

Los Rios Ethnic Studies Faculty Council

Minutes

Friday, May 5, 2023

Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm

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

Preliminaries

- Call to Order – 1:16pm
- Attendance – Council Members Present in Bold
- FLC College Land Acknowledgement

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

Roxanne Morgan, Curriculum Committee Chair, ARC

Megan Bevens, Articulation Officer, ARC

Guest

None

Approval All Previous Agendas and Minutes

- **Approval of Agenda – Approved by Consent.**
- **Approval of Minutes – Approved by Consent.**

Public Comments

None

Announcements

None.

Chair's Report (Approximately 60 minutes)

- Ethnic Studies Resolutions – Revisions Needed
 - Hiring Ethnic Studies Faculty Recommendations from DAS
 - Faculty Safety & Tenure
- Dual Enrollment Follow up- back burner
 - This is no longer a priority given the large workload of the council
- AA/ADT – [Program development update](#)
 - It is recommended that we create an 18-unit AA/AD-T (TMC expected Fall 23 due to vetting core competencies) program including all ETHNS Intro courses and one Stats course.
 - Pros – we would have a program with an AA degree that when the general ES TMC goes through, we could transform it into the AD-T
 - Cons – we don't know the final outcome of the TMC's; we are expecting 5 TMC's one for each core disciplines and one general Ethnic Studies.
- Curriculum update – Tami is working on 351 for Fall and will share this summer so everyone can put in the changes to 351
 - CRC, ARC would like to add 351. SCC already has this course.
 - It may be advisable to move Mexican American Studies to 360s or not use 341, 344. 341 and 344 cannot be converted to entirely different courses since it will cause confusion for counselors and articulation.
 - Each chair will have to reach out to their curriculum chairs to request a block transfer for Mexican American Studies to the 360s.
- Ethnic Studies hires – LTT's and Fall request for Faculty Hiring Prioritization
 - FLC, CRC and SCC Administrations may be going out for LTT's
 - We need an update on this item.
 - SCC, FLC will go out for LTTs. CRC has put in a request through the dean, no confirmation. No word from ARC.
 - All department chairs should add enrollment information into the shared drive
- Update from Paula (Foundations Office) Spring 2024 Convocation (no summit)
 - We are now a recommending body for the Plenary Keynote
 - Chancellor and his Cabinet have final say
 - We need the names of Council members who will be working on this recommendation for the summer to forward to Paula to get paid and we will need to establish at least one meeting this summer to discuss and put forward the recommendation as well as work on a panel.

- Tami, Victoire, Robert, Mark, Winnie will go – only if paid and hours outlined
- May or may not be able to do panel for the Spring Convocation in January 2024, if not we can submit it as a flex proposal.

Discussion Items (45 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)
 - CRC (Winnie Hung)
 - FLC (Tami Cheshire)
 - SCC (Keith Heningburg)
 - Delta (Malika Hollinside)
2. Ethnic Studies courses, programs, and degrees (Standing Agenda Item)
 - Are we in agreement to work on the general Ethnic Studies AA? Must be submitted Fall 2023
 - Teaching Certificate – back burner
3. Curriculum Updates –
 - Race & Ethnicity Requirement – There is a form to fill out. We need to update and share syllabi for 300, 320, 330, 340 and 350 because the CSU's look at COR's and syllabi. Work with Curriculum Chair and AO on this project.
 - This form can be found in the shared drive.
 - Asian American Studies and Native American Studies have been added to the Socrates faculty disciplines in the drop-down menu, so we need to update our curriculum again. Minor change should go through curriculum as a consent item.
4. Discuss deletion of Multicultural requirement - The Council might want to consider addressing this issue at each of the colleges and within the district at the District Curriculum Committee to change this requirement or delete it all together. We need advice from our Curriculum Committee Chair and Articulation Officer on how to proceed (Roxanne & Megan)

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

- Curriculum Development & Revisions (Standing Agenda Item)
 - Revise existing curriculum (300, 320, 330, 340 & 350) to include new faculty disciplines

- Write ETHNS 301 Theories & Methods and 302 Teaching & Pedagogy
- Update/write ETHNS 351 Native Studies Federal Policy course
- Write new ETHNS courses/Revise existing 340's – 341 & 344
 - May not be able to revise 341 – may have to retire the number but with renumbering it may not be an issue
- Program and Degree Development – (Standing Agenda Item)
 - Write Ethnic Studies Program - AA/ADT
 - Write Ethnic Studies Teaching Certificate – back burner
- Dual Enrollment – back burner
- Spring 2024 Convocation Speaker Recommendation & possible Panel

Future Council Meeting Dates & Times - First Fridays of each month 1-3pm

This may change for the fall – please get Tami your schedules

Workgroup Meeting Dates & Times – Third Fridays of each month 1-3pm On Zoom

This may change for the fall – please get Tami your schedules

*Summer meetings may be scheduled to work on the Spring 2024 Convocation but this funding must come from the Schools grant

Adjournment – 3:08pm

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.