

# Los Rios Ethnic Studies Faculty Council

## Minutes

**Tuesday, September 7, 2021**

**Time: 2:00-4:00pm**

**ConferZoom: <https://lrccd.zoom.us/j/92493717468>**

## Agenda

### Preliminaries

- Call to Order – 2:05pm
- Attendance – Council Members Present in Bold

**Ricardo Caton, 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**

- Approval of Agenda  
Walter Kawamoto Motion, Surangi Frazier Second; All approved
- Approval of Minutes  
Nyenbeku George Motion, Surangi Frazier Second; All approved
- Public Comment  
None

### Announcements

- Hiring committees are being formed at the three colleges. The council members are encouraged to sit on the committees. Hiring the Best and Equity trainings are happening at all the colleges.

## Chair's Report

- Council continuation – Council needs to discuss whether or not our council should continue beyond the spring. No decision has been made yet. Keith is hopeful that the committee will continue once the new hires come on board.
  - Our immediate goals such as evaluating existing course against area F requirements are complete.
  - Our long term goals are in progress –
    - Evaluate proposed cross-listed courses to meet the CSU requirements, meeting DCCC and local curriculum committee timeline requirements
    - Create proposals for the future of ethnic studies programs, degrees, and courses in the district
    - Consultative body for ethnic studies discipline input on equivalency decisions for hiring
- SCC is creating an Ethnic Studies Department and Keith Heninburg will be chair of the department.
- No word yet on the Brown Act suspension. It will expire on September 30, 2021. Once expired, we will need to meet in a public location. Be prepared to change the location of your meeting participation.
- Reminder that curriculum deadlines are published in our google drive.
  - Sept. 1 (begin local process); October 22 (DCCC); December 1 (Area F)
- Follow up with DAS about our resolution regarding cross-listed courses – going to DAS first reading today! Tami and Keith will attend the meeting and let the council know how it goes.
- Hiring Committees are formed separately at each college by the Academic Senate President working with their administration. Please request to be on hiring committees. Academic Senate Presidents make the decisions.
  - The idea for a centralized district level committee for all the Ethnic Studies hires is not possible at this stage. Local hiring committees are being formed.
  - Please be sure that your hiring the best and equity trainings are up to date.
  - It was suggested that we create a list of all the hiring trainings that are happening across the district.
- Minimum Qualifications Committee – This committee will be district wide. District Council needs to submit names to Julie Oliver & Human Resources.
  - The following faculty would like to serve on the equivalency committee: Ricardo Caton and Alex Peshkoff
- Flex Workshop needs to be rescheduled.
  - We will postpone until spring. We will discuss this again in December.
- Friday work group meetings reminder. This space is still available for the committee to work together.

## Discussion Items

Note: Items that the committee is unable to get to can be tabled until the next meeting.

1. Revisit purpose of the Council. Keith will report back when we hear back from Julie Oliver. It is possible that our committee could evolve into something else. It's important that the committee continue to support the incoming faculty and help to maintain the integrity of the curriculum, especially with regard to cross listed courses.
2. Hiring Committees Updates from each college
  - SCC – Position has been posted. The committee is being formed now. The job announcement did not include many of our edits.
  - FLC – No hire this semester
  - CRC – Hiring this semester
  - ARC – Hiring this semester
3. Future requests for 2-3 more Full Time Hires in Ethnic Studies this fall 2021 for Spring 2022 & for Fall 2022 for Spring 2023 (Ethnic Studies ADP requests based on projected student demand for classes)
4. Ethnic Studies courses, programs, and degrees
  - Updates on existing Ethnic Studies Curriculum & revisions
    - ETHNS 300, 320, 330, 340 & 350 check in
      - All colleges have submitted their courses and are in the process.
      - CRC is updating the SLOs for CSU approval. 300 and 330 will be in Socrates by the 10<sup>th</sup> of September.
      - Don't forget to remove anthropology from the list of faculty disciplines
      - Be sure to check distance education
    - Clarify curriculum deadlines with your Curriculum Committees
      - Sept. 1, Oct. 22, Dec. 1
    - Other courses we are revising and/or writing
      - None at this time
  - Update on Newly Proposed Ethnic Studies Curriculum – None at this time.
  - Proposals for Ethnic Studies Programs, Certificates, Degrees
    - Discuss forming an Ad-hoc group to work on the Program template
    - Keith, Tami, Ricardo, Nyen will form an Ad-Hoc group to create a program template. SCC and FLC have a November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. CRC will wait until spring to work on the program with the new hire. ARC has not heard any specifics on the timelines for the department or program. The group will meet during Friday work group.
5. Local Advisory Groups - Update on Ethnic Studies Department formation, etc.
  - ARC Local Advisory group report (Ricardo Caton)
    - ARC submitted names to hopefully be on the committee. No word on whether the ARC advisory group members will be included.
  - CRC Local Advisory group report (Alex Peshkoff)
    - Nothing to report at this time.
  - FLC Local Advisory group report (Tami Cheshire)

- Tami has been working with Academic Senate President about Spring Hiring
  - SCC Local Advisory group report (Surangi Frazier)
    - Ethnic Studies Department is being formed - Keith is the Department Chair
- 6. Ethnic Studies Video Update (Malika Hollinside)
  - Over the summer, Malika started putting together the Ethnic Studies promotional video. She is trying to condense the video from 5-7 videos. There are a few more edits before it is ready. Malika is working with Michael Bittner from CRC.
- 7. Flex Workshop & Series (Alex Peshkoff & Victoire Chochezi)
  - We will postpone to the middle of Spring 2022 semester.

## 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.

None.

## Future Items

- Future requests for 2-3 more Full Time Hires in Ethnic Studies in Spring 2022 for Fall 2022 & Fall 2022 for Spring 2023 (Ethnic Studies ADP requests based on projected student demand for classes)
- Hiring Committee Updates/Minimum Qualifications Committee Updates
- Local Advisory group reports - Ethnic Studies courses, programs, and degrees (Standing Agenda Item)
  - Update on existing Ethnic Studies Curriculum & revisions
  - Update on New Ethnic Studies Curriculum
  - Proposals for Ethnic Studies Programs, Certificates, Degrees
  - Ethnic Studies Department Formation updates
- Consistent Titles change through Curriculum 'Introduction to' across all courses. Start this process in the spring semester talk with all Curriculum Chairs at each college
- Request to add more faculty disciplines to drop down menu in Socrates (Juana Esty)
- Flex Update
- Video Update

Adjournment: 3:40pm

## Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday Sept. 21st 2-4pm  
 Tuesday Oct. 5th 2-4pm  
 Tuesday Oct. 19th 2-4pm  
 Tuesday Nov. 2nd 2-4pm  
 Tuesday Nov. 16th 2-4pm  
 Tuesday Nov. 30th 2-4pm