

Los Rios Ethnic Studies Faculty Council

Minutes

Tuesday, March 23rd, 2021

Time: 2:00-3:00pm

ConferZoom: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/95764008264>

Agenda

Preliminaries

- Call to Order – **2:03pm**
- Attendance – Council Member Introductions (members present in bold)

Ricardo Caton, ARC

Neue Leung, ARC

Walter Kawamoto, ARC

Nyenbeku George, CRC

Alex Peshkoff, CRC

Tami Cheshire, FLC

Victoire Chochezi, FLC

Keith Heningburg, SCC

Surangi Frazier, SCC

Malika Hollinside, SCC

Juana Esty, CRC AO Representative

Renee Medina, SCC Curriculum Chair Representative

Guests: None

- Approval of Agenda
Victoire Chochezi Motion, Alex Peshkoff Second; All in attendance approved
- Minutes were tabled until the next meeting
Victoire Chochezi Motion, Alex Peshkoff Second; All in attendance approved
- Public Comment (3 minutes per person as time permits) None

Announcements

None

Decision Items

Note: Decisions should be discussed at one meeting and voted on in a subsequent meeting. Decision items must be made public 72 hours before a vote can be made per Brown Act.

- No decision was made about the Ethnic Studies Summit, further discussion and research needs to be done.

Chair's Report

Chair reviewed how an Ethnic Studies Summit could be used as a mechanism to educate the entire district about Ethnic Studies and obtain support and bring on board administrators, faculty and staff across the district. The main purpose would be educational. Chair reviewed several options discussed below.

Discussion Items

1. This could develop into an annual Ethnic Studies summit like they had at Woodland and can be revisited at a later date.
2. Present first to pre-existing groups like T4E and the Equity Institute at ARC. This could be easily arranged but there is a con to this because we would need to be available throughout the semester to go to so many different meetings and present. A more localized option would be to hold a flex workshop or series.
3. Develop a flex workshop to hold during flex week or any other time; but one specifically during flex week at the beginning of the semester where we can announce a series of ES workshops to be held in the future with specific dates.
4. Develop a presentation for Fall Convocation – one concern was mentioned that we might not be having a fall convocation, Alex Peshkoff will check with his contact at CRC.
5. Malika had an idea to make a short video about the history of Ethnic Studies up to today and what it means for Los Rios and our students. We could put this on our website.
6. Creating two summits: One for the leadership to occur by end of this semester, another for the wider district (Fall 2021) in order to have more time. Further discussion revolved around the intent or purpose of the summit; whether or not it is educational or political. Many voiced concerns about politics when there is a mandate to create Ethnic Studies courses and the District needs to accommodate the legal mandate. We need to determine our 'target' audience and our purpose. More research and discussion needs to take place.
7. The presentation about ES itself was discussed, especially the issue with where to obtain FTE. ES as a legal mandate was brought up again and as a Council we don't need to determine where the FTE will come from, it is up to the District and if AB1040 passes, there will be funding.
8. Chair and Co-Chair plan on meeting with Julie Oliver to obtain further information and advice about whether to contact the Chancellor and VPI's of each college and do a presentation for them.
9. This topic will be on our next agenda.

Adjournment: 3:49pm

Upcoming Meetings

1. Regular Meeting: Tuesday, April 6th at 2pm-4pm