

Los Rios Ethnic Studies Faculty Council

Minutes

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Time: 10:30am-12:30pm

ConferZoom: <https://lrccd.zoom.us/j/92493717468>

Preliminaries

- Call to Order – 10:32am
- Attendance – Council Members Present in Bold

Mark Carnero, ARC

Walter Kawamoto, ARC

Nyenbeku George, CRC

Alex Peshkoff, CRC

Winnie Hung, ARC

Tami Cheshire, FLC

Victoire Chochezi, FLC

Keith Heningburg, SCC

Surangi Frazier, SCC

Robert Unzueta, SCC

Malika Hollinside, SCC

Juana Esty, CRC AO Representative

Guests

None

- Approval of Agenda
Alex Peshkoff – Motion, **Winnie Hung** – Second; All approved
- Approval of Minutes
Winnie Hung – Motion, **Alex Peshkoff** – Second; All approved
- Approval to Meet Virtually Online
All approved

Public Comments

None

Announcements

Victoire –

- Equity Center is having several events (including a study hall and other activities)
- Equity Center Coordinator (.40) position is coming up again. The position is renewed every year.

Chair's Report (Approximately 40 minutes)

- A letter was sent to the Academic Senate Presidents asking for their support to add Asian American Studies and Native American Studies as academic disciplines to the Minimum Qualifications Handbook at the ASCCC Plenary and both resolutions were approved by acclamation. On a side note, 9.01 was also passed as a consent item even though our Council did not support it and the CCCESFC came out against this resolution.
 - The cross listing discussion with ASCCC is ongoing. You can volunteer to be part of this discussion by going to the ASCCC website and signing up to join the 5C – California Community Colleges Curriculum Committee. This is a difficult committee to get on.
- A letter was sent to the Curriculum Committee Chairs asking for emergency meetings in case courses do not meet Area F approval. We received emails back from ARC, CRC and FLC all stating that they would accommodate our request. SCC's Curriculum Chair responded that she does not feel an extra meeting will be necessary because the curriculum that SCC submitted looks solid.
- Fall 2021 Council Report was sent to DAS for their review.
 - This will be discussed at DAS on May 3rd.
- Professional Development Funding Opportunity for Los Rios District (5 min)
 - Keith and Tami met with Michele Steiner, and she needed to know that day if she should include a request for funding for an Ethnic Studies & Equity Leadership Summit and we told her to go ahead and put in the request for the funding. She will let us know if the funding request is approved. If so, the Council will need to form a sub-committee to work on the Summit.
 - Tami replied to council members questions in an email.
 - We can continue to ask more questions about the organization.
 - Michele will be asking for \$50,000 from Schools First Federal Credit Union.
 - As a district grant writer, she is experienced and well connected with regard to receiving funding and has volunteered to serve on our subcommittee to assist with speaker contracts, reservations, and with other district connections.
- CCCESFC Update (5 min)
 - Tami, Robert, Malika, Winnie and Mark agreed to work on this project with Belinda Lum and need to meet to review the process to request changes to the

Ethnic Studies Minimum Qualifications through the ASCCC. We need to work with the CCCESFC to obtain the list of qualifications that they would like to see be approved. The timeline is important and we will need to submit the form with our Academic Senate President's signatures to the ASCCC by Sept. 30, 2022.

- We only need one form from the district. Tami will create the form and everyone can sign it.
- Members of the CCCESFC from other colleges across California can also sign on to the form supporting the change.
- A letter of support from the CCCESFC will help to get this change through. The form will then be sent to ASCCC.
- Curriculum Update (5 min)
 - We are still waiting for news about Area F approvals.
 - FLC, ARC, CRC have agreed to hold emergency meeting as necessary.
- Dual Enrollment – the UC system may be influencing Ethnic Studies at the high school level.
 - UC is concerned about how Ethnic Studies is being taught at the high school level.
 - It is unclear how far reaching the UC's influence on high school curriculum is or is not.
 - Referred to Brian Robinson, Dean at FLC – he sits on a dual enrollment district committee
 - If interested in joining the committee, please see your college Academic Senate President.
 - Victoire will investigate more about the committee membership as well.

Discussion Items (25 minutes)

Note: Items that the committee is unable to get to can be tabled until the next meeting.

1. Department Updates (10 minutes)
 - ARC (Mark Carnero) – No major updates. Continuing to build adjunct pool.
 - CRC (Winnie Hung) – No major updates.
 - FLC (Tami Cheshire) – No major updates.
 - SCC (Keith Heningburg) – No major updates.
2. Ethnic Studies courses, programs, and degrees (Standing Agenda Item)
 - We are waiting for a TMC from the state to get started on this. We might be able to get started on it Fall 2022.
3. Sharing Resources – Canvas Repository – who can we share with?
 - The Repository is still in development. The council may be able to share more in the fall if we are able to work on it in the summer. The repository is intended for faculty actively teaching Ethnic Studies courses, rather than related courses in non-Ethnic Studies departments.

4. Ethnic Studies Professional Development Series for Teachers
 - Please think about volunteering for this sub-committee.
 - Alex, Winnie, Walter, Mark, Tami (possibly), Robert (possibly)
 - An initial meeting should be held before the end of the semester
5. Fall Flex Workshop/Panel (Victoire)
 - Willing to organize an event to discuss the history of Ethnic Studies
 - Seeking to recruit faculty from our council (representing from each college), curriculum committee members, and possibly one student.
 - Please contact Victoire if interested.
 - The description is due this Friday to be included in Fall flex.
 - Victoire will request Wednesday, August 17th for a 1.5 hour slot, 10:30am-12:00pm, virtually on Zoom.
 - Victoire has created a draft description and roundtable questions on Google docs. Council should provide feedback.

Decision Items (Council Members Vote in Chat When Called to Vote)

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.

- None

Future Items

- Program and Degree Development – submit programs Fall 2022
 - Ethnic Studies AA – for students transferring to the CSU's
 - 4 Core Specific AA's – for students transferring to the UC's
- Curriculum Development & Changes – numbering & designators (ex ETHNS-AFAM)
- Dual Enrollment & Teacher Professional Development
- Requests for full-time positions in Ethnic Studies Fall 2022 -collect data Spring 2022
- Department reports/updates
 - Update on existing Ethnic Studies Curriculum & revisions (Area F approval)
 - AB928 and AB111 changes
 - UC Ethnic Studies Transfer requirements
 - Ethnic/Multicultural Requirement Policy Change
- Media Project & Video update

Future Council Meeting Times 10:30-12:30

Future Council Meeting Dates:

Wednesday May 4

Wednesday May 18 - if we need to meet – last day of the semester

Adjournment – 12:17pm

Land Acknowledgements

[ARC Indigenous Land Statement](#)

“We acknowledge the land which we occupy today as the traditional home of the Maidu and Miwok tribal nations. These sovereign people have been the caretakers of this land since time immemorial. Despite centuries of genocide and occupation, the Maidu and Miwok continue as vibrant and resilient Federally recognized tribes and bands. We take this opportunity to acknowledge the generations that have gone before as well as the present-day Maidu and Miwok people.”

[CRC Land Acknowledgement](#)

“We pause to acknowledge that Cosumnes River College sits on the land of Miwok and Nisenan people. We remember their continued connection to this region and give thanks to them. We offer our respect to their Elders and to all Miwok and Nisenan people of the past and present.”

[FLC Land Acknowledgement](#)

“We respectfully acknowledge the land currently occupied by Folsom Lake College as the traditional home of the sovereign Nisenan, Maidu and Miwok peoples who have a unique and enduring relationship stewarding this land since time immemorial. Despite colonization, occupation and genocide, the Nisenan, Maidu and Miwok people continue and thrive in their resilience and self-determination. We celebrate and recognize our Nisenan, Maidu and Miwok tribal neighbors and honor their sustained existence.”

[SCC Land Acknowledgement](#)

“We acknowledge the land currently occupied by Sacramento City College as the traditional home of the Maidu, Miwok and Nisenan people. These sovereign people have been caretakers of the area since time immemorial. Despite centuries of genocide and occupation, the Maidu, Miwok and Nisenan people continue as vibrant and resilient federally recognized and unrecognized tribes, bands, and rancherias. Today, we honor and recognize our Maidu, Miwok and Nisenan tribal neighbors for their contributions as the caretakers of the Sacramento Valley and honor their sustained existence. It is with their blessing and continued guidance that Sacramento City College seeks to provide an accessible, equitable, and supportive institution of learning and experience.”

[Los Rios Community College District](#)

In the spirit of community and social justice, we acknowledge the land on which our four colleges reside as the traditional homelands of the Nisenan, Maidu, and Miwok tribal nations. These sovereign people have been the caretakers of the health of the rivers, the wildlife, the plant life, and the overall eco-social balance in the greater Sacramento region since time immemorial.

Despite centuries of genocide and occupation, the Nisenan, Maidu, and Miwok continue as vibrant and resilient tribes and bands, both Federally recognized and unrecognized. Tribal citizens of these nations continue to be an

active and important part of our Los Rios college community. We take this opportunity to acknowledge the land and our responsibility to the original peoples, the present-day Nisenan, Maidu, and Miwok tribal nations.

Delta College Land Statement

We acknowledge that San Joaquin Delta College serves students and the community on the unceded ancestral homeland of indigenous peoples, including the Yokuts [yoh-kuts], Plains Mi- Wuk [mee-wuck], Patwin [PAT-win], and Nisenan [nish-n-non]. This land remains inseparable from its aboriginal stewards.

As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland, and we wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the ancestors, elders and relatives of the Yokuts [yoh-kuts], Plains Mi-Wuk [mee-wuck], Patwin [PAT-win], and Nisenan, including by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.

We remain grateful for the rich culture, languages, contributions, and heritage of the First Nation peoples who lived here and loved here, who raised their families here, who cared for land and life here, who are buried in many marked and unmarked places here, and who remain here despite acts of genocide, assimilation, and forced removal. Let us honor them, this land, and all life in our thoughts, words, and actions in this place.