Del Mar College  
Curriculum Committee (CC) Meeting  
MINUTES

Date: November 13, 2009  
Location: White Library, Room 432

Members Present: Vice President of Student Services (VPSS) José Rivera, Interim Dean Dr. Larry Lee, Interim Dean Jonda Halcomb, Dr. Carol Alexander, Dr. David Arreguin, Dr. Mary Lou Crowl, Dr. Sue Crowson, Mr. George Dunson, Ms. Carol Ann Flowers, Mr. Henry Garcia, Ms. Frances Jordan, Karl Kemm, Dr. James Klein, Ms. Diana Mareth, Ms. Jennifer McWha, Mr. Tobias Montez, Dr. Bruce Olson, Dr. Judi Phillips, Ms. Lisa Pollakis, Dr. Loyd Poplin, Ms. Jan Spigner, Ms. Chris Tetzlaff-Belhasen, and Mr. Walter Thieme

Members Absent: Ms. Lynn Sansing (excused), Mr. Joe Goode, and Mr. Sonny Vela

Guests: Dr. Bertie Almendarez, Mr. Alan Clark, Dr. Becky Sappho Flores, Ms. Lucy James, Dr. Warren Knox, Mr. Stan Leja, Ms. Vickie Natale, Ms. Cynthia Perkins, Mr. Ken Rosier, Ms. Kristen Wilkerson, and Ms. Mary Ann Williams

Call to Order
Dr. James Klein called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes
Dr. Phillips motioned, seconded by Dr. Poplin, to approve the October 23, 2009, meeting minutes as amended. The motion carried.

Workforce Education Course Manual (WECM) Curriculum Changes for Allied Health by Dr. Larry Lee
Dr. Larry Lee presented the state-mandated WECM changes for the Allied Health Department.

ACTION TAKEN: Dr. Susie Crowson motioned, seconded by Ms. Pollakis, to accept the state-mandated WECM changes for the Allied Health Department.

New Program Proposal for Associate in Science Engineering Degree – Dr. Warren Knox
Dr. Knox presented the new program proposal for the Associate in Science Engineering degree. There is a state-mandated initiative to facilitate the transfer of community college and junior college pre-engineering students to four-year institutions in pursuit of a bachelor’s in engineering degree. The new consortium includes Texas engineering schools, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), and the Texas industry.

There are only two new courses developed by the consortium in the degree plan. All other courses are currently in the College catalog and course inventory. Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMUCC) and Texas A&M University-Kingsville are two regional institutions with engineering programs. There are 75 identical hours in the proposed DMC AS Engineering degree plan and the TAMUCC chemical engineering degree.

The five-year budget projections are estimated figures. Indirect funds are anticipated from National Science Foundation grant funding. Simulators for labs may be necessary in the future. Currently, the Computer Science and Information Technology Department has three tenured faculty members to teach these courses. Approximately, 73 DMC students have declared pre-engineering as a major.

A correction was noted to remove the lab hour from ENGL 1302 Composition II.

ACTION TAKEN: Dr. Judi Phillips motioned, seconded by Ms. Diana Mareth, to accept the proposal to offer the new Associate in Science Engineering degree.
Art Department – Mr. Ken Rosier
Mr. Ken Rosier and Ms. Cynthia Perkins presented the proposal for the new course addition, HUMA 1311 Mexican American Art Appreciation. The field of study curriculum for Mexican-American Studies is supported by the THECB lower division Academic Course Guide Manual (ACGM). The Core Curriculum Committee approved the addition of the course to the humanities and visual/performing arts requirement.

THECB lists the course prefix as HUMA for humanities with a 1311 course number. The lower division course is HUMA 1305 Introduction to Mexican-American Studies. DMC currently offers two courses in this field of study, ENGL 2351 Mexican-American Literature and GOVT 2311 Mexican-American Politics.

The Art Department will fund the expenses of the course offering. The Art Department polled 54 students and 40 students expressed interest in taking HUMA 1311 Mexican American Art Appreciation.

Members discussed departmental issues regarding credentials, program review, and contact hours for the course. Mr. Rosier confirmed that consultation was made with Dr. Tammie Burger and Dr. Joy Kairies. Ms. Francie Jordan stated that courses can be linked to a specific department regarding contact hours.

ACTION TAKEN: Ms. Carol Ann Flowers motioned, seconded by Mr. Tobias Montez, to accept the new course addition, HUMA 1311 Mexican American Art Appreciation.

Communications, Languages, and Reading Department – Ms. Mary Ann Williams
Ms. Mary Ann Williams presented the proposed changes to remain in compliance with the ACGM maximum of 66 credit hours for associate degrees. Most of the courses from the degree programs are communication courses. Ms. Williams has informed the Chair of the Computer Science and Information Technology Department of the ITSE 1402 course deletion from the Associate of Arts (AA) Digital Media degree. The changes affect the AA degrees listed below.

- AA Advertising/Public Relations
- AA Digital Media
- AA Journalism
- AA Radio and Television

ACTION TAKEN: Ms. Carol Ann Flowers motioned, seconded by Ms. Diana Mareth, to accept the Associate of Arts degree changes for the Communications, Languages, and Reading Department.

English and Philosophy Department – Mr. Alan Clark
Mr. Alan Clark presented the changes to add the existing philosophy courses to the DMC core curriculum. The philosophy courses proposed as additions to the core curriculum are listed below.

- PHIL 1301 Introduction to Philosophy
- PHIL 2303 Introduction to Logic
- PHIL 2307 Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy
- PHIL 2318 Contemporary Philosophy
- PHIL 2321 Philosophy of Religion

Dr. Becky Sappho Flores stated that the DMC core curriculum humanities requirement is comprised entirely of sophomore literature courses.

Philosophy is listed in the THECB lower-division ACGM core curriculum chart under humanities. The proposed philosophy courses meet the core curriculum intellectual competencies and objectives. The English
and Philosophy Department will rotate philosophy course offerings to keep options open for students. There will be fewer students taking sophomore literature courses.

Ms. Francie Jordan stated that any additions to the DMC core curriculum must be submitted to the THECB. The Office of the Vice President of Instruction will provide the materials to Ms. Jordan.

All applicable DMC degree plans will require revisions to reflect the change to the humanities core curriculum listing. Currently, the degree plan list sophomore literature as the core requirement for humanities.

ACTION TAKEN: Ms. Lisa Pollakis motioned, seconded by Ms. Carol Ann Flowers, to accept the addition of the philosophy courses to the Del Mar College core curriculum.

**Nursing Education Department – Dr. Bertie Almendarez**

Dr. Bertie Almendarez presented the Associate of Arts Pre-Nursing degree program change. The proposal will reduce the credit hours from 67 to 64 by deletion of a non-core course. The change will allow the degree to be in compliance with the maximum number of hours established by ACGM.

ACTION TAKEN: Dr. Loyd Poplin motioned, seconded by Mr. Walter Thieme, to accept the changes for the Associate of Arts Pre-Nursing degree.

**Human Sciences and Education Department – Ms. Lucy James**

Ms. Lucy James presented the degree program change for the Associate in Arts Interdisciplinary Studies, Deaf Studies/Special Education degree. One or two DMC students graduate from this degree program annually. The current degree provides only one option for students to transfer to the Texas A&M University – Kingsville to major in Special Education. The American Sign Language and Interpreting Programs and the advisory committee decided to develop the general transfer degree, Associate of Arts American Sign Language/Deaf Studies. This degree will allow students to transfer to other universities with more Bachelor’s degree options.

ACTION TAKEN: Ms. Carol Ann Flowers motioned, seconded by Dr. Susie Crowson, to accept the developed Associate of Arts American Sign Language/Deaf Studies degree.

**Dental and Imaging Technology Department – Dr. David Arreguin**

Dr. David Arreguin presented the changes to the existing courses for the Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene Programs. The proposal involves lecture and lab hour changes for the courses listed below.

- DNTA 2250 Advanced Assisting Applications
- DNTA 2252 Advanced Dental Radiology
- DNTA 1251 Dental Office Management
- DHYG 1431 Preclinical Dental Hygiene

ACTION TAKEN: Ms. Diana Mareth motioned, seconded by Ms. Carol Ann Flowers, to accept the course changes for the Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene Programs.

Dr. Judi Phillips motioned, seconded by VPSS Jose Rivera, to adjourn the meeting at 2:12 p.m. The motion carried.

The next Curriculum Committee meeting is scheduled on Friday, November 20, 2009 at 1 p.m. at the East Campus, White Library, Room 432.