

ESL Department Meeting on April 28, 2020

In attendance:

Allison Carr
Elise Geraghty
Matt Kline
Debra Mochidome
Jenny Simon
Evelyn Uyemura

Saied Atoofi
Laila Dellapasqua
Maribel Hernandez
Scott Kushigemachi
Helen Wada

- Summer and Fall Update
 - Summer 2020 – all classes online
 - Fall 2020- No official word yet but may start as online for first half of semester then go back to classrooms or (most likely) Fall will be online for the entire semester.
 - In case Fall classes eventually go back to classrooms, Deb will send out forms asking whether instructors will set up their classes as asynchronous vs synchronous. Asynchronous class will be online throughout the semester regardless of whether classes return to face to face and synchronous class have scheduled online meetings and may go back to classrooms.
 - Concerns were raised regarding synchronous class and international students who have gone back to their countries. Difficult to synchronize class with different time zones. Evelyn suggested with students in Taiwan and Japan, late afternoon here is morning there.
- Dropping Students
 - Deadline to drop students – May 15th
 - On or before May 15th, student's transcripts will show an "EW" (Excused Withdrawal) and will not be counted in repeat limits.
- Pass / No Pass Option
 - https://www.elcamino.edu/notices/coronavirus/docs/Pass-NoPass_Spring2020.pdf According to Maribel, students were already sent information regarding the Pass/No Pass option. The deadline for this option is May 15th
 - Instructors will not know who selected this option until submitting grades.
- SLO Assessment Timeline
 - Mora: "I think the main question was about 41B and 51B and whether or not they want to assess all SLOs in one semester, or somehow change the cycle to only assess certain SLOs individually."
 - Everyone agrees that there's no reason to break up, keep as is.

- Update/Feedback re: Remote Placement Testing
 - Potential assistance with WritePlacer course alignment.
 - Testing office has put off testing for now. Jelena has been looking into different ways of doing ESL assessment. Explored replacing ESL written test with sentence skills multiple choice test but Chancellor's office has not approved of multiple-choice test.
 - ESL faculty is fine with using existing prompts with a time limit to turn in essay. They also have no problem with students using spell/grammar check. Not too worried about placement because once student is in class, instructor can reassess placement.

- Academic Senate Update: Block Scheduling – Fall 2021
 - Feel free to provide your feedback to your Senate representatives (Anna, Elayne, Brent, Sean, Pete or Kevin)
 - Concerns with the blocks, for example, 6:55am start time does not seem realistic.

- Update/Feedback re: ESL 52B in Summer
 - Discussion about whether to keep 52B for this summer.
 - Typically, during the short summer/winter sessions 52B is low or cancelled but classes being online might be a plus and maybe enrollment might be higher this summer.
 - Debbie stated she's been teaching 52B the past few summers and even though the number of students were small, those summer 52B students seemed more prepared when they took her English 1A in the Fall.
 - It was decided that 52B should be kept on the summer schedule but warn the instructor that there's a possibility of cancellation due to low enrollment.

- International Student Program
 - Outlook/highlights from Scott's meeting with Lindsey-
 - Unlikely that there will be many new incoming international students this Fall.
 - 100 out of 500 international students are new. Question whether the 400 continuing international students will return.
 - 40% of ESL students are international students.
 - From all fronts, try to engage with the international students more to encourage them to continue.
 - Lindsey will know more of the status of the international students after May 15th (Withdrawal and Pass/No Pass deadline) and early June.

Next ESL Department Meeting: May 26th