



For Approval: April 22, 2013

San Diego Mesa College
Academic Affairs Committee
March 18, 2013: LRC 208 (4:00PM-5:00PM)
Minutes

Present: Co-Chair John Crocitti, Janna Braun, Jack Forman, Peter Jacoby, Inna Kanevsky, Nancee Kesinger, and Arlis Svedberg

Absent: Co-Chair VPI McGrath (Excused), Mike Sanchez (Excused) and Dean Charlie Zappia (Excused)

I. Call to Order by Co-Chair Crocitti @ 4:05PM.

II. Review and approval of today's agenda: Approved without changes.

III. Approval of March 4, 2013 Minutes: (Tabled)

IV. Guests: Pianta (Mesa College English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Chair and Chris Sullivan (Basic Skills Coordinator)

A. Mesa College English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program:

Comments from Arlis Svedberg:

1. The Mesa College ESOL Program is an accelerated program with the goal of allowing students to acquire high fluency in a second language, which normally requires seven years of instruction and heavy immersion, and develop competency at the college level in two years.
2. Mesa College's ESOL Program provides a vital pathway for our students to accomplish the following:
 - a. Prepare for Transfer-Level courses.
 - b. Fulfill Prerequisite Requirements prior to transfer.
 - c. Pursue Associate's degrees.
 - d. Receive training for higher-level positions in their chosen fields.
 - e. Pursue Certificates.
 - f. Concurrently take courses in other disciplines with their ESOL instruction with support from the ESOL program.
3. The success rate for Mesa College's ESOL students is 81% for English courses and 79% for other courses.

V. Old Business:

A. Update Academic Affairs Information listed in the Academic Senate Constitution: (Tabled)

B. Curriculum Balance: (Co-Chair Crocitti) (Tabled)

C. SB 1440 – Transfer Model Curriculum (TMCs): (Co-Chair Crocitti) (Tabled)

VI. New Business: None

VII. Round Table: None

VIII. Adjournment by Co-Chair Crocitti @ 4:56PM.

Submitted by Sue Saetia

Approved by Academic Affairs on: May 5, 2013