

Sign Language Department Meeting Minutes October 16, 2024

Attendance: Tim Gough, Denise Esterley (Interpreter), Scott Kushigemachi, Ed Rice, Erica Soohoo

General Business:

1. Great Shakeout (10/17 at 10:17 a.m.) Reminder
2. Halloween Announcement
 - Faculty are encouraged to dress up for Halloween.
3. Display Schedule
 - Tim requested that SLAN have the month of April to use the display case.
4. Office Staff Leaves
 - The office will be short staffed due to several leaves, so please be patient.
5. Annualized Scheduling
 - Scott announced that the college will be moving towards annualized scheduling to allow students to plan classes for the entire year at the same time.
6. Evaluations of part-time instructors
 - The process for PT evaluations was discussed. Tim can send any questions to Scott.
7. Proposal to change the name of the program from SLAN to ASL
 - a. SLAN is 40-plus years old name and includes all forms of sign languages (old philosophy/ approach)
 - Tim proposed changing the name of the program to ASL Studies.
8. Follow up on Noncredit ASL classes (Mirrored courses) (approved/not approved?)
 - Tim asked about options for having mirrored SLAN classes to allow students who passed the course to take the noncredit class for extra practice.
9. Follow up on Community ASL program (approved/not approved?)
 - Tim talked about having a program that works with hospitals and emergency services.
10. Proposal to change the following classes:
 - a. SLAN 130: Perspective on Deafness to ASL Lit Course
 - b. SLAN 234: Interpreting to Linguistics of ASL (reduce in units from 4 to 3)
 - c. SLAN 236: Interpreting to Elective Course (Elementary, Social Justices, Linguistics, Community Resources (social worker, advocate, etc.), and Interpreting (transfer to CSULB or CSUN)
11. Discuss about updating the SLAN website: this link is on ECC website and has a lot of information that is outdated. <https://www.elcamino.edu/student-services/co/docs/SLIT%2014-15.pdf>
 - This item was tabled.
12. SLAN 503 - Introduction to ASL for Family and Community II
 - See agenda item #9.

Updates:

- Academic Senate (Stephanie B., Shane, Kevin, Brent, Sean, Erica B.)
 - No representatives in attendance.
- AFT/Union (Shane, Susan, Elayne, Mora, Sean)
 - No representatives in attendance.
- ASO
 - No representatives in attendance.
- Counseling (Sabra, Rosa, Amy, Rocio)
 - No representatives in attendance.
- DCC (Chelsea, Matt K.)
 - No representatives in attendance.
- Guided Pathways (Argelia, Chris P.)
 - No representatives in attendance.
- SLO (Andrew, Nida, Elise)
 - No representatives in attendance.