



NOTES – AREA COUNCIL

December 7, 2022

Present: R. Galbavy, B. Giles, M. Jimenez, C. Lopez, E. Matykiewicz, M. McMillan, A. Minasian, D. Thompson, L. Yeh

I. INFORMATION

- A. Introductions
- B. Notes of April 26, 2022: Reviewed and approved as written.

II. DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. Academic Affairs Report: (C. Lopez)

Despite errors found in the data system for online classes which resulted in a significant increase in FTES for last year, enrollment for fall 2022 is projected to be up 200 FTES over fall 2021. ECC is on a 3-year timeline to increase enrollment before 2024-25, when a new baseline for funding will be set. Changes within Academic Affairs and Student Services in regards to Guided Pathways leadership, dual enrollment, and noncredit programs have shifted to the Library & Learning Resources division under dean Martin. Noncredit courses will be moving to a 500-number series level, rather than the current “N” designation.

B. Division Reports:

ASO Report: Linus Yeh provided an update:

Planning for Finals Madness, December 12-14 from 7p-10p. The event will feature free food, drinks and tutoring. ASO is in the process of moving to a new office.

Behavioral & Social Sciences (BSSC): R. Galbavy provided an update:

The move to the new building has been delayed, possibly to Fall 2023. Hiring 20 new adjunct faculty in 8 disciplines for spring. BSSC developing new curriculum to support the new B.S. degree in Respiratory Care; Childhood Education developing 5 new noncredit courses; Art History working on an online/ZTC degree pathway; and an interdisciplinary group of faculty are working to create an Intro to LGBTQ+ Studies course and AA-T degree. The study abroad program will be resuming in Summer 2023 in Madrid, Spain.

Business: B. Giles provided an update:

Computer Information Systems had their ScaleUP event, with over 200 students and high school students attending. The event featured keynote speakers and workshops about the various programs ECC has to offer and future career opportunities. Business held their annual business plan pitch competition.

Classified: No report.

Fine Arts: J. Hurd provided a written update:

Art, film, and photography lab classes are expected to move into the new Arts Complex for spring semester. Many dance, music and theatre performances taking place in

December. The ECC forensics team continues to crush its competition and recently competed in four highly competitive speech tournaments, winning enough points at each contest to win the overall top sweepstakes award.

Industry & Technology (ITEC): E. Matykiewicz provided an update:

Electronics department replaced two retired instructors. ITEC now offering many dual enrollment classes at some high school locations, and working to create more noncredit courses in the future. Additional faculty is needed in Automotive Technology and Machine Tool Technology. Excellent employment opportunities exist for students in automotive technology, welding, HVAC, and construction technology.

Health Sciences & Athletics: No report.

Humanities: D. Thompson provided an update:

Department is hiring additional adjunct faculty. Department meetings continue to focus on equity-mindedness and addressing equity issues. The Writing Center is being revamped to be more equity-minded and student-centered.

Library and Learning Resources (LLR): M. McMillan provided an update:

LLR continues to grow and reorganize with new programs, noncredit courses, and outreach. Remodeling and modernization of the library also continues, and tutoring will move back to its original space once that area is completed. E-book collection continues to expand and more faculty will be encouraged to use these resources. California community colleges receive state funding to create zero textbook cost (ZTC) degrees/pathways; ECC is working on developing this model. Contact M. McMillan if interested in creating a ZTC degree/certificate in your division. A link to a list of colleges and the ZTC programs developed was added in the chat at: <https://asccc-oeri.org/associate-degree-for-transfer-ztc-pathways-in-the-california-community-colleges/>.

Mathematical Sciences: A. Minasian provided an update:

Math Study Center is moving to the library. Engineering 10-Dynamics and Engineering 11-Circuit Analysis will be offered in spring 2023. A new A.S. degree in Actuarial Sciences was just approved and more information on the new degree will be forthcoming.

Natural Sciences: M. Jimenez provided an update:

Currently planning for Onizuka Space Science Day 2023, which will take place on 3/4/23. Over 1000 students are expected to attend from local middle and area high schools. The event will feature an astronaut speaker and science-based workshops. The Honors Transfer Program is hiring a new student services technician. For the STEM meta-major, canvas modules are being developed to help students with weaker algebra skills. Physics is overhauling the prerequisites for their majors. Biotechnology was approved to offer several courses, two certificates, and a degree. This program will be a joint effort between the Biology and Chemistry departments, funded through Strong Workforce.

III. Next Area Council Meeting: Spring 2023; Date: TBD