

ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

Solano Community College

Minutes – Monday March 23, 2015

2:30-4:00pm Room 445

Attendance: Amy Obegi, Ferdinanda Florence, Joseph Conrad, Kevin Anderson, Lue Cobene, Tonmar Johnson

Agenda and minutes approved for 02-09-15

Program Review Information/Discussion Items:

- a. APRC feedback provided to Anthropology
- b. Joe Conrad shared that according to Title 5 55130 and Ed Code 78016 that CTE program reviews are required every two years and they need to include information about labor market demand, whether the program represents unnecessary duplication in the service area, and whether there is demonstrated effectiveness as measured by employment and completion data.
- c. Amy Obegi reported that through a conversation with VP Minor that Dr. Laguerre had concerns about the quality of some of the program reviews that were completed. He saw a range of variance in the quality of the writing and reporting and wanted more recent labor market data for all. I shared with VP Minor that some of the variance is due to the “newness” of the process and at times the lack of experience analyzing data and report writing in some of the CTE disciplines. There is a need for more support. I also shared with VP that as the committee chair I was not interested in changing the process mid-stream. Our plans included utilizing the developed process for all the schools and then analyzing its effectiveness. I felt there would be a lot of pushback if we change too much midstream as faculty as a whole are feeling that change is being initiated too often and with little notice.
- d. The committee revisited the question about whether to include revenue data for all. Some disciplines will not make a lot of revenue due to the nature of their program (for example Nursing, which requires small class sizes and a number of specialized faculty members) which is no fault of their own. We can't judge a program just by their revenue. It was decided that if programs do want to utilize that data to emphasize how much they contribute to the college, they are encouraged to ask Institutional Research and Planning for that data and include that in their report.

The committee reviewed program review self-studies for Interdisciplinary Studies and non-majors Biology. Committee feedback will be compiled by Amy Obegi and submitted back to committee members for approval. The feedback will be sent to discipline faculty within the coming weeks.

Upcoming meeting dates:

April 13, 2015

April 27, 2015

May 11, 2015

Program Review Office Hours Room 503:

April 20 2-3pm