

Los Rios Ethnic Studies Faculty Council Draft Minutes

Tuesday May 4, 2021

Time: 2:00-4:00pm

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

Agenda

Preliminaries

- Call to Order – **2:00pm**
- 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

Deputy Chancellor Jamey Nye, District Academic Senate President Julie Oliver,
Chris Castagna SCC, Rawan Shaban-Johnson DO

- Approval of Agenda
Victoire Chochezi Motion, Surangi Frazier Second; All approved consensus
- Approval of Minutes
Ricardo Caton Motion, Renee Medina Second; All approved consensus
- Public Comments
 - Julie Oliver, President District Academic Senate
Summary of statement: Thank you for your work. I know that Ethnic Studies faculty have worked hard over many years without recognition. The Council has been doing phenomenal work and I want to thank everybody here. We are here to support you next year as well.
 - Jamey Nye, Deputy Chancellor
Summary of statement: I just want to echo Julie's comments. One, thank you for taking on the extra workload during a very challenging time. I know with instruction you are doing a ton more prep and a lot of different work that you

weren't doing before and then you put this on top of it. As you know, our district has really been public about an equity agenda and setting specific metrics and targets, and this was a big part of that; focusing on our disproportionately impacted students and having ethnic studies is a big part of that along with police training and cultural competency training. We want this embedded in our institution. It's a value that we hold, and we appreciate the work and we are committed to staffing this effort. We look forward to the prioritization process where we believe that we will have ethnic studies faculty rise to the top of that process, and we look forward to having our own ethnic studies departments, with full time faculty. I really want to let you know that this has been a very visible group, even if you haven't been out doing the rounds. Julie has been talking about the work all semester and I see it and really appreciate it and our board appreciates it, so thank you.

- Canvas page vs. Website findings (Rawan Shaban-Johnson)
Since the Council wants to just inform members of the Los Rios community of updates and actions of the Council, it might be a good option to use the webpage that already exists for agendas and minutes, instead of creating another Canvas page that people either would have to be invited to join or request to join; but a Canvas page can be created if the Council chooses.

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.

- Ethnic Studies Definition – Council adopted the ASCCC Plenary definition Motion to approve: Nyenbeku George, Second by Alex Peshkoff. Approved by consensus.
- Flex Workshop Series Proposal by Victoire Chochezi – Motion to approve: Alex Peshkoff, Second by Malika Hollinside. Approved by consensus.
- Resolution regarding cross-listed courses – Motion to approve: Alex Peshkoff, Second Ricardo Caton. Approved by consensus. Forward to the District Academic Senate.
- Districtwide Webpage use for posting information – Motion to approve: Alex Peshkoff, Second by Nyenbeku George. Approved by consensus.

Chair's Report

- The District Academic Senate has approved our Ethnic Studies Department resolution! FLC has an Ethnic Studies Department and SCC is in the process of creating an Ethnic Studies Department. We are very thankful to the District Academic Senate as well as

the local Academic Senates for backing and supporting the development of these departments.

- DIG meeting Friday April 23rd Report –Titles for courses; specifically ‘Introduction to’.... Introduction to African American Studies; Introduction to Native American Studies, and so on were discussed. Attempts to remain consistent were encouraged. Chicana/o Studies is to be used, not Latina/o/x Studies. We will be changing our titles to go with what they have outlined. Native American Studies is fighting for their own designator instead of Ethnic Studies. The direction the Council is going is actually the same direction the DIG groups are headed, with Introduction courses in each of the four core, then more specialized courses in each of the areas including five or six additional courses specializing in economy, politics, language, and so on. Co-Chair will keep the Council posted on any updates happening with this process and will email everyone the updated TMC’s as soon as they are available. The Faculty Discipline Review Groups will go through a process and will send out a TMC survey to all Ethnic Studies Faculty and they will take those survey results and make changes based on the feedback and will complete that process by February 2022. The ADT will be established in the spring of 2022. That is when we can begin to establish our Associates Degree for Transfer.
- Council members were asked to read the ASCCC Plenary Resolutions Report regarding Ethnic Studies.
- New June 1st resubmission deadline for Area F approval is only for resubmission, not new courses; but our curriculum committees in the district won’t be able to review our curriculum until the fall because they have had their last meetings for the semester; so we will have to wait until December for the next Area F review. Area F submissions that are approved in December, will be backdated to fall 2021. Frustration was expressed with not knowing deadlines. There are catalog deadlines which are district wide and articulation deadlines that are outside of our control. UC IGETC is approved August 1st but local curriculum needs to be done and approved first. We need to set a master calendar for curriculum so we know when to expect our deadlines.
- Curriculum Timeline and Calendar needs to be established so we are better informed of the deadlines and what needs to be done ahead of time. There are two different processes for revisions versus new to college. August 1st is the deadline for IGETC. Launch curriculum by flex week just before fall semester begins and that would be sufficient time for the process. Inform your local curriculum committee chair asking to be put at the front of the line.
- This is our last meeting for the semester. We have to finish reviewing and revising the curriculum to submit to the curriculum committees before the end of this semester; emails may need to take place to confirm reviews have been done and approval has been decided to move on in the curriculum process.
- Friday work group meetings 10-12 and 1-3pm
- No Summer meetings are planned

Discussion Items

1. Ethnic Studies courses, programs, and degrees (Standing Agenda Item)
 - Updates on existing Ethnic Studies Curriculum & revisions
 - Existing courses need revision & review by the Council before the end of Spring semester – Reminder Friday workgroup
 - New 'Introduction' titles require collaboration request to process in Socrates
2. Local Advisory Groups - Update on Ethnic Studies Department formation, etc.
 - ARC Local Advisory group report (Ricardo Caton)
 - Met with their Academic Senate President and everyone is on board.
 - CRC Local Advisory group report (Alex Peshkoff)
 - Met with Academic Senate and gave an update. As soon as Senate passes the resolution, we will receive confirmation. Completed revisions to 330. In the fall, we will work on getting the hiring committee together.
 - FLC Local Advisory group report (Tami Cheshire)
 - Local advisory group is no longer needed because of department creation.
 - SCC Local Advisory group report (Surangi Frazier)
 - Still have an advisory group and are in communication about curriculum.
3. Fall Flex Workshop Update - Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of FLEX week we should tighten up what we're going to say. We don't need to make it so mechanical; we know what we're talking about, we can just present it. The whole outline is already in the google drive and we're on the Flex schedule at CRC.
4. Flex Workshop Series Proposal discussion by Victoire Chochezi and decision item. Maybe we can discuss cross listings and minimum qualifications for teaching the courses.
5. Resolution regarding cross-listed courses – discussion went to the faculty disciplines listed in Socrates for each course and minimum qualifications set by the Chancellor's office. We write curriculum and put in the faculty disciplines which should mirror what the Chancellor's Office requires for minimum qualifications. The limits of the drop-down menu in Socrates were also discussed. We need to see if the district can add 2 or 3 disciplines to the drop-down list so we can specify with accuracy. Phil Smith makes the changes to Socrates and we can talk with Julie Oliver about it as well. There is normally a process that it goes through local curriculum committees, to the district curriculum committee then to district academic senate and afterward is when the change is made.

Future Items

- Hiring, Minimum Qualifications & Equivalency procedures
- Request Full Time Ethnic Studies Faculty at all four colleges
- Follow up with DAS on Resolution regarding cross-listed courses
- 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
 - Consistent titles 'Introduction to' across all courses
 - Request add to drop down menu items of faculty disciplines in Socrates
- Update on Newly Proposed Ethnic Studies Curriculum
- Proposals for Ethnic Studies Programs, Certificates, Degrees (AD-T)
- Ethnic Studies Department Formation updates
- Flex Workshop & Flex Series Update
- Ethnic Studies Video Update
- Revisit purpose of the Council

Future Council Meeting Dates: (*Please note these have been corrected)

Tuesday August 31st 2-4pm (This is the second week of classes to check in)

Tuesday Sept. 7th 2-4pm (To make sure we have curriculum in and ready to meet deadlines)

Tuesday Sept. 21st 2-4pm

Tuesday Oct. 5th 2-4pm

Tuesday Oct. 19th 2-4pm

Tuesday Nov. 2nd 2-4pm

Tuesday Nov. 16th 2-4pm

Tuesday Nov. 30th 2-4pm (instead of having a December meeting)