

ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE
Solano Community College

Membership:

Chris McBride –School of Liberal Arts
Vitalis Enemmuo – Health Sciences
Katherine (Kitty) Luce – Library/Counseling
Maureen Powers – Social and Behavioral Sciences
Kevin Spoelstra – Applied Technology and Business
Dmitriy Zhiv – Math

Ex Officio:

Robert Gabriel – Dean of Health Sciences
Peter Cammish – Office of Research and Planning
David Williams –VPAA

Absent: Kevin Spoelstra and Peter Cammish; Dmitriy Zhiv delayed until 3:00

Minutes – Monday, September 11, 2017
2:30-4:00 pm, Room 712

1. Approval of Agenda –1st Chris, 2nd Kitty.
2. Public Comment –David noted his need to leave for the Academic Senate meeting at 3:00, and updated the status of VPAA feedback.
3. Minutes from 8/14/17 –vote for approval as amended: 1st Kitty, 2nd Chris; Maureen abstained, as she was absent on 8/14.
4. Coordinator’s report and discussion items
 - a. Task forces on “general degrees” (University Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies, General Science, and Social Science): Coordinator met with four task forces, empowered by the Academic Senate to study options for the “general degrees” using data from Institutional Research and Planning, make recommendations to their respective schools, and have the schools vote to proceed with CurricUNET changes. Following is the current status:

Liberal Arts

School voted on 9/8/17 to delete:

- US- Arts and Humanities
- IS –Arts and Humanities
- US – Communications
- IS- Communications

Voted to keep, unmodified (except for changes submitted by Marianne Flatland) the US-Liberal Studies with Education Emphasis (until the college creates an AA-T Elementary Education degree; at that point, they’ll revisit this US degree)

Social Sciences

School will vote on 9/15; the proposal is to delete:

- IS-Social Sciences
- US-Social Sciences
- Social Sciences

Kinesiology/Health

Working on modifying the existing IS-Wellness degree, or may create a new degree and delete the Wellness degree simultaneously. Will present for vote once ideas are fleshed out.

Discussion: Coordinator noted that many students pursue Wellness degree courses while waiting to get into the Nursing program. Rob noted that the Nursing program used to have a waiting list, which is no longer in use.

Science/Math

School will vote by email (prior to 9/21/17 deadline) to delete:

US – Science and Quantitative Reasoning

IS – Science and Quantitative Reasoning

School will retain General Science degree.

b. Discussion of Liberal Arts programs that have not yet submitted reports (Philosophy and English). Coordinator noted delays in English's report, stemming from major recent changes to the program that have made parts of the in-progress report already outdated. For example, while pathways to English 001 have been streamlined in the past year, decisions are being made right now regarding English 360. Specifically, the pass/no-pass option for English 360 will be eliminated, so that students earning a C will be advised to take English 001 with 310D as support, while students earning an A or B will take English 001 alone. These finer details are important, but perhaps too specific to include in the Program Review report.

Changes over the course of the semester are easier to update if a report moves more quickly through the Program Review process. For example, Theatre submitted their report in the Spring, before the building 1200 remodel was completed; the report for Learning Resources was submitted before funds were secured for a new library. In these cases, a sentence noting a new building "would be beneficial" could be easily updated to state that a new building "will be beneficial."

5. Vote to approve Committee Goals for 2017-18: 1st Maureen, 2nd Chris

6. Programs to be reviewed and assignments:

Music (Dean review overdue)—assigned to Chris and Maureen

7. Adjournment: 1st Maureen, 2nd Chris

8. Feedback for Learning Resources/Library (as Kevin was absent, Chris will send feedback via email) and Theater Arts (Dmitriy and Kitty)