COM Academic Senate Report to the Board of Trustees July 29, 2014

I wanted to report that four faculty – Dave King, Curriculum Chair, two faculty members of the Curriculum Committee – Rebecca Beal and Caitlin Escobar, and myself together with Tom Hudgens from OIM attended the ASCCC Curriculum Institute for 2 ½ fun-filled extraordinarily packed days. Together we attended about 30 sessions in all on everything from repeatability, course outlines, distance education, SLOs, GE, 1440/440 degrees for transfer, etc.

Rebecca and I attended 3-4 sessions on AB 86, an Adult Education Planning Grant, which is being implemented statewide. At COM, Nanda Schorske and her office are coordinating the county’s efforts. College of Marin is in charge of the ESL section and I’ve completed the first report due July 31st regarding ESL in Marin County. Rebecca and other faculty from College Skills – credit and noncredit ESL, English skills and Math will take it from here.

This legislation came out of the Student Success Task Force which originally had recommended that all adult education be moved completely either to the community colleges or to the adult education programs. They realized that this would not be feasible and so have provided this grant to all counties in the state to bring together community college and adult education (including ROP, literacy and offerings in the jails) providers with other providers in the county so that they can assess the offerings and come up with an overall plan to address ESL, Basic Skills in English and Math, High school diploma/GED programs, DSPS, CTE – short term vocational offerings and apprenticeships.

The Academic Senate begins meeting again in August, so no further report on that.

--Sara McKinnon, Academic Senate President