



Curriculum Committee
MINUTES
January 29, 2024

Members Present

Donna Davis, Chairperson	Craig Kielb, Automotive
Denise Adams, Dean	Phillip Manning, Drafting, Manufacturing, & ITEC
Matthew Cervantes, Computer Science	Patrick McDougall, Physics
Felicia Flores, Cosmetology	Erik Shearer, V.P. of Instruction
Tia Germar, Library	Rachel Sicke, Counselor
Irma Gonzalez Cuadros, Academic Senate	Heather Springer, Equity & Inclusion Specialist
Elizabeth Heaton, AS Representative	Elena Tan, Associate Faculty, Japanese
Dr. Leslie Henson, English	Dr. Jacob Vazquez, Agriculture
Jessica Jackson, Articulation Officer	Dr. Robert White, Dean

Members Absent

Anthony Ferro, Associate Faculty, Kinesiology	Suzanne Wakim, SLO Coordinator
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Guests Present

Madeline Bird, Director Enterprise Systems	Kim Kirkwood, Cosmetology
Connie Dickens, Secretary to the Dean	Meredith Marasco, Admissions & Records
Teresa Doyle, Dean	Carrie Monlux, Dean
Jeff Jordan, Kinesiology	Jess Vickery, Academic Senate
Becky Kenshol, Admissions & Records	Zariel Torres, Financial Aid

AGENDA

1. **Agenda Adoption - 1 minute**

Motion to amend agenda to remove items 5 A.1-A.3 from consent and place on the regular agenda for further discussion; M/S/P

2. **Minutes Approval - 1 minute**

A. December 11, 2023

Motion to approve minutes; M/S/P

3. **General Announcements - 3 minutes**

Curriculum Committee members are invited to make announcements to the committee.

- Welcome new/returning members
 - Craig Kielb, Automotive, CTE
 - Phillip Manning, Drafting/Manufacturing, CTE
 - Heather Springer, English, Equity & Inclusion Specialist
 - Dr. Robert White, Dean
- Donna Davis mentioned that Zariel Torres will serve as the Financial Aid subject matter expert

4. **Public Comments - 3 minutes**

Members of the public are invited to comment on items on the agenda.

- A member of the public voiced concerns about the potential impacts on students by adding a minimum of 2 units of courses from Self-integration, Physical Education activity, or CTE Pathways exploratory courses as a GE graduation requirement

5. **Consent Agenda**

A. **GE Taskforce Recommendations**

1. **Approve New Butte GE Education Pattern**

Motion to amend GE category 5 title from “Natural Science” to “Physical Sciences and Biological Sciences” to align with the CalGETC GE categories and update units to 3-5 units; M/S/P

Motion to amend the original motion to “Physical Science or Biological Sciences”; M/S/Denied (Ayes 1; Nays 16)

Motion to strike 3-unit count in the English Composition category; M/S

Motion to amend previous motion to retain the 3–4-unit count in English Composition, but to change the total GE units to 21-26; M/S/P (Ayes 16; Nays 1)

- The committee questioned the GE category titles and unit totals
- It was recommended that the Office of Instruction will clarify later the GE programming details in the student planning degree planner module
- There were several concerns about adding degree requirements and the financial aid impacts for students
- It was confirmed that courses part of any approved program are paid for by financial aid

Motion to approve item 5 A.1 as amended; M/S/P

2. **Approve Elimination of Multicultural Graduation Requirement**

Move to approve item 5 A.2; M/S/P

3. **Approve Amended Addition of Graduation Requirement**

- A minimum of 2 units of courses from Self-integration, Physical Education activity, or CTE Pathways exploratory courses
- A committee member read a statement from a student about the impacts of adding a GE requirement that doesn't match the local GE pattern
- It was established that there are no longer any competency areas as they are built into the new GE pattern
- The committee had several questions on the financial aid impacts for high unit majors and career exploration students
- It was confirmed that financial aid will fund 90 attempted units by student; required appeals for units above 90
- It was mentioned that each college can locally decide a graduation requirement that best serves their students and the community

Move to approve item 5 A.3; M/S/P (Ayes 15; Nays 2)

6. **Discussion Item(s) - 2 minutes**

A. Upcoming Curriculum Committee Meetings

- February 5, 2024
- February 26, 2024

7. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn; M/S/P