

ESL Department Meeting

February 28, 2019

In Attendance:

Breckheimer, Debra
Carr, Allison
Geraghty, Elise
Kline, Matt

Kushigemachi, Scott
Loya, Rebecca
Mattern, Mora
Mochidome, Debbie

Savina, Jelena
Simon, Jenny
Uyemura, Evelyn

Announcements

Active Shooter Drill Thursday, March 14th 9:40 am and 7:10 pm

Senate

Deb announced that on March 5th, senate will be voting on new evaluation forms that have been modified for clarification, ridding them of redundancies and jargon. These forms include student evaluations, peer evaluations, and dean's forms. Discussion was made about continuing to keep student evaluations for ESL students simplified.

SLO/PLO

Mora thanked those who successful entered the SLO reports for last semester. The 51 and 52 series is complete. Faculty reminded Mora that only SLO5 for 52B was assessed. This semester, the 53 series is to be assessed. The following faculty will head the assessments:

- Evelyn and Allison will be working on PLO1 which is due March 15th
- Rebecca and Evelyn will be heading the ESL 53A SLO; Elise and Jelena will head ESL 53B; Jenny and Matt will head 53C.

Curriculum

- Matt is planning to modify some vocational ESL classes to attract more ESL students. One change will be to have open entry/exit for classes like Statistics where students would most likely be interested in attending lectures on particular lessons. Another change lessening the required hours students need to attend. Currently, there are some classes that have up to 90 hours. Since some students may not need to review all of the material within those 90 hours, lessening the hour requirement would make the class more attractive. These classes will be taught by adjunct faculty.
- Deb suggested adding a 1ASESL class which will have an extra two-hour co-requisite. The two unit co-requisite will be Pass/No Pass. Some faculty expressed their disinterest in teaching such a class as they would not be getting paid more for the extra two hours. Others recommended teaching a course like this because the English 1AS classes have been doing very well with excellent student success rates.

- Deb asked for faculty input regarding adding night classes and explained that President Mahony is encouraging programs to add night classes to support adult re-entry students. Jelena added that the new Student Achievement Center (previously Student Services Center) will accommodate evening classes by having two supervisors working until 9:99 pm.
- Deb asked if faculty had suggestions for changing time slots for ESL classes. Allison said that the 7:45 am time slot works much better than the 7:30 time, even if it is only 15 minutes difference. Rebecca recommended adding a 53A evening class.

Mirrored Classes

Deb announced the success of students registering for Mirrored Classes. She said that some classes were saved from being cancelled because of this.

Humanities Labs

The number of labs on the second floor will be reduced from four to two labs and from two to one on the third floor.

Bumping Rights

ESL Faculty voted to maintain the “No-Bumping” policy with seven member voting unanimously.

Fall 2019 Suggested Schedule Changes

- Deb asked that everyone look at the provided schedule’s days/times and write ideas for future scheduling directly on the packets. She will consider these changes.