

02/09/2016 BSSCC meeting minutes

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Next meeting 02/23/2016

Discussion

The policy of approving a course for inclusion in the Foothill College General Education (GE) curriculum was discussed. John Fox described the process as dysfunctional and arbitrary. Bill Ziegenhorn provided an historical overview of the policies and highlighted that the criteria put forth on paper was not consistently followed and courses were not appropriately approved. In general, the Foothill College GE provides the college an opportunity to set forth individualized criteria for a GE, which may not be consistent with the UC and CSU requirements.

The student benefit of increasing a class from 4 to 5 units was discussed. The BSSCC will follow up with Bernie for supplemental information.

The lack of a specific policy for cross-listing a course was discussed. The departments are encouraged to provide the BSSCC with feedback about creating a policy.

Voted approvals

- JRYQ and APSM (Journeyman and Apprenticeship Program, 37 courses) was approved for unit changes based on the addition or removal of course content
- ANTH 1, 1H, 1L, 1HL and WMN 5 were all approved to update textbooks to more recent editions
- SPED 8 and GEOG 53 were approved for distance learning (hybrid format)
- SOC 19, SOC 40, PSYC 40, and PSYC 49 were approved to submit applications for inclusion in the Foothill College GE requirements
- SOC 21 was approved to be deactivated (or removal of cross listing with PSYC 21 and WMN 21). SOC 28 will replace the course.

Items tabled for future consideration

The Accounting Department is requesting approval to increase the ACTG 51 series from 4 to 5 units. The BSSCC is requesting supportive information, including the reason for the increase in content and whether this increase would make the course more consistent with the UC and CSU programs.