Academic Council
Minutes: 5-12-03 meeting
3:00p.m. To 5:00pm, Room 425
Submitted by Mary Ellen Sullivan

Present: Jennifer Lee-HASS, Dhyana Swann -Counseling, Jay Jackson-Counseling, Alice Rink-HWPEA, Claire Biancalana-Instruction, Nick Roberts-Chair, Gloria Garing, Registrar, Stephen Rider, Student, Wanda Garner, visitor, Mary Ellen Sullivan, Articulation Officer

Absent: 2 reps each from BELA, NAS & VAPA and 1 rep each from HASS & HWPEA and 1 student
(The meeting was advertised as 5-19-03, some members were unable to attend today because of schedule conflicts.)

I. Call to Order—3:05

II. Approval of Minutes

3-24-03 and 4-28-03 –both sets of minutes were approved and will be posted to the AC web page.

III. Old Business—Nick reported on the Faculty Senate reaction to the changes in GE and learner outcomes that the AC approved at it’s 4-28-03 meeting. There was some concern that the three outcomes did not reflect everything from each of the 5 GE areas. The Senate did not vote on the issue and will discuss it again at their next meeting on 5-13-03.

IV. New Business

1. Petition to add Biology 21A (Field Bio) to GE pattern in the Natural Science area, Life Forms, of all the GE patterns was approved. The change will be made on Cabrillo’s AA & AS degrees effective immediately--may not make the student handouts because of timing but will be in the 03-04 catalog as well as on the website. The course will be submitted to the off-campus GE Committees at the next update in January 2004 for the 04-05 academic year.

2. Math requirement petitions—Nick reported that the AC subcommittee met to consider two petitions to substitute a class for the Math Competency. One petition was granted; however, the committee decided to waive the math competency requirement rather than substitute a course. The second petition was denied and the student was notified that
he could appeal the decision or use the accommodations suggested by the committee to complete the requirement.

V. Items from the Floor

Wanda Garner, NAS Division Dean, brought a change in the Math Competency requirement for graduation with an AA/AS degree. The catalog currently states that:

The Mathematics Requirement may be met by successful completion of elementary algebra or equivalent or a higher-level mathematics course with a grade of “C” or better. Successful completion must be verified by official transcript.

The Academic Council approved the following statement:

The Mathematics Requirement may be met by successful completion of elementary algebra or equivalent or a higher-level mathematics course with a grade of “C” or better. Successful completion must be verified by an official college transcript or by an appropriate score on the Cabrillo mathematics assessment.

The rationale behind this change is that Elementary Algebra is a competency requirement for graduation; therefore a student who is using high school algebra, to clear math competency, must assess at the Intermediate Algebra level.

VI. Adjournment at 3:50.