



Department of Natural Sciences, Health, & Kinesiology

Natural Sciences, Health, and Kinesiology Department Meeting Agenda

Monday, November 27th, 2017 at 2pm

Academic Village conference room 101-E

- Welcome and Introductions
- Concerns over department course and program offerings
- Downsizing the department
- Guest speaker: Dr. Tangelia Alfred, Dean
- New funding model
- New agreement for degree and certificate approval process.
- Adjournment and words of appreciation



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MINUTES

Present members of NSH&K Faculty & Staff:	S. Collins-Heads, R. Estrada, J. Henderson, F. Jackson, T. Roberts, J. Saint Paul, H. Tatum, R. Villanueva
Guest attendees & speakers:	<u>Speaker:</u> T. Alfred (Dean of Natural Sciences, Health, & Kinesiology)
Date	11-27-17
Time	2 pm
Location	Academic Village conference room 101-E
Minutes	Ruben Villanueva

	ACTION	TIME
1. Call to Order: 2 pm		
2. Welcome and Introductions: T. Roberts welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.	Sign in & Welcome	2 minutes
3. Meeting Items a. There is a serious concern with the department being forced by the campus administration to reduce its size to only offer level one courses or courses that are high-enrolling. b. Course offerings are being minimized which works against the efforts to create new degrees and certificates. Now we are losing dance and kinesiology degrees.		41 minutes

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- c. Concern over who will handle any upcoming grade exclusions with the fitness center since there are multiple instructors. Needs to be a designated instructor responsible for grading.
 - d. Effort to try to mirror course offerings with other schools in the district.
 - e. Kinesiology faculty feel they are being “attacked” by the campus administration to downsize their course offerings.
 - f. Guest speaker: Dr. Tangelia Alfred, Dean of Natural Sciences, Health, and Kinesiology. Understands the feelings of the department being targeted by administration but ensures that overall the entire district is down with enrollment and FTE. Other Kinesiology departments are struggling as LACC has lost its sports.
 - 1. The “5 semester plan” now known as “Guided Pathways” is what influences the type and amount of courses offered as it focuses on students leaving college with a degree or certificate which our dept. does not really offer.
 - 2. Faculty must write new curriculum and engage in the process of creating new certificates and degrees for the department.
 - 3. New funding model will focus on student completion of degrees and certificates.
 - 4. Reasons why Kinesiology classes are being downsized and repeatedly cut has to do with the amount of campus debt owed to the district and the financial inefficiency of maintaining low enrolled courses as it does not fully support faculty.
 - 5. Faculty must encourage students to know their rights in demanding more courses and equity.
 - g. Concern over lack of open access environment for students as they are not able to repeat kin and health courses for individual physical gain.
 - h. The new student enrollment threshold of 35 in order to prevent class cancellation is a very difficult number to achieve for KIN & health classes given the low enrollment numbers. Creates a conflict with new classes that will not be able to get going with no data of high enrollment history.
 - i. Class average has maintained below FTEF levels to support adjunct instructors.
 - j. The Natural Sciences, Health, and Kinesiology department needs a greater sense of unity to put pressure on the campus administration to allow the opportunity to grow in spite of the mandate to downsize. Faculty need to rally together and speak out against the administration in voicing their concerns and writing curriculum.
 - k. It is a challenge for the department to grow with such limited resources to offer more and new classes and programs.
 - l. Call to ask students to assist in demanding for more classes from NSH&K as we offer courses needed to fulfill prerequisites for other programs.
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- m. Faculty feel that the administration's request to downsize the department undermines the level of service the college offers to the community as we are not operating in an equitable manner.
 - n. Must be mindful of the agreement the campus signed with the state chancellor's office to open up more courses and programs. The agreement was supposed to foster growth as it shortens the approval time and cut the bureaucratic costs of approving new courses and programs.
 - o. Student satisfaction surveys ask students what classes they want and what times are they willing to take them. Encourage students to take it. Need more student input from survey efforts as there are 7,000 students between all the fulltime and part-time faculty and only 600 responded to the survey.
 - p. Faculty expressed frustration in that the college administration has in the past not allowed the department to create new programs for degrees and certificates nor allow any sort of leverage to balance the enrollment between smaller and larger classes.
 - q. Lack of forewarning and communication between faculty and administration in terms of course cancellations. Courses are cancelled abruptly without any sort of prior notification.
 - r. Suggested with upper level/division courses to combine them in order to pool enrollment numbers.
 - s. LASC's student population doesn't know exactly what to ask for because they never had it before when it comes to new programs.
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4. Adjournment:

 *NEXT MEETING DATE: TBA*

 **Future meetings** **TBA**