

# Los Rios Ethnic Studies Faculty Council

## Minutes

**Wednesday, May 4, 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, CRC**

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

### Public Comments

Please consider attending the Assembly Higher Education Committee is hosting an oversight hearing about the Ethnic Studies teaching credential on May 11 at 1:30 pm at the California State Capitol Room 447.

## Announcements

LESMC Elementary Institute. An event for K-12 Ethnic Studies educators for content breakout in the classroom. See attached document.

## Chair's Report (Approximately 40 minutes)

- DAS response to our request to continue as a Council & Fall 21 Report
  - We will officially continue as a committee under the District Academic Senate
  - Council membership is recommended for appointment by Academic Senate Presidents and confirmed by the DAS President.
  - Please send your Academic Senate President, Keith and Tami an email expressing your interest in continuing to serve on the Council for the upcoming year or let us know if you are planning to step down.
  - SCC – Please look for an email from Gayle Pitman about filling out a survey for Committee Membership
  - Please feel free to express your interest to the Council in service as Chair, Co-Chair or Logistics Person.
  - Adjunct Hires and Filling Classes
    - Please share the need for adjunct faculty hires with deans. Let them know about CSU Area F, IGETC Area 7, and local graduation requirements that now require Ethnic Studies.
    - It would be good to work with Puente / UMOJA / (P)RISE / Native American Resource Center and other campus groups to reserve seats in upcoming classes and ensure enrollment.
    - Make flyers to advertise and do outreach to different folks and students on campus.
- Curriculum Update (5 min)
  - No news
- UC officially approved IGETC Area 7 Ethnic Studies on Monday April 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - Students who begin Fall 2023 will be required to complete IGETC Area 7.
  - This means there will now be greater demand for Ethnic Studies courses. Not only do the CSU's and UC's require Ethnic Studies but it is also a CC graduation requirement under Title 5.
  - We need to look at our curriculum to make sure UC terminology is included alongside CSU Area F verbiage for our classes to transfer.
  - Please see attached document with draft language
- Cross Listing – ASCCC passed 9.01 to begin working on a policy for cross listing courses in order to help advise colleges across the state on this issue. A committee on Cross Listing will be forming most likely within the ASCCC subcommittee California Community Colleges Curriculum Committee (5C for short). If you want to be a part of this or serve in other ways at the state level, please sign up with ASCCC and express your interest.  
<https://www.asccc.org/content/new-faculty-application-statewide-service>

- CCCESFC is discussing some of what is passing at some colleges that are subverting the intent to have genuine Ethnic Studies curriculum.
- The Council should consider coming out with a statement against cross listed courses.
- Ultimately, it's up to the CSUs to decide what will count or not with regard to cross listed courses.
- Los Rios Faculty chairs have control over which classes can be cross listed and who can teach the courses as well.
- It is important to indicate that we as a committee and as individual departments are "acting in accordance with the CSU system."
- Dual enrollment – if interested, request to be appointed to these committees at your local college and at the district level.
  - There is an Ethnic Studies requirement for high school graduation.
  - Victoire sits on the DESSC District Equity and Student Success Committee, Dual Enrollment Workgroup. You may attend but appointments are now full. You may speak to the incoming chair about future appointments.
- AB2235 Medina – Ethnic Studies Teaching Certificate \*at end of agenda
  - Terminology initially indicates a lower division requirement of 10 units
  - We may be able to work with Sac State to establish these lower division courses for transfer
  - Sac State is mimicking CSU Northridge's example. We may be able to work with Sac State to offer some lower division classes at Los Rios.
    - Mark will initiate contact with Sac State.
- CCCESFC is using our Resolution about Cross Listed Courses as a template for other colleges to create similar resolutions. (Tami Cheshire)
  - We should revisit this resolution and make changes to reflect current conditions
  - It will be put on the agenda for future discussion
- Update on Minimum Qualifications Change for Ethnic Studies (Tami Cheshire)
  - FLC Academic Senate leadership is supportive
- Social Justice Studies background (Tami Cheshire)
  - This TMC was established over 10 years ago by the state.
  - It houses WGS, Ethnic Studies, and Social Justice Studies.
  - Social Justice Studies is not an academic discipline at any college, although there are programs at Los Rios and other colleges.
  - Currently CRC and ARC have social justice studies.

## 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) – none at this time

- CRC (Winnie Hung) – none at this time
- FLC (Tami Cheshire) – none at this time
- SCC (Keith Heningburg) – none at this time
- 2. Ethnic Studies courses, programs, and degrees (Standing Agenda Item)
- 3. Ethnic Studies and Social Justice Studies continued discussion (Winnie Hung)
  - Winnie was invited to a meeting at CRC about Social Justice Studies.
  - During the meeting the Social Justice Studies group was asking Winnie for approval for a full time hire in Social Justice Studies.
  - They are interested in a Social Justice statistics course, for example.
  - They currently have two tracks (Race and Ethnicity or WGS/ LGBTQ Studies)
    - Intro to Race and Ethnicity
    - Intro to LGBTQ Studies
    - Intro to Women’s Studies
  - Ethnic Studies stands on its own and should be separate from Social Justice Studies.
  - It would be fine if other disciplines require an ETHN 300 as a requirement for other majors. More specific courses should be for Ethnic Studies only.
- 4. Ethnic Studies Professional Development Series for Teachers (Mark Carnero)
  - Idea for summer prep
  - This item tabled for next time.
- 5. Fall Flex Workshop/Panel Update (Victoire Chochezi)
  - This item tabled for next time.

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

Adjournment – 12:42pm

## **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.

