

Los Rios Ethnic Studies Faculty Council

Minutes

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Time: 2:00-4:00pm

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

Preliminaries

- Call to Order – 2:03pm
- 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

Guests

Roxanne Morgan – Curriculum Chair at American River College

Nicole Griffin – English Professor Folsom Lake College

Shannon Gilley – Counselor and Articulation Officer Sacramento City College

- Approval of Agenda
 - Victoire Chochezi** - Motion, **Renee Medina** - Second; All approved
- Approval of Minutes
 - Renee Medina** - Motion, **Alex Peshkoff** - Second; All approved
- Public Comment

None

Announcements

- None

Decision Items

- None

Chair's Report

- How to support new and existing ES faculty update
 - January 'Welcome' before classes begin? In person vs. online logistics? Covid?
 - Julie Oliver stated that there is no funding available and difficult restrictions due to Covid.
 - We can ask new faculty to fill out a quick survey to see what types of welcome events they would like to attend.
 - Send new faculty food/care packages?
 - We can offer them a care package to include college specific shirts, water bottles, notebooks, books, etc.
 - Money might be available through department, division funds, new faculty program, etc.
 - \$100 will probably be sufficient to buy a few items at the bookstore.
- CSU Area F review process update – Juana Esty
 - Each COR is reviewed by multiple reviewers. That number may vary.
 - The number of reviews is based, in part, on the nature of the COR (cross-listing, IGETC, etc).
 - CORs with split decisions after the first round of multiple reviews are then reviewed by CSU Ethnic Studies faculty.
 - If anything is denied, we do have the option to appeal. This will be warranted if some colleges get the courses approved but not others considering that the outlines are nearly identical.
- Backdating courses for CSU Area F Approval & Catalog Dates
 - Chancellor's office said they would allow back dating of courses for Ethnic Studies.
 - They did not differentiate between new courses and revised courses.
 - If courses are being taught with the old outlines (established in college catalogues), then the back dating will not apply.
 - Ethnic Studies courses were not catalogued in time for faculty to teach until Fall 2022 at SCC, ARC, and CRC. Folsom Lake is the only college that has Area F approval for ES 300.
 - SCC and CRC new faculty will be able to teach ES 300, but it won't count for Area F, just the new Title 5 graduation requirement.
 - ARC new faculty may not be able to teach in the spring 2022 unless they can modify their catalog mid-year. Roxanne Morgan, ARC's Curriculum Chair is looking into this change.
 - With new technology and the ability to change and access catalogues online as well as minimal to limited printing of any catalogues within the district; and the way that

curriculum committees work in that they can approve changes within a semester, and often times new courses need to be added to a program or changes need to be made to courses with more immediacy, catalogues should be able to be updated twice a year, once at the end of each semester vs. once a year at the end of spring semester.

- UC Ethnic Studies Core Requirements are coming, we need to revisit and revise our curriculum again in the spring to reflect these added requirements for approval for UC transfer
 - There are a few terms that are slightly different than the CSU requirements. The outlines will need to be revised to include the requirements from the UC System. Tami will put together a list of terms to include in the outlines for the Council to consider in the spring.
- AB 928 CSU/UC Transfer Alignment and AB 111 Course Renumbering will be impacting our curriculum, more changes to curriculum in near future.

Discussion Items

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

1. Hiring Committees Updates from each college – general information on process
 - Interviews will be happening soon.
2. Department and/or Local Advisory Groups Updates
 - ARC (Ricardo Caton) interviews are scheduled
 - CRC (Alex Peshkoff) interviews are scheduled
 - FLC (Tami Cheshire) no update
 - SCC (Surangi Frazier) interviews are scheduled
3. Ethnic Studies courses, programs, and degrees (Standing Agenda Item)
 - Updates on existing Ethnic Studies Curriculum & revisions
 - ETHNS 300, 320, 330, 340 & 350 check in
 - Curriculum deadlines with your Curriculum Committees
 - Sept. 1, Oct. 22, Dec. 1
 - Update on Newly Proposed Ethnic Studies Curriculum- Work group ideas, please check google docs.
 - Proposals for Ethnic Studies Programs, Certificates, Degrees - Work group progress, please check google docs.
4. Curriculum Ethnic/Multicultural Requirement Policy
 - Currently the Multicultural Requirement is being changed at the state level to align with the Ethnic Studies requirements. Renee Medina will keep us informed of the changes that have to go to the Los Rios Board.
5. Social Justice Studies
 - Some of these programs do include Ethnic Studies Courses. The California Community College Ethnic Studies Faculty Council has argued for the extraction of Ethnic Studies from Social Justice Studies and the deletion of the Social Justice Studies TMC.

- Ethnic Studies representatives from the Council should connect with Social Justice faculty at the different colleges and begin to discuss how each program will be organized to meet student needs and for clarity purposes.
 - One concern is that students may become confused as to whether they are getting an Ethnic Studies or Social Justice degree.
6. Dual Enrollment in High Schools
 - Keith at SCC will be teaching a dual enrollment class in the spring and will let everyone know how it goes.
 - Council members may wish to consider adding dual enrollment with high schools to their list of courses offered at each college.
 7. Flex discussion – Cross Listed Courses (Victoire Chochezi)
 - Victoire would like to see some flex activities about cross listed courses. We could discuss the motivations, benefits/ drawbacks of having course be cross listed.
 8. Council Listening Sessions – (Victoire Chochezi)
 - This may be a good way to get feedback about how folks across the district are feeling about Ethnic Studies and the new requirements.
 9. Media Project about the new Ethnic Studies graduation/transfer requirement – google doc
 - Local campus newsletters
 - Letter to counselors
 - Flyers to Equity/Cultural Centers
 10. Ethnic Studies Video Update (Malika Hollinside)
 - Not present

Future Items

- Requests for full-time positions in Ethnic Studies
- Hiring Committee Updates
- Department and/or Local Advisory group reports - Ethnic Studies courses, programs, and degrees (Standing Agenda Item)
 - Update on existing Ethnic Studies Curriculum & revisions
 - Proposals for Ethnic Studies Programs, Certificates, Degrees
 - Ethnic Studies Department Formation updates
- Flex Update
- Media Project
- Video Update

Adjournment: 3:52pm

Future Council Meeting Dates:

Tuesday Nov. 16th 2-4pm

Tuesday Nov. 30th 2-4pm (instead of having a December meeting)