

**El Camino College Humanities Division
Academic Strategies Meeting Agenda
February 26, 2013**

E. Geraghty	X	S. Van Enoo	X	B. Isaacs	X	M. Ansite	X	S. Kulczak	X

1. Accreditation

1.1. ACCJC February 11, 2013, letter distributed to faculty: ECC was issued a warning for weaknesses in documentation of SLO assessments and demonstrating connections to student learning improvement.

1.2. SLO alignment grid (program ILO—PLO—SLO)

1.2.1. Brent Isaacs recently reviewed and updated the grid for submission to Janet Young. We hope to have Omar Brenes' assistance in posting the grid to Academic Strategies page on the division website.

2. Curriculum and SLO Updates

2.1. SLOs

2.1.1. Assessment / learning connection: Brent recently completed an assessment for Academic Strategies 33. Brent will check with Rachel Williams to confirm that the department is on schedule with all SLO assessments. The department will discuss Brent's recommendations for improvement of student learning at the next Academic Strategies meeting on March 26, 2013.

2.2. Curriculum

2.2.1. Academic Strategies 1

2.2.1.1. After much discussion about student success, particularly the somewhat discouraging statistics regarding AS 1 students progressing to and succeeding in transfer-level courses, the department voted unanimously to inactivate Academic Strategies 1.

2.2.1.2. Breaking the course into two courses (AS 1 and AS 2) was dismissed as not a solution to the problem of students' failure to progress in significant numbers. While research shows that most AS classes significantly increase student success in other courses, the research for AS1 is not strong.

2.2.1.3. Dean Lew will discuss AS 1 inactivation with Terry Kyle, director of the nursing program, as the nursing program has been using AS1 as a way of providing remediation for prospective nursing students who do not pass the DRP (Degrees of Reading Power) screening exam. A passing score of 60 on the DRP allows prospective nursing students to attempt the TEAS (Test of

Essential Academic Skills) exam, which is a key factor in gaining acceptance to nursing. Alice Grigsby will also be consulted.

2.2.2. Academic Strategies 30: The faculty also voted to remove the nursing designation from AS 30, Test-Taking Strategies.

2.3. Fall 2013 Schedule

2.3.1. The decision not to offer AS1 in the fall does not create much change to the fall schedule because Sharon Van Enoo will not be teaching this fall. Mimi and Brent will teach their usual courses, and adjunct Sylwia Kulczak will teach five 2-unit courses. Sharon is currently mentoring Sylwia for the new preparations.

3. Announcements

3.1.1. Cherry Blossom Festival: March 7, 2013

3.1.2. Flex Opportunities

3.1.3. Free computer locks from IT

3.1.4. Active Enrollment / Petition to graduate deadlines