

September 11, 2018

Educational Policies Committee Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Kristie Daniel-DiGregorio (AS); Darcie McClelland (Chair, NS); Vanessa Haynes (CEC); Gary Medina (LLR); Karl Striepe (BSS); Lori Suekawa (CSS); Amy Grant (Deans Rep, NS)

Visitors Present: Shimonee Kadakia (NS, Astronomy)

Meeting called to order at 1:02pm.

1) Proposal from Astronomy department to change min qual from Masters in Astronomy to Masters in Astronomy or Masters in Physics.

S. Kadakia spoke to the committee on behalf of the Physics and Astronomy departments and explained that Astronomy faculty search for fall 2018 failed because there were no candidates who met ECC local min quals. A. Grant further explained that when she reached out to deans at other campuses to try and recruit adjunct faculty for the department that none of the candidates met ECC local min quals even though some of these faculty had been teaching for 10+ years at other California Community Colleges. S. Kadakia walked committee through minutes from August 2018 Physics Department meeting indicating that faculty unanimously support changing local min qual to reflect the Chancellor's Office min qual (Masters in Astronomy or Physics). EPC Committee voted unanimously in favor of approving the change and D. McClelland explained that proposed change would need to be presented to senate.

2) AP 4055, Accommodations for Students with Disabilities.

Minor grammatical and clarity changes in text made by committee; most recent version of AP with changes included in EPC packet for 9/25/18. L. Suekawa and K. Daniel-DiGregorio asked about how students access the SRC student handbook mentioned in AP and whether it was on SRC website. D. McClelland will contact G. Greco, director of SRC, to find out where students can access handbook and report back to committee on 9/25/18. Pages 1-6 of the AP were reviewed but there was not time to finish, so committee will revisit this AP at next meeting on 9/25/18.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:00 pm.