

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2024
TSC 5004

Present: Shannon Datwyler, Ron Coleman, Craig Timmons, Julie Griffin, Alex Pettitt, Justin Miller-Schulze, Michael Wright, Matthew Schmidlein, Erica Orcutt, Juwairiyah Khan.

Meeting called to order at 9:15am.

1. Approval of the agenda msc
2. Approval of the minutes from April 2, 2024 msc
3. Announcements:

Shannon Datwyler

- The Chancellor's Office recently approved system-wide changes to GE requirements in order to be consistent with the transfer requirements among the JC, UC and CSU campuses which will go into effect fall 2025. For the CSU, this means GE area C will be reduced from 12 to 9 units and area E will go away completely (6 units). There is also a new physical/biological science lab requirement for an additional unit but it is unclear if the lab class must be a standalone lab or if it could be tied to a lecture/discussion. The Chancellor's Office is seeking feedback from campuses before making this determination so faculty should work with their department Senators to provide feedback which is due by Friday. If the labs need to be separated, a form A would be required to change multicomponent lab courses to standalone labs and the deadline for that is mid-October. The courses this change would affect include chem 1A/6A, bio 1/7, physics 5A/11A, and geol 5. The Chancellor's Office is also coming out with a new academic planner that will include all degree requirements integrated into CMS. The planner does not allow for any "hidden" pre-requisites such as math 12/29 and chem 4 so program changes may be required to include those classes as part of the degree plan.
- Fall 2024 priority registration for continuing students begins Monday.
- Department Chairs have been given a target FTES to decrease instructional costs in order to accommodate the 4% budget cuts coming next year.
- IRT is updating OnBase so students can now see the status of the forms they've submitted and where they are at in the approval process.

Ron Coleman

- AITC is working on keeping firewalls updated to combat phishing attempts as well as the disaster recovery program.
- There is an update coming to the student portal which will move some of the features around but the issue of faculty/staff not being able to see what students see is ongoing.
- Virtual computer labs supported by Unisys are now available for use by students and faculty from off-campus. The cost for the virtual machines will be billed to the colleges based on minutes used.

Richard Aguirre

- Give Sac State Day is coming up on Friday and Saturday.
- There will be a Festival of Arts event Saturday where a sculpture of Lee Kavaljian will be unveiled.

Michelle Williams

- Nominations are in for the new Secondary committees next year and there were enough to fill two committees. The election ballot will go out soon.

4. Committee rep appointments

- The NSM DEI committee has four vacancies but only one nomination was submitted so the deadline will be extended to gather more nominations.
- The Safety committee has two staff reps whose terms are ending. Gabrielle Hoskins was nominated to serve as the administrative rep (Alex Gama was the previous rep) and Doug Whited nominated to serve another term as a technical staff rep. Both were appointed to the Safety committee. **msc**
- There were multiple nominations for the NSM faculty rep on the Academic Information Technology committee so the nominees were asked to provide statements of interest for Academic Council to use to determine who to appoint as the rep. After reviewing and discussing the nominee statements, Anna Patterson received the majority vote. **msc**

10:00am adjourn