

ESL Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2016
Flex Day

In attendance:

Carr, Allison

Kline, Matt

Llado, Nitza

Loya, Rebecca

Mochidome, Debbie

Simon, Jenny

Uyemura, Evelyn

Low-Enrolled Classes

Nitza and Jenny both asked that faculty make announcements in their first fall classes about their classes: Nitza's 7:45 am 53B section and Jenny's Hybrid 53C section. Both will make flyers and distribute.

New Part-Time Faculty

Jenny displayed the current class schedule on the overhead projector, and the faculty briefly looked at enrollment for all ESL classes as well as who was teaching the classes. Faculty who weren't on hiring committees this summer asked about the names of the new part-time faculty members. Rebecca mentioned that one new faculty member had questions about norming. She said that she had told the new member that an upcoming meeting to include norming would be scheduled this semester. Jenny said she would send out a welcome email to the new part-time instructors. A suggestion was made to schedule the first Consistency Meeting quickly as to help these new instructors. Jenny and Rebecca agreed. Jenny will ask the newcomers about convenient dates/times for the first Consistency Meeting in her welcome letter.

The South Bay Adult School Consortium and Non-Credit

Matt gave an update on his recent communication with Jean Shankweiler, Tiffany Miller (Career Advancement Academy), and Torrance and South Bay Adult schools regarding non-credit classes. Torrance and South Bay Adult schools are fine with ECC Compton offering non-credit ESL classes, but don't want El Camino to offer non-credit ESL classes because they feel they would be in competition with them. This sentiment has gone back 25 years or so ago and still exists. Matt disagrees with their idea. He gives the fact that there are approximately 102,000 ESL students in the South Bay area but that only 4602 of those ESL students (approximately 5%) are served by local adult schools and ECC combined. The adult schools are, however, in agreement on offering Vocational English as a Second Language (VESL) classes, including such subjects as nursing, childhood education, EMT, constructional technician, HVAC, etc. If ECC's ESL department agrees to offer these VESL classes, the department would be able to use courses that are currently in the curriculum and just adjust the courses' focus; creating new courses that would have to be put through curriculum would not be necessary. (This is already being done by Math.) Matt shared his concern about having the ECC ESL Department adjust the focus of a class, but then having a Centinela faculty member teach the class, not an ECC ESL instructor. He also brought up other questions regarding the ESL Certificate and these issues.

COMMON ASSESSMENT INITIATIVE

Rebecca reported on the last CAI meeting that was held on July 29, 2016. She explained that the ESL portion of the assessment test has been completed. This would include the reading and writing computerized assessment, not the speaking/listening placement, nor the writing part of the writing placement. ECC is scheduled to begin implementation of the new assessment this fall, but because of the current circumstances of not having an Assessment Center Supervisor, not having an ESL Coordinator, and not having the logistics of the current computer lab figured out, administration will ask for an extension to begin implementation. Rebecca asked if anyone would be able to help out with this new process if needed. Nitza, Evelyn, Matt and Debbie said they would be interested in helping if needed.