

TSO CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 13th, 2014 from 3:06 to 4:20, Room 1107

Present: Virginia Binder, Carol DeCoursey, Bill Greaver, Carol Maynard, Jim Maynard

Not Present: Ahbream Paige- Alatraste, Gloria Campbell, Bob Wilburn, Donnelly Wilburn

The meeting began at 3:06, led by Bill Greaver, Acting Chair in Ahbream's absence.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the January 9, 2014 meeting be approved with the section on Coordination with TELOS Program Manager amended as follows: Ahbream reported that she had not been contacted by Linda Roddis, Program manager of Telos, to set up a meeting to discuss curriculum issues or to sit in on the interviews for potential job candidates as discussed at the December meeting. The interval between the December and January meetings included holidays and travel for many people. **The amended minutes were unanimously approved.**

Chair's Report. Ahbream was unable to attend the meeting but sent a medical statement pointing out the seriousness of her illness. She will present her report at the next meeting.

Progress Reports. No progress reports from Committee members were heard due to the absence of the chair and several members.

Regular Meeting Room. Room 1107 was assigned for the current meeting and for future meetings to be held on the second Thursday of the month at 3:15. The room was scheduled through June with the following schedule:

02/13/2014 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	North Campus V1107	Active
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04/10/2014 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	North Campus V1107	Active
05/08/2014 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	North Campus V1107	Active
06/12/2014 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	North Campus V1107	Active

Old Business/New Business. Jim Maynard, instructor for both the main campus and TELOS as well as a TELOS student, asked questions about how the BC-CE administration, and Linda Roddis, TELOS program manager, in particular, view the role of the Curriculum Committee in developing the course schedules. He asked many of the same questions that the Curriculum Committee members had asked her at the December meeting which she attended. For instance he wanted to know how courses and instructors were to be selected, which topics were preferred as none should be off limits according to BC guidelines, the hours classes could be offered and the number of classrooms available with information about the sizes of each. Linda had answered these questions but in a general way. (See the December minutes for details of her answers.) He urged that Ahbream, when next meeting with Linda, should get more specific answers and indicated that she should point out that the Curriculum Committee could prove invaluable to her by serving in a collaborative role in course planning rather than a secondary role. After receiving specific answers to the questions, Jim suggested that the Curriculum Committee develop a strategic plan for how its members can be of assistance as was the case with the former TAG group. This plan would incorporate information from a survey of TELOS students' interests. It was pointed out to Jim that a survey was on the agenda and that Bob Wilburn would be working on it when his health permitted.

In the course of the above discussion about preferred topics and cooperation between the Curriculum Committee and Linda Roddis, Carol DeCoursey mentioned a possible course topic about alternate approaches to protests such as BDS (boycott, divestment, and sanctions). She also pointed out the need for a feedback mechanism so that the committee would know the status of its course recommendations. For example she had not heard anything about the course she proposed on Open Government.

Finally the group informally discussed the outcome of the Tuition meeting with an emphasis on the showing made by the highly motivated and well educated TSO and TELOS students. It was hoped that the enthusiasm and dedication of the group made a strong impression on the BC-CE administrators which would lead to their continued interest in collaboration.

The meeting closed at 4:20 p.m. The next meeting is Thursday, March 13th at 3:15 in Room 1107.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Binder, Secretary
Curriculum Committee

These minutes have not yet been approved.