

Los Rios Ethnic Studies Faculty Council

Minutes

Tuesday, March 16th, 2021

Time: 2:00-4:00pm

ConferZoom: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/95764008264>

Agenda

Preliminaries

- Call to Order – **2:01pm**
- Attendance – Council Member Introductions (members present in bold)
All members present

Ricardo Caton, ARC

Neue Leung, 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: Chris Castagna, SCC

- Approval of Agenda
Victoire Chochezi Motion, Nyenbeku George Second; All Approved
- Approval of Minutes
Nyenbeku George Motion, Malika Hollinside Second; All approved
- Public Comment (3 minutes per person as time permits) None

Announcements

None

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.

- Resolution to develop Ethnic Studies Departments at all four colleges
 - Alex Peshkoff Motion, Nyenbeku George Second; 9 approve, 0 objections, 1 abstain
 - Resolution passed
- Curriculum Flow Chart
 - Walter Kawamoto Motion, Alex Peshkoff Second; 11 approve, 0 objection, 0 abstain
 - Resolution passed
- Template to review Existing Courses
 - Alex Peshkoff Motion, Walter Kawamoto Second; 11 approve, 0 objections, 0 abstain
 - Resolution passed

Chair's Report

Chairs reviewed the goals/tasks for the Ethnic Studies Council and discussed a need for educating/informing the district about Ethnic Studies. "We are in the process of making process" Keith Heningburg.

Discussion Items

1. An Ethnic Studies Summit was discussed as a mechanism to educate the entire district about Ethnic Studies. The purpose is to garner support for and bring on board administrators, faculty and staff across the district to support our goals as a Council. The main purpose would be educational.
 - a. Present first to pre-existing groups like T4E and the Equity Institute at ARC.
 - b. Create two summits: One for the leadership to occur by end of this semester, another for the wider district (Fall 2021) in order to have more time.
 - c. Develop a presentation for the Fall Convocation.
 - d. Make some flex workshops during flex week or any other time.
 - e. This could develop into an annual summit like they had at Woodland.
 - f. We need to move quickly on this so we can't wait for 2 weeks until our next regularly scheduled meeting.
 - g. Please reach out to co-chairs with thoughts or ideas.
 - h. An emergency meeting next week will be held to discuss and vote on this item, Tuesday March 23 from 2:00-3:00pm.
2. Local Ethnic Studies Groups Updates
 - a. Ricardo – ARC – They have not met as a group. More individuals are interested with Ethnic Studies background. ARC is moving toward updating the program roadmap to include Ethnic Studies. He and Walter are meeting with the Chair of the History Department tomorrow.
 - b. Alex – CRC – They have a total of four members. They will be meeting this week or next week. The Academic Senate President confirmed their status as an Ad-Hoc Group. They have full support of their Academic Senate. Once the resolution

is passed to develop departments, they will discuss how to allocate FTE. Some courses will be revised to align with Area F.

- c. Tami – FLC – Local Advisory Group was formed and approved by the academic senate. First meeting happened yesterday. Hope to have a department by end of semester. There is talk that the hiring freeze is melting. We need to advocate for cohort hires at each of our colleges.
 - d. Surangi – SCC – Local Advisory Group will be an Ad-Hoc group under the Academic Senate. The Committee has been working on an informal basis doing work to create a department. Their local Academic Senate President is talking with their VPI about department creation.
3. Resolution to Develop Ethnic Studies Departments
 - a. Updates were made to the resolution about some of the proposed laws (AB1040). FACCC is lobbying to many bills in support of Ethnic Studies.
 - b. It would save time to use pieces of the districtwide resolution to create department proposals at all four colleges. Council is in agreement to create a template for the department proposals.
 - c. A template for a local Ethnic Studies department proposal will be worked on and placed in the google drive.
 4. Flow Chart
 - a. The District Ethnic Studies Council will be in consultation with Faculty Developers and Local Advisory Groups for putting courses forward.
 - b. Minor changes were made to the arrows connecting the local curriculum committee with the District ES Council.
 - c. Discussion occurred regarding the Ethnic Studies courses we have going through Area F approval; to begin revisions to the curriculum on some courses before hearing back from the CSU Area F committee. Faculty focused on the four core areas would divide up these courses to make changes and the curriculum would be copied and used throughout the district.
 5. Revised Template for Reviewing Courses
 - a. Minor edits were made on the section about faculty disciplines, but otherwise remained the same.
 6. Resolution for Cross Listing Courses
 - a. Some edits were suggested. The document is in the google drive for Council members to review, discuss and revise at the Friday Work Group meetings. We will discuss again and vote on this item at the next meeting.
 7. Standing Agenda Items
 - a. Nothing to report

Adjournment: 3:49pm

Upcoming Meetings

1. Work Group Meetings: Friday March 19th 10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm
2. Emergency Meeting to discuss and approve Ethnic Studies Summit: Tuesday, March 23rd 2:00pm-3:00pm.
3. Regular Meeting: Tuesday, April 6th at 2pm-4pm