

# Curriculum Committee Agenda

Thursday, March 1, 2018

12:30-2:30

TEC 144

## I. Agenda and Minutes

- \* Approval of Agenda for Thursday, March 1, 2018
- \* Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, December 5, 2017

## II. New Business Via Email

On February 7, 2018 the following four CCRs for the Mechanical Engineering program were sent to the Curriculum Committee members via email to be voted upon:

- \* **CCR 04/17-02 – EPO 343 Refrigeration & A/C** – New course.
- \* **CCR 03/18-01 – ME 460 Automatic Feedback Control** – Reduced units from 3 to 2 and small changes to course description.
- \* **CCR 03/18-02 – ME 429 Manufacturing Processes Lab** – Reduced units from 2 to 1.
- \* **CCR 03/18-03 – EGL 120 Technical Communication** – Increased units from 2 to 3 to comply with the oral communication requirement of the CSU General Education requirements.

The Registrar's Office required that the CCRs needed to be approved by Friday, February 9 if the courses were to be ready for Fall 2018 registration. The final vote by voting members was 6-Yes/1-No. Three members did not vote. The following statement was sent by Scott Green in reply to the request of an email vote:

Colleagues,

I must respectfully object to this mode of approving/disapproving such a sweeping change to curricula. Having this thrust upon us without any opportunity for the non-related/non-affected departments to hear the broader picture is just plain wrong. While I appreciate the urgency to get the Fall schedule underway, this is no excuse for short-circuiting due process. In fact, such rush jobs are exactly what lead to problems like Refrigeration being removed from ME in the first place.

Secondly, I would mention that all programs at Cal Maritime are simultaneously under immediate and vital pressure to address various problems with GE course matrices. To make the changes described in the above documents without also broadly considering input from other stakeholders, etc. seems careless to me. In particular, this change potentially impacts work loads and assignment within ET, as no mention is made, really, of who is going to teach the revised EPO343 (presumably ET? ME does not currently have a USCG-qualified instructor for this course).

Next, while I certainly understand that this proposed change is part of the ME department's efforts to address the aforementioned GE requirements, I feel that removing units from these particular ME courses (especially ME460) does two bad things: 1) it weakens what are held to be vital skill sets in our ME graduates; 2) it penalizes (see above) those ME students who are not in the licensing program.

Basically, I'm saying that none of these votes should have come in until such time as due process has been followed – i.e. representatives on the committee whose departments are not directly affected could hear all sides. In effect, votes have now been cast without a shred of discussion. This is wrong and I cry foul.

Sorry, but....

Respectfully,  
Scott

### **III. New Business**

- \* **CCR 03/18-04 – EGL 309 British Literature of the Sea** – New course.
- \* **CCR 03/18-05 – HUM 125 Innovation & Visual Thinking** – New course.
- \* **CCR 03/18-06 – NAU 205 Ship Stability** – New course description and designate course as GE Area B4.
- \* **CCR 03/18-07 – NAU 330 Meteorology** – New course description and designate course as GE Area B - Upper Division.
- \* **CCR 03/18-09 – GMA 355 Cross-Cultural Competence** – New course.
- \* **CCR 03/18-10 – Marine Transportation Program Changes for Class of 2022**
- \* **CCR 03/18-11 – HUM 135 Maritime Arts** – New course.
- \* **CMR 03/18-12 – Request to Teach Online - CEP 250 ME Co-Op I**
- \* **CMR 03/18-13 – Request to Teach Online - CEP 350 ME Co-Op II**