

Los Rios Ethnic Studies Faculty Council

Minutes

Tuesday April 20, 2021

Time: 2:00-4:00pm

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

Agenda

Preliminaries

- Call to Order – **2:02pm**
- Attendance – Council Member Introductions (members present in bold)

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

Rawan Shaban-Johnson, DO

- Approval of Agenda
Surangi Frazier Motion, Tami Cheshire Second; All approved
- Approval of Minutes
Surangi Frazier Motion, Renee Medina Second; All approved
- Public Comment None

Announcements

DIG Ethnic Studies Meeting for the CID next meeting scheduled for April 23, 12-2:30pm
Everyone is encouraged to attend. CCCEFSC versions will be presented at the meeting. The TMC is the blueprint for the courses that are part of the ADT that allows our students to transfer to the CSU. The Faculty Discipline Review Group is by application. Let's try and be a part of this process from the ground up. The Course Descriptions are also very important to have input on. This will probably be a year-long process.

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.

- Ethnic Studies Video Motion to approve: Tami Cheshire, Second Keith Heningburg, Approved by consensus. Malika Hollinside will begin work on the video.
- Resolution regarding cross-listed courses tabled needs further discussion
- Flex Workshop Series discussion tabled needs further discussion
- Districtwide Public Canvas page tabled needs further discussion

Chair's Report

- The District Academic Senate has asked for minor revisions for the Ethnic Studies Department Resolution. The revisions were submitted and today is second reading at the DAS. We will know by our next meeting if the resolution passes.
- All courses from CRC & SCC that were submitted for Area F approval were denied. We received an email from CCC Ethnic Studies Faculty Council to see if we have any feedback about the process. Juana Esty will ask for example courses that were approved and will forward them to the Council for review. We can submit the courses again in December. They are going to do retroactive approvals back to the fall 2021 for students who took the class before approval.
- Council is working on the course revisions. Everything is being posted on the Google Doc. Please review the curriculum for Area F requirements. Reviewers are looking for content (SLO's and Course Topic areas) to match Area F, word for word.
 - Please update discipline list to include Interdisciplinary Studies, delete Anthropology & Psychology.
 - Please update book lists. Book list cannot be older than 7 years. Please put [Classic] next to any book that is older than 7 years. Many Ethnic Studies books will be older books because publishing companies have not published more recent textbooks.
- SCC Academic Senate just approved an Ethnic Studies Department.

Discussion Items

1. Update Ethnic Studies Flex Workshop (Alex Peshkoff)
 - a. Ethnic Studies Flex Workshop CRC will host and it will be open to the District. The workshop will occur during Fall semester Flex week (1 hour & 15 minutes) on Thursday August 19, 2021; 11:15am-12:30pm
2. Ethnic Studies Fall Flex Series - Tabled for discussion until next meeting
3. Ethnic Studies Video – Approved - Malika will begin working on this video and will report back to the Council.
4. Canvas Page – Rawan Shaban-Johnson presented on the benefits of a Canvas page vs. a Website to distribute information to the District. She will come back to our next meeting with more research about a website vs. a Canvas page and is willing to assist with the creation of a Canvas page if and when we are ready.
5. Ethnic Studies Definition - Tabled until next meeting

- a. Draft document is in the google drive. Council made edits to the document. The definition of Ethnic Studies is currently being discussed and reviewed by ASCCC and will be voted on at their Plenary. Updates will be shared with the Council and this item will come up for a vote at our next meeting.
6. Cross listed Courses Resolution - Tabled until next meeting
 - a. Available on the Google Doc. Some edits were made. The council expressed that starting with the 5 core classes is a good start. Council wants to have a strong foundation of Ethnic Studies core courses before considering cross listed courses. Council will vote on this resolution at the next meeting.
7. Local Ethnic Studies Groups Updates
 - a. Ricardo Caton – ARC – They have received requests from the English Department for cross listing courses. They will hold off on these for now in light of the council resolution on cross listing courses.
 - b. Alex Peshkoff – CRC – They are working on the Asian American Studies course hoping to have everything ready by Fall. They need to work on getting their department approved. Many changes in administration, specifically Dean positions are making it difficult to get the department approved.
 - c. Tami Cheshire – FLC – Ethnic Studies department is approved. No further need for their local advisory group. Continuing to work on curriculum.
 - d. Surangi Frazier – SCC – Ethnic Studies Department is approved by their Academic Senate. They will work on the Chicano/Latino courses.
8. Beginning discussion on equivalency decisions for hiring was tabled.

Future Items

- Follow up with DAS on Ethnic Studies Department Resolution
- Local Advisory Group Reports -
Ethnic Studies courses, programs, and degrees (Standing Agenda Item)
 - Update on existing Ethnic Studies Curriculum & revisions
 - ETHNS 300, 320, 330, 340 & 350
 - Update on Newly Proposed Ethnic Studies Curriculum
 - Proposals for Ethnic Studies Programs, Certificates, Degrees
 - Update on Ethnic Studies Department formation
- Ethnic Studies Definition – decision item
- Flex Workshop Update
- Ethnic Studies Video Update
- Flex Workshop Series discussion
- Districtwide Public Canvas page continued discussion
- Resolution regarding cross-listed courses – decision item
- Equivalency decisions for hiring discussion

Adjournment: 3:56pm

Upcoming Meetings

1. Regular Meeting: Tuesday, May 4th at 2pm-4pm
2. Reminder Friday Workgroup Meetings 10-Noon and 1-3pm open for Council Members working on curriculum revisions, resolutions, flex workshops/sessions, etc.