Merritt College Curriculum Committee

Meeting Minutes October 24, 2019 12:00-1:30 p.m. Room L-137

MEMBERS:

VOTING					
	Allen, Rose (Counselor)		Gomez, Javier (Faculty)		
Χ	Altman, Hillary (Faculty)	Χ	Pantell, Steve (Articulation Officer)		
Χ	Balukjian, Brad (Faculty)	Χ	Thai, Nghiem (Chair)		
Χ	Brown, Courtney (Faculty)	Χ	Wallace, Elaine (Faculty)		
Χ	Fitch, LaShaune (Curriculum Specialist)		[vacant] (Student)		
NON-VOTING					
	Cifra, Jason (Vice President of Student Services)		[vacant] (Division I Dean)		
Χ	Holloway, Jason (Division II Dean)		[vacant] (Division III Dean)		
	Johnson, David (Vice President of Instruction)				

GUESTS: Beth Maher, District Noncredit Coordinator

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW-UP ACTION
I. Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 12:00 p.m.	
II. Adoption of Agenda	II. Adoption of Agenda Agenda was amended to remove adoption of October 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes Amended agenda was adopted without objection.	
III. Approval of Minutes	Removed from agenda	Thai – Post on website
IV. Unfinished Business	n/a	
V. New Business	Peralta Noncredit Curriculum Development Training presented by Beth Maher, District Noncredit Coordinator. Beth presented and answered questions about noncredit curriculum development. In response to concern about administrative appeals for seemingly indiscriminate creation of noncredit courses and certificates, She stated that noncredit curriculum is a tool for delivering flexible, low-stakes instruction in disciplines where it makes sense. Potential areas for noncredit growth in Peralta include: Bridge Programs – Basic skills, college success, and ESOL Support Programs – Corequisite English and Math Mirrored Programs – Career Education (CE) disciplines	

The mission of Merritt College is to enhance the quality of life in the communities we serve by helping students to attain knowledge, master skills, and develop the appreciation, attitudes and values needed to succeed and participate responsibly in a democratic society and a global economy.

	 Short-Term Vocational Programs – CE disciplines with high employment potential. Beth sees this 	
	as an area where the district can establish	
	programs that addresses community needs.	
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	Additional Noncredit Curriculum Development Training	
	Chantée Guiney, California Community Colleges	
	Chancellor's Office Educational Services	
	and Support Specialist, and LaTonya Parker, Academic	
	Senate for California Community	
	Colleges Area D Representative, will give a presentation	
	on noncredit basics, policies, and standards, following	
	the November 4th (CIPD)	
	meeting. All are invited to attend.	
	Standing Items:	
	Curriculum Liaisons and Technical Review	
	Committee Members are to schedule a second meeting	
	with department Chairs by October 31, to offer support	
	for Curriculum Review.	
	CVC-OEI Improving Online CTE Pathways Grant	
	Curriculum development for the CVC-OEI grant has been	
	problematic because of the short one-year timeline, lack	
	of consultation with the Curriculum Committee, and	
	absence of a CE dean and/or project manager. The	
	Curriculum Committee has not been informed about the	
	purpose and scope of the grant, and the Chair's	
	workload (identifying and tracking courses and	
	certificates involved, training and supporting faculty, and	
	educating and updating Administration on the	
	curriculum approval process) has increased significantly	
	this semester with no commensurate compensation.	
	Four new certificates of achievement need to be	
	approved by the Curriculum Committee on November 7	
	in order to be effective fall 2020, but none of them are	
	ready for consideration.	
	Discussion: The administration stop "chasing the money"	
	and establish procedures for determining the feasibility	
	of achieving deliverables and outcomes (i.e.,	
	infrastructure, leadership/coordination, support, etc.)	
	that should be incorporated into planning before the	
	College applies for any grant.	
VI. Announcements	Next Curriculum Committee Meeting:	
	November 7, 2019, 12:00-1:30 p.m., L-137	
	Next CIPD Meeting:	
	November 4, 2019, 1:00-3:00 p.m., District	
	Boardroom	
VII. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.	