Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2011

Curriculum Committee

Subcommittee of the Academic Senate

Present: Rinetta Early, A. Joe Ritchie, Kristi Kuhn, Sara McKinnon, Mary Pieper-Warren, Rebecca Beal, Chris Schultz, Jim Arnold, Ken Meier, Cari Torres, Mia Chia, Joanna Pinckney,

Discussion Items:

1. The Senate report included a review of the summer’s Curriculum Institute. Special concern was expressed for the potential change in repeatability in activity courses. Copies of the review were made available to CC members. In brief, the changes would impact the multiple repeats now allowable in courses in Dance, P.E. and Art. Much work by faculty in these areas has been directed toward maintaining the repeatability of these courses. The new direction proposed by these changes to Ed. Code would significantly reduce the number of repeats that a District could count for apportionment. This will clearly be a significant item for the CC to be prepared to address in the coming semester.

2. Other issues from the Curriculum Institute are: Changes to the Prerequisites policy that allows Districts greater flexibility in how to establish prereqs. Currently a prereq must use statistical validation procedures to prove the validity of a course as a mandatory prereq,. The new approach will allow Content validity and/ or Statistical validity. Also discussed were changes in SB 1440 Degrees for Transfer and limitations on total units .Also reviewed was the role of Curriculum Committees in identifying courses for General Education.

3. Chris proposed the creation of a subcommittee of the Curriculum Committee designed to review COM’s General Education requirements, as well as, devise a process for adding and deleting courses from the GE. He will present the idea at Tuesday September 13th’s Department Chairs meeting. Sara has recommended that the GE committee start with a retreat to give the group a chance to fully engage with the review process and to discuss the philosophy of general education. The Academic Senate will discuss the GE committee at Thursday’s meeting.

4. Chris presented the opportunity for members to attend a regional Curriculum workshop on Friday September 16th. There are three spaces per college. Chris asked that those who wish to join him notify him early in the week.

No Course were Approved