

## Academic Affairs Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 23, 2025

Science III – Room 100

### Meeting Minutes

Attendees: E. Adams, J. Deal, C. Dell'Amico, H. He, M. Herman, T. Holiwell, E. Montoya, K. Szick. M. Szolowicz, J. Wang

Absent: R. Korba

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by J. Deal at 10:01 am.

2. Approval of Agenda: A typo on the agenda was fixed, and a motion to approve the amended agenda was made and seconded; all in favor.

3. Minutes:

a. Approval of minutes from 10/31/24 & 11/14/24: motion to approve was seconded, all in favor.

b. Volunteer for minutes for today's meeting: C. Dell'Amico

4. Announcements: None

5. Resolutions

a. J. Deal updated the committee that the first reading of Resolution 242512 – Academic Master Plan was waived and the resolution passed on second reading.

-About the Master Plan, E. Adams noted that the Chancellor's Office noticed that Psychology's MA in Neuroscience had timed out; the MA was removed from the plan, but Psychology might choose to pursue it again.

b. J. Deal updated the committee on Resolution 242510 – Process and Timeline of SOCI Administration: first reading occurred at Academic Senate on 12/5/24, and a number of concerns were raised, including the following:

-5-year review period – too frequent

-Can RTP committee member ask for SOCI removal?

-Percentage of SOCI weight in RTP teaching is 50% - what should weight be?

-Do RTP committee members follow 50% rule – need for training

-Workload issue for AVP of Faculty Affairs

-Are SOCIS even a valid measure of teaching effectiveness?

-Preamble to SOCIs to inform students what is acceptable?

-SOCIs if someone replaces instructor during semester?

-San Marcos model?

-The decision was to wait and see what the FAC does with the text/resolution, at which point the AAC would have two options: accept what they do or write its own text. In the meantime, J. Deal will upload the San Marcos model to our Box file.

## 6. Referrals

### a. Referral 242520 - New Certificate Proposal: Nursing PG- NEC Certification

-H. He ushered us through the Box materials, which J. Deal noted were thorough and explanatory.

-It was noted that N6810 had to be *both* a CO- and PRE-req for N6820.

-The plan was for all AAC members to explore/revisit the materials again for our next meeting.

### b. Referral 242522 - proposal for the elevation of a concentration to a degree in the Bachelor of Arts in Ethnic Studies

-J. Deal noted that while there appears to be only one document in the ES Box folder, that one document contains a link to another Box file with voluminous materials.

-Having explored the materials, J. Deal expressed his sense that all was well done and thorough.

-E. Montoya noted that the materials still show some mis-categorizing of courses as GE courses; this should be fixed.

-The plan was for all AAC members to explore/revisit the materials again for our next meeting.

-The goal is for the elevation to receive senate approval by the end of this spring semester, and the expectation is for the degree to be in the catalog in time for fall 2026 students.

## 7. Other Discussion Items - None

## 8. Open Forum:

-K. Szick: *myCSUB* maintenance takes place on Mondays 6-10 p.m., yet this is a time when many faculty need access; in fact, that time block fell this semester on the evening before classes began. Since all CSUB campuses have their own maintenance time assigned, E. Adams will look into whether our time can be changed.

-E. Adams noted that Modern Language/Spanish is seeking approval for DE courses in upper division Spanish. J. Deal will invite a ML/Spanish representative to explain their case to us in our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25am.

Approved February 6, 2025.