

**College of Social Sciences
Curriculum Committee
Wednesday, September 13, 2006
3:00 PM**

MINUTES

Present: Vásquez, George (Assoc. Dean and Committee Chair); Asuncion, Arelene (Psychology); Chua, Peter (Sociology); Danopoulos, Constantine (Political Science); Don, Pat (History); Gerami, Shahin (Social Science); Lopez, Ed (Economics); McCoy, Mark (Anthropology); Monday, Nyle (Library); Pizarro, Marcos (Mexican American Studies); Todd, Anne Marie (Communication Studies); Weinstein, Asha (Urban and Regional Planning); Zia, Asim (Environmental Studies).

Guest: Spangler, Matthew (Communication Studies).

I. Chair Vásquez requested that all course submissions be vetted by department representatives prior to submission to the committee in order to insure that syllabi adhere to Academic Senate formatting regulations.

II. Dr. Vásquez also requested that all committee deliberations be conducted in a courteous, professional, and, whenever possible, a friendly and cordial manner.

III. Communication Studies 296, Text, Performance, and Presentational Aesthetics: After an introduction by Dr. Spangler and comments from several committee members, the committee voted unanimously to approve COMM 296 without changes.

IV. History 99, History Fundamentals: Dr. Don presented HIST 99 and answered questions regarding several aspects of the proposed course, especially the method by which the History Department will allow students to challenge the course. This new, permanent course, was approved without changes by a vote of 11 yeas and 1 abstention. The Committee Chair commended the History Department for undertaking the important task of improving the writing of its majors and suggested that other departments in the college might consider doing something similar.

V. The History Department withdrew its submission of **HIST 196, the History of Music**, and will resubmit this request once the syllabus has been amended to be consistent with Academic Senate policy. Once the revisions have been made, this course will be approved by the Associate Dean and sent to Undergraduate Studies with the understanding that it must be reviewed by the entire committee in the event the History Department elects to offer it a second time.