

**M-I-N-U-T-E-S**  
**Curriculum Committee**  
**Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 11:00 AM**  
**Zoom**

Present: Amy Parsons (Chair), Amber Janssen, Jeff Ward, Christine Isakson, Alex Parker, Dianne Meredith, Scott Green, Bets McNie, Tony Snell, David Perry, Shari Smiljanic-Villa (Non-voting), Julia Odom (Non-voting), Kevin Mandernack (Non-voting), Don Maier (Non-voting), Lina Neto (Non-voting), Graham Benton (Non-voting), Mike Tressel (Non-voting) and Pat Harper (Non-voting)

Guests: Dan Weinstock, Tamara Burbach, Fred Reiman, Valerie Holl McGowan, Keir Moorhead, Deborah Ceryes, Dinesh Pinisetty, Cynthia Trevisan, Matt Fairbanks, Wil Tsai, Frank Yip, Lori Schroeder, Colin Dewey, JoAnne Strickland

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM.

**I. Nominations for Chair of the Curriculum Committee**

- \* Bets nominated Amy Parsons as Chair of the Curriculum Committee. Scott seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The unanimous vote was 10-Yes/0-No.

**II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

- \* Amy called for approval of the agenda for September 8, 2020. Bets motioned for approval; Dianne seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved, 10-Yes/0-No.
- \* Amy called for approval of the minutes from April 14, 2020. Bets motioned for approval; Jeff seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 8-Yes/0-No/2-Abstentions.

Graham Benton introduced Lori Schroeder, Cal Maritime's new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

**III. Old Business**

**\* CCR 03/20-06 MT Curriculum Revision**

Dan Weinstock spoke about the process that was used to determine the revised curriculum for Marine Transportation. The department did not look at WTUs or personalities. There was no external pressure.

Dianne congratulated the Marine Transportation department on the preparation and presentation of the documents for the new program.

Alex stated that the Marine Transportation department should have consulted and had a dialogue with the Sciences and Mathematics department so the S&M department could understand the reasoning behind the changes. He is concerned that comparisons to other maritime academies, as well as feedback from industry partners, were not provided.

Kevin Mandernack, as L&S Dean, is concerned that fundamental skills, such as quantitative reasoning and critical thinking, were removed from the proposed MT curriculum changes.

Tamara Burbach informed everyone that the MT program committee was concerned about the well-being of the students because the current MT program contains 159 units, which is very stressful for students.

Scott stated that the Engineering Technology department is concerned that courses have been removed that contain quantitative reasoning. The ET faculty are also concerned about covering the new ET course because of the number of sections that will be needed to instruct all MT students. The ET department has a hard time covering their own courses.

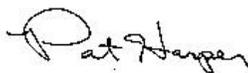
Graham stated that a new CCR timeline is needed that includes time for consultation with other departments. He also informed everyone that the State of California now requires that an Ethnic Studies 3-unit course needs to be incorporated into all curriculums for freshmen entering in Fall 2021.

Don mentioned that he is proud of the MT program group for their hard work and dedication.

Dianne motioned for approval of the new Marine Transportation curriculum sheet and roadmap; Scott seconded the motion. After a little confusion about counting the votes on Zoom, the final vote was 9-Yes/0-No/1-Abstention. [**Amended for accuracy: 8-Yes/0-No/2-Absention – AP**]

- \* Bets motioned to table the remaining CCRs.
- \* Amy motioned to adjourn the meeting; Bets seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 PM.
- \* After many people had left the meeting, Graham reiterated that the Ethnic Studies requirement needs to be added to all curriculums for students entering in 2021 now!

Respectfully submitted,



Pat Harper, Secretary