

## Minutes of the 3/11/09 Valley College Curriculum Committee

**Members Present:** S. Berger (Chair), M. Arshagouni, M. Avila, P. Calder, B. Goldberg, M. Johnson, G. Kovnat, R. LaCarra, M. Lewis, D. Lubow, A. Martinez, J. Miyasaki, R. Tadler, R. Stein, C. Yee

**Members Absent:** S. Mayo

**Guests:** C. Stoneham, C. Trombley

**Meeting called to order at:** 1:02PM

- I.
  - a) MSP (Calder/Goldberg) to approve of Minutes 2/11/08
  - b) MSP (Calder/Goldberg) to approve of Minutes 2/25/08
  
- II. New Business
  - a) MSP (Calder/Kovnat) to approve Psychology 60 for Distance Ed
  - b) MSP (Calder/Goldberg) to approve the ESL portion of English Program Review
    - Outline Updates:** English 80, 82, 83, 361, 362, 363
    - SLOs:** English 80, 82, 83, 361, 362, 363
    - Prerequisite Validations:**
      - English 83 with advisory of Speech 61 & 64
      - English 361 with prerequisite of English 83
      - English 362 with prerequisite of English 361
      - English 363 with prerequisite of English 362
  - c) MSP (Yee/Avila ) to approve Real Estate 11, 12, 14, 24 as New Courses with SLOs
  - d) MSP (Calder/Avila) to approve Real Estate 11, 12, 14, 24 for Distance Ed
  - e) E-103 Draft
  - f) E-79 Draft
  - g) Green classes in the schedule.

The Committee asked what would be a definition of a “green themed course.” Several people brought up whether this theme is highlighted by the college over other contemporary issues. Would other issues have theme designations? That sort of proliferation could spiral out of control. What is a definition of “green”: Is it a theme? Is it content? Is it training in a green field? Is it a conservation of resources by the instructor? There were practical concerns raised about scheduling: What happens if a class has that designation, and then that instructor doesn’t teach the section, what becomes of the designation? That situation could end up being false advertising to the students. There was a suggestion that instructors can advertise a particular theme or idea for a given class. It was also suggested that maybe we should encourage departments to write new courses specifically dealing with environmental issues, such as “environmental sociology”.

- III. Items from the floor.

Meeting adjourned at: 2:09PM