

ESL Meeting Minutes April 7, 2016

In attendance:

Carr, Allison
Currey, Nancy
Geraghty, Elise
Kline, Matt

Lew, Tom
Llado, Nitza
Loya, Rebecca
Mochidome, Debbie

Savina, Jelena
Simon, Jenny
Uyemura, Evelyn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Career and Major Fair: April 12 on Library Lawn**
- **Kristin has left us ☹**

SLO ASSESSMENTS BEING CONDUCTED SPRING, 2016

- 53A – Debbie to lead
- 53B – Rebecca and Matt to lead
- 53C – Allison, Jenny, and Nancy to lead
- 52B SLO#5 – Rebecca to lead

CONSISTENCY PROJECTS

Rebecca announced that the third ESL Consistency Workshop will take Friday, April 15th from 10:30 – 1:30. The focus will be scaffolding and how faculty use it to support 52B and 53B SLOs. A norming session will also take place at this workshop.

CURRICULUM

Non-Credit: Tom passed out the handout “2014-2015 Apportionment Attendance Report” that reports on resident FTES of California Community Colleges. El Camino has one of the lowest Noncredit FTES compared to others in the area, and Tom suggested the department create a certificate for ESL noncredit once these courses are integrated into the Torrance ECC program. Discussion was made as to whether or not we could use the ESL noncredit courses already established at ECC Compton. Tom pointed to the benefits of noncredit classes. They are free, don’t require prerequisites, aren’t taken for a grade, and are repeatable. Tom also commented that having noncredit classes could attract ESL students wanting to continue their ESL education by registering into the credit classes, for which enrollment numbers have continued to decline. Nitza suggested more high school visits to recruit more ESL students, and Rebecca asked if the paper class schedule was getting mailed out. Elise said she would check on this. Everyone agreed that the number of local ESL students has decreased since the termination of in-person registration and the implementation of the on-line application. These changes may have, consequently, led to fewer older, or working, ESL students who used to register for evening ESL classes. Matt requested that the faculty set a date and time for a meeting dedicated to discussing noncredit/certificate, but no date/time was set. Elena added that 5,000 noncredit courses are currently waiting for approval from the Chancellor’s Office.

POSSIBILITY OF STABILIZATION IN 2016-17 AND ITS IMPACT

Tom handed out “El Camino College FTES Goal and Actual Projections.” The data shows that the goals set for enrollment in 2014 – 2015 were not met and the goal for summer is likely not to be met. Therefore, President Maloney has decided to apply for stabilization, which will fully fund ECC, once, for one year. If ECC’s numbers drop below its goal in the subsequent two years, the base number of FTES will stay at that set number.

COMMON ASSESSMENT INITIATIVE

Elena said that she had attended a noncredit conference at LA Valley College. She learned that the CAI is in its “pilot phase” and is nearing the “planning stage.”