# Academic Affairs Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 29th, 2024

10-11:30am

Education 123 Conference Room

Meeting ID: 859 8694 2698

<https://csub.zoom.us/j/85986942698>

**Attendees:** D. Solano, A. Hays, J. Wang, M. Szolowicz, T. Tsantsoulas, E. Montoya, J. Deal, T. Holiwell, T. Salisbury, H. He

**Guest:** T. Salisbury

**Absent:** D. Jackson, L. Gonzales

## Meeting Agenda

### Approval of the Agenda

Approved

### Approval of Minutes February 15th, 2024 <https://csub.box.com/s/xpk0767dusy5xk3h63xw9kw0vfdcvvj2>

Approved with a correction: page 2, approved by Business department.

### Resolutions

1. **RES 232416 (Referral 2023-2024 #23) New Degree Program Proposal – Bachelor of Music in Music Education**

BPC reviewed the proposal…waiting on clarification of the correct program name before it goes to 1st reading at full senate.

1. **2023-2024 #26 New Department Proposal – Public Health**

Our draft resolution was forwarded to FAC and BPC. Awaiting their review.

### Referrals

1. **2023-2024 #29 Proposal to add New Minors – Ethnic Studies, Feminist Studies, Queer Ethnic Studies**

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Tracey Salisbury responded to our questions via email (see forwarded info from Dani) and attended our meeting at 10am to answer any additional questions we might have.

**Summary:** Tracey emphasized that the minors differed from what is currently offered due to the ethnic studies lens. The committee noted that the foundational courses are intended to meet Area F. The committee approves of the minor, however, the courses ending in 08 must go through the GE committee to be approved to get into the catalog.

**Discussion:**

The goal will be to have a degree program for the Ethnic Studies/Latinx studies next Fall. Interdisciplinary studies is different. The ethnic studies concentration will not exist in INTDSP. For the women, gender, studies course, it is different. The minors are unique to current changes statewide. Feminist ethnic studies will be first minor in state to be offered that way. Nursing changed degree around to take in area F; getting a minor in ethnic studies would be great for those students. These would be good cultural pedagogies to do that. Queer ethnic studies will be the first one to do that. They are responding to what they can teach. The minor process would be faster, so they could get into the catalog copy. Currently ethnic studies is not listed as a catalog or a program, which creates problems. They were told the minor would be a faster process.

Dani brought up the question that if hypothetically, one minor was approved, would that work to be approved. Tracey is asking that the ethnic studies is put into the catalog as a department.

Tiffany asked about the minor in feminist in ethnic studies and queer ethnic studies. Tiffany is asking about cross-listing. The queer ethnic studies minor is an INTDS minor at SFSU. Tracey is asking that Dr. Jackson step away from the WGSS degree since faculty feel as though they don’t have the choice to make the program what current faculty want to do. Tracey is going to move the black feminism course. Tracey feels as though faculty are not being respected. Tracey says it feels as though the WGSS program has an anti-blackness lens. Tiffany feels as though there is no collaboration.

Eduardo asked if the aim was to have this in the Fall catalogue. There are 4 left who should be going through GE. Eduardo said it’s in the curriculum workflow page. Intro to black studies, native American, senior seminar, and intro to Latinx studies. Usually, the school curriculum committee forwards the courses to the GE meeting.

The courses are in the catalog, but for the minor being a part of the catalog, but once it is approved, it should be good to go.

Hoping to be on the class for the full degree program immediately.

Discussion: At Senate Exec, they decided to send a memo to BPC to see if there were any resource issues with having a minor and no major degree program. If they see issues, we will have more discussion.

With emphasis being on ethnic piece, it seems that it should be different enough. Courses have been approved, but not by GE yet. We believe that the curriculum committee has approved the courses, but they have not gone through the GE approval process.

Tiffany believes that the minors are good and necessary, and there is hope that they will be cross-listed eventually.

John brings up the need to ensure that the courses have been approved by GE.

Dani wants to also wait for the BPC feedback in terms of resources.

Tommy brought up the ETHS courses they submitted in the catalog. The ones he is seeing are not ending with 8, so would not have a need to be approved by GE. 3230, 3240, 3450, 4520, 4610 (approved by department, and in the committee)

1408\*, 2200, 3210, 3220, (Sent to Tomi)

\*Needs to be approved by GE before it gets into the catalog.

Needs: the 08 courses should be sent through the GE group. Eduardo will reach out to Tracey/ Dean.

Heidi suggests that we still move forward on overall program pending GECCo’s sign off.

Dani doesn’t think we can forward a resolution, until GE approves it.

1. **2023-2024 #20 Proposal for ACS Biochemistry Degree**

<https://csub.box.com/s/cecg04a1i35nn8puwgh4wdrt9r3frcmg>

Still waiting on the updated proposal…it was stuck in the NSME Dean’s Office; was forwarded to Debra on 2/14.

1. **2023-2024 #28 Proposal for a New Minor – Human Resource Management**

<https://csub.box.com/s/vwtqax1187q4unlbbiiiuwalhmnh0i8o>

See emails forwarded to the group by Dani on 2/21 regarding MGMT 3000. Peoplesoft will automatically waive the pre-requisite for non-business majors who want to get a minor. The program can be completed in 3 semesters. John thinks we should support the change with the rationale that the department knows best. There are no objections to the move.

Added Director of Academic Operations to the Distribution List. Resolution drafted and approved.

1. **2023-2024 #30 Academic Integrity Policies - Graduate and Undergraduate**  
   <https://csub.box.com/s/r3jhr2qi8lvvicra6az62on5nxht99ro>

Referred to AS&SS as well.

We aren’t seeing a difference between undergraduate/graduate versions. Dani will check with Emily to make sure we have the correct copies of things.

We were discussing whether the writing is concrete enough, or if it is too vague. For example, is Grammarly artificial intelligence or not? Ultimately, we added “explicit” instruction.

It appears that there are several overlapping similarities between graduate and undergrad policies that should not be there. Dani will reach out to Emily Callahan.

### Other Discussion Items

1. **Development of metrics for reviewing low degree conferring programs**Referral coming soon

### Open Forum

Meeting concluded at 11:16am!