

Present:

February 28th 2024

Voting Members: Adrianna Simone (GE Chair); Robert (Bob) Moore (Science Faculty); Rick Estrada (Math Faculty); Cindy McGrath (Journalism);

Non-Voting Members:

Guests: Imelda Lares (A&R), Lyssa Shabusheva (Note Taker-OOI), Nicole Trager (Dean of Math and Sciences), Connie Konsavage (Admissions & Records); A'kilah Moore (Office of Instruction Vice President); Ali Asghary Karahroudy (Department Chair of Computer Science) Catt Wood (Librarian)

Absent: Sara Toruno-Conley (English Faculty)

Meeting called to order: 1:17pm Location: Room CC2-223 and Online – Zoom Meeting

CURRENT ITEMS

1. Welcome, Public Comment and Announcements:

Harriet Tubman Event coming up, Monday 12:30 Student Union

The inaugural Martin Luther King Jr event is tomorrow at 11am at the Student Union Conference Center.

Adrianna will hold Senate Office Hours this Friday 10-11am in MA-130

DE Committee has workshops- one of them is regarding AI

Standing Item: Telecommunication Waiver Approval:

None

2. Approval of the Agenda

Action: Approved (M/S: Cindy/Bob) unanimous 4/0/0

3. Approve Meeting Minutes: February 14th, 2024 —

Action: Approved with four edits (M/S: Rick/Bob) unanimous 4/0/0

4. GE Committee: Open seats on the Committee

The committee has 2 seats open currently. Nila Adina is no longer able to attend in-person and has used up the maximum telecommunications waivers (2).

5. GE Enrollment Statistics: Review and discuss GE enrollment in diverse perspectives 2023-2024 data

The committee notes that the statistical data presented today does not allow inference of whether a course is being attended because it is part of a program requirement, or there is genuine interest in the course by the students. If there was a diverse perspective box, enrollment for the courses with low enrollment data may see rising attendance.

The committee member recalls a piece of information discussed during Academic Senate, where there was interest discussed in the AA degrees following the AAT degrees. One of the members of the committee specifies, with support from the Advisory Board member, that transfer degrees are limited to 60 units total.

An Advisory member notes that Category E is going away because of CalGETC integration.

“Diverse Perspectives” box needs an additional discussion in a future meeting regarding its name. Committee members agree that there may be a need for a new name in order to allow more courses to also be eligible for the box.

One of the committee members pointed out that since Los Medanos College lowered the unit requirement to 18, the number of degrees awarded has risen significantly. Discussion ensued regarding whether an additional unit raise from the state required 21 to 24 would be a benefit for students, or for departments or both.

Advisory board member notified the committee that there are SQL reports that are able to narrow down pattern selection. Depending on the major, a program with no transfer pattern has students who choose local GE pattern, while majors with a transfer pattern available currently choose the CSU pattern.

The committee notes that modality is also an important part in discussing whether a course is filling.

A member of the committee also communicated that it's been difficult moving away from asynchronous online to full face to face and hybrid, however it has been widely requested because students may be losing funding.

6. **GE Title 5 Research: Update on discussions with departments/faculty**

Child Development, after correspondence, provided that the Department would support whichever decision GE Committee came to, with heavy emphasis on the decision which would benefit students' interests the most.

Cindy has not spoken to History, or Social Justice Departments yet. Adrianna reported that she has not spoken to the English Department. Bob is corresponding with Francesca, from the Physical Sciences Department. Cindy reports that Speech has one course, and it struggles to fill.

Rick agreed to speak to Jen from the Honors Program to discern the possible impact of the removal of the Diverse Perspective Box, as well as to Jamilla from Umoja, Anthony and Jessica from Puente, and the Transfer Academy team.

7. **GE Tech Review: COOR review with GE teams**

GE chair notes that for PHYS-015, the course will no longer have the Diversity box checked, and the course got GE Chair's approval.

8. **Committee/Task Team Updates: Senate, SEM, TLC, CC, IDEA, and liberal Arts Task Team**
IDEA- none

CC- none

TLC- none

Academic Senate- TLC position paper was passed through Senate, as TLC will be a Faculty Only assessment space. There was discussion to create a departmental committee of Department Chairs to discuss One Year Schedule

SEM – none

Liberal Arts Task Team- none

Meeting adjourned at 2:32 pm