



Mission College
Academic Directions Committee
Agenda
September 7, 2012 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
ROOM E3-401

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Information & Announcements
4. Old Business
 - a. Update on programs under revitalization
 - b. Athene Awards (I/A)
5. New Business
 - a. Membership and Chair Election
 - b. New Associates Degree/Certificate, NEH "Bridging Cultures" (Perlas, Myint, Juncker)
 - c. ADC goals for 2013-14
6. Information and Announcements
7. Adjournment



1. Meeting and Roll Call. Thais Winsome called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Committee Member	A	P	Guests	A	P
Dennis, Applied Sciences		X	Pavao, Division Chair, Applied Sciences		
del Frate Golden, Business & Technology		X	Lam, Division Chair, Math & Science		
Prescott, Language Arts	X		Margaret Juncker, Chair, English Department		
Johnson, Liberal Studies, Division Council representative		X	Myo Myint, ESL Department		
Winsome, Math and Science, ADC Chair		X	Char Perlas, MESA, Counseling		
Tran, Student Services		X			
Ambriz-Galaviz, Vice President of Instruction		X			
Danny Nguyen, Dean, Math & Science		X			
Dorian, Academic Senate President (ex officio)		X			

2. Minutes of the May 4, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved (M/S/U - Johnson/Golden). The agenda was approved by acclamation with agreement that Item 5b (presentation on NEH "Bridging Cultures") be heard immediately.

3. Information & Announcements - None

4. Old Business

a. Update on programs under revitalization

The group reviewed the Senate recommendations from Spring 2013 for Marketing, Retail Floristry, and Engineering so that all members had an understanding of what action had been taken and what further action needed to be taken this fall. No action was taken on any program, except to schedule Work Group presentations as follows:
 Marketing: September 21
 Retail Floristry: October 5
 Engineering: October 5



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b. Athene Awards (I/A)

There was a discussion about whether the awards should be continued and, if so, should they be handed out at Flex Day or at another time. There was consensus that the process should be formalized, with the nominations open to the entire campus community. To ensure that the awards fit the criteria agreed upon by the ADC last year, a sub-committee of the ADC could be appointed to do the judging. A motion to continue with the awards and to revise the process passed unanimously. (M/S/U - Johnson/Tran).

5. New Business

a. Membership and Chair Election.

A motion to elect Thais Winsome as committee chair for the 2012-13 year passed unanimously (M/S/U - Johnson/Golden).

Vice President Ambriz-Galaviz informed the committee that Mina Jahan, Dean of Technology and Instructional Dean of Business and Technology, will be joining the ADC as the second representative from the college administration.

The committee agreed to place the following action items on the September 21 Agenda: term lengths; appointment of Ex-officio members; additional representatives from each Division.

b. Information on New Associates Degree/Certificate, NEH "Bridging Cultures" (Perlas, Myint, Juncker)

Mission College is a participant in a nationwide, NEH-funded effort to increase awareness of Asian culture in college curriculum. Faculty from a number of colleges attended a symposium in Hawaii over the summer, during which they developed preliminary plans for their colleges. The Mission College faculty who attended the meeting came to the ADC to present ideas and to generate discussion on how best to meet the requirements of the NEH grant as they apply to our institution and student demographic. The grant requirements are flexible and fairly simple - for example, "modules" on Asian cultural awareness could be inserted into existing curriculum without having to change COR's. However, there was question about whether this could be measurable - how to determine what if any impact a few modules scattered across the curriculum would have on student knowledge of and attitudes toward Asian cultures? Ideas ranged from developing learning communities to coordinate the courses that include "modules" to developing a full degree/certificate program in Asian studies, with an emphasis on Southeast Asia. Courses could be drawn from a number of departments, including Music, Art, even Retail Floristry. The idea was put forth to develop the program as a transferable degree in Humanities with emphasis on Asian languages and culture. Some felt this would not suit the needs of students wanting an emphasis in business or the social sciences - would it be better to develop a more generic program with areas of emphasis within the program?



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The point was made that whatever its final form, the program needs an “owner”; a group of faculty and administrators to assume responsibility for developing and implementing the program and exercising oversight of its activities. Prior to committing to this or any other effort to develop a full program, there needs to be more research on the success of other, similar programs at nearby colleges as well as the potential costs to the college with respect to FTE and other resources. The faculty and administrators assigned to the NEH grant will investigate these and other questions and report back to the ADC at a later time. The committee outlined the following next steps:

1. Core group will come up with a course list, recruit faculty, outline the program and come back to present to ADC.
 2. ADC will assist the core group in addressing questions about the need for the program, required resources, sustainability, etc.
 3. Depending on outcome of feasibility study, ADC will recommend the development of this new certificate/degree program to the MCAS.
- c. ADC goals for 2013-14
This item will be agendaized for action at the September 21 meeting. Committee members will bring suggested goals and ideas for how Work Group and other processes can be refined. There is evidence that the committee can expect some new referrals this year so the workload will have to be carefully managed. Items requiring immediate attention are an ADC email, a shared space for the storage of agendas, minutes and other documents, and a link on the MC Academic Senate webpage to the shared space.
6. Adjournment: 3:19pm (M/S/U - Tran/ Johnson)