EL CAMINO COLLEGE
MINUTES OF THE COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE (CCC)
9/22/2026

CALL TO ORDER
Meeting called to order at 2:36 p.m. by Chair Ambrosio.

Recorder: L. Cortez

Members:
Present: M. Anderson, M. Bremen, M. Chang, M. Fujiwara, M. Kline, C. Lopez, M. McMillan, J. Minei, S. Oswald, S. Porter, G. Song, A. Tuan
Absent: C. Martin

Ex Officio Members:
Present: E. Ambrosio, L. Cortez, A. Grant, L. Suekawa, M. Wolfenstein
Absent: L. Justice, L. Young

Guests: Francesca Bishop (COMS), Jason Davidson (COMS), Brittany Hubble (COMS), Larry Leach (COMS), Kate McLaughlin (JOUR)

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Chair Ambrosio asked for a motion to approve the 9/8/2026 minutes. Moved by M. Kline, seconded by J. Minei. Correction: Jon Minei's name in approval of minutes. No other discussion, approved unanimously.

2. CHAIR'S REPORT: College Curriculum Committee Chair – E. Ambrosio

a. Chair Ambrosio requested a motion to amend the agenda to include Curriculum Review. Moved by M. Kline, seconded by S. Porter. No discussion, approved unanimously.

b. Chair Ambrosio thanked M. Fujiwara for serving as standard reviewer.

c. The courses for the next CCC meeting will be ready review soon.

3. CURRICULUM REVIEW

A. Full Review – Program Proposals

<u>Natural Sciences Division:</u>
The following programs were presented for full review:

1. Geography AS (inactivation)
2. Physics AS (inactivation)

It was moved by S. Porter, seconded by S. Oswald, that the committee approve the full review program proposals. The motion carried. Approved unanimously.

Behavioral and Social Sciences Division:

The following programs were presented for full review:

1. Cal-GETC Certificate of Achievement

It was moved by M. Kline, seconded by M. McMillan, that the committee approve the full review program proposals. The motion carried. Approved unanimously.

B. Consent Agenda Proposals

The following courses were presented for standard review:

1. Math 60 Elementary Algebra

It was moved by G. Song, seconded by M. Fujiwara, that the committee approve the full review program proposals. The motion carried. Update Outside Study Hours (double the lecture hours) offline. Approved unanimously.

4. COMMON COURSE NUMBER (CCN) UPDATE

Chair Ambrosio reported that Phase 3 templates are still pending. There is a lot of discussion at the state level, but no templates yet. Please ensure 2b courses are completed by November.

5. JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATION COURSE DISCUSSION

Guests from the Journalism and Communication Studies Departments were invited to discuss a disagreement between COMS 265 and JOUR 12.

JOUR:

K. McLaughlin shared that the Communication Studies Mass Media course (COMS 265) was created after the Journalism Mass Media course (JOUR 12), and that the courses are essentially identical. She reported that HR had an issue with a recruitment for COMS 265 because they considered it a Journalism class. K. McLaughlin is not suggesting any course be eliminated, but rather for COMS to rewrite their COR to account for the differences in the theoretical frameworks.

COMS:

L. Leach shared that both courses have existed simultaneously since 1958, but they have not always been the same. He stated that JOUR 12 was initially exclusively newspaper-focused, but was changed over time to include more medias. L. Leach stated that COMS 265 has always encompassed all mass medias, and that the course content has not drastically changed since 1958. F. Bishop reported she revised the COMS 265 course outline in 2001 with minor changes, and they have historically offered 9-12 sections per year, all filled and some with waitlists. COMS faculty do not believe there are issues with either course.

Chair Ambrosio considered this is a “first read.” Second read will be during the 10/13 CCC meeting, and then the CCC will give a final recommendation. Discussion ensued regarding the difference in teaching approaches of each course; it was confirmed that the courses appear

similar on paper, but are taught differently. Questions may be emailed to Chair Ambrosio by October 6th.

6. 95/96/99 COURSES

L. Cortez shared that the opt-out deadline is on 9/30. So far, only Nursing, Rad Tech, and Resp Care have opted out. She will launch 95 courses where appropriate (CTE programs) and 99s for all credit disciplines. Noncredit courses will be opt-in.

7. CURRICULUM SPECIALIST'S REPORT: Curriculum Specialist – L. Cortez
No report.

8. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vice President of Academic Affairs – C. Lopez
C. Lopez reported that the deans' deadline for the TOP-CIP list has passed but some are still working; will get the list to faculty as soon as possible. Deans' recommendations are not final. Faculty can either agree to choose a different CIP code. A discussion ensued and the TOP-CIP crosswalk was shared onscreen.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Curriculum Café
- Next CCC Meeting: 10/13/2026 – 2:30-4:30 p.m., DE 166/Zoom

10. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Approved Curriculum Changes

Modification Type	Division	Course/Program Information	Rationale/Action	Curriculum Committee Approval Date
Program Inactivation	NATS	Geography AS	Inactivation	09/22/2026
Program Inactivation	NATS	Physics AS	Inactivation	09/22/2026
Program Review	BSS	Cal-GETC Certificate of Achievement	Program revision: Changes to catalog program description and course requirements.	09/22/2026
Course Review	MATH	Math 60 Elementary Algebra	Course revision: Changes to outside study hours.	09/22/2026