

**Academic Council**  
**Minutes: 10-21-02 meeting**  
**3:00p.m. To 5:00pm, Room 425**  
**Submitted by Mary Ellen Sullivan**

Present: Stephen Rider-Student, Mary Ellen Sullivan-Articulation, Valerie Nelson-Counseling, Jay Jackson-Counseling, Ekua Omosupe-BELA, Brad Krein-NAS, Gloria Garing, Registrar, Topsy Smalley-Library, Claire Biancalana-Instruction, Jennifer Lee-HASS, Alice Rink-HWPEA, Robert Diller - HWPEA, Kathy Cowan-BELA, Joseph Krause-NAS, Kathryn McBride-VAPA, Nick Roberts-Chair,

Absent: 1 Rep from the VAPA division

- I. Meeting was called to order at approximately 3:10-Nick suggested that we move item III c to #1 since Tom McKay was here to discuss the issue.

The discussion focused on page 26 item #2e in the current Cabrillo College catalog—the Allied Health programs want to remove the option, which would result in students needing to wait 2 years before being able to retake a C grade. A study done by City College of SF has shown that students, who repeat any course for a better grade to gain entry into one of the Allied Health programs, have a higher failure rate. Questions arose from both the Counseling and Math department regarding the fairness of allowing students who receive a D or F to repeat a course right away while asking the student who passed the course to wait 2 years (under the current Cabrillo policy students must wait 2 years or show extenuating circumstances in order to repeat a C grade). Tom pointed out that students enrolled in these programs need to be above average because they deal with life and death situations. Alice reiterated that we did not want to set students up for failure. Mary Ellen suggested finding a way to inform students up front about what the statistics show. The concern continued to focus on the study, the failure rate and how students repeating a D or F would have a better chance of getting into the program if clause 2e is removed. Jay Jackson asked for another 2 weeks to discuss the issue with the other two allied health counselors. The Council will vote at the next.

- II. The minutes were approved with minor changes.

- III. Old Business

- a. GE course removal—hold for next week

- b. Credit for major and general education courses—approved –Jay and Mary Ellen will draw up a policy in accordance with those of our transfer institutions and bring back to the council for final approval will change BPs and ARs where

necessary.

- c. see 1<sup>st</sup> item in minutes
- d. Information Literacy—Topsy reported that JoJo McCloud will be the rep from VAPA on the committee. Topsy informed the Council that the Information Competency Taskforce would have its first meeting on 28 October. She also explained that the California State Department of Finance had explained in writing that they judged that implementing Information Competency as a graduation requirement would entail costs in excess of the \$200 threshold (established by CA code). Val asked about the cost to the college. Claire explained that certain things a college does are reimbursable costs. But, curriculum changes are part of what a college does. Topsy explained that the statewide Academic Senate is interested in the issue because Information Competency was something the statewide Senate wanted to make a graduation requirement, and it was blocked by the Dept. of Finance action. Educational institutions need to be able to change to meet changing instructional needs.
- e. Academic Standing –Gloria Garing-changes to BP 6070-Academic Standing need to be made in order for A & R to do early intervention for students whose academic standing is in danger. The changes are detailed in the 10-7-02 minutes and were approved at this meeting.

IV. No new business

V. No items from the floor

VI. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:45.