

College of San Mateo

Curriculum Committee

January 22, 2026 (2:15 p.m.)

Building 10, Room 10-468

Zoom Meeting: <https://smccd.zoom.us/j/89148507277>

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MINUTES

Members Present

Chair	Malathi Iyengar
Academic Support and Learning Technologies	David Laderman, Lia Thomas
Business/Technology	Hellen Pacheco, Lale Yurtseven (remote)
Counseling/Student Services	Leonardo Cruz, Trang Luong (remote)
Counseling/Articulation Officer	Marsha Ramezane
Creative Arts & Social Science	Judith Hunt, Michelle Mullane
Instructional Design	Julieth Benitez
Language Arts Division	Tamara Perkins, Keira Travis
Math/Science Division	Beth LaRochelle, Chris Smith

Non-Voting Members

Deborah Laulusa, Danni Redding Lapuz, Niki Castello

Absent/Excused

ASCSM Student Representative	Finola Miqailla
Kinesiology Division	Shana Young

Other Attendees

Madeline Wiest (remote), Jennifer De La Cruz, Jeanne Marie Velickovic, Manuel Delgado-Salazar, Jeff Flowers (in-person/remote)

Chair, Malathi Iyengar, called the meeting to order at 2:18 p.m. Motion by Tamara to approve the agenda, seconded by Beth, all members voting "Aye."

Public Comments (2 minutes/person)

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Judith to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Leo, all members voting "Aye."

- **Approval of minutes from the December 4, 2025 meeting**

- **Course Modification**

CHEM 410 Health Science Chemistry I (4.0)
(DE update; 6-year update; change in description, texts)

- **Program Modification**

- Fine Arts: General Studio Art – AA Degree (removal of required courses ART 124 and ART 103) – **postponed**. *Motion by Marsha, seconded by Beth, all members voting “Aye.”* Moved to the Substantive agenda for next meeting.

- **Memo**

- REQUEST CHANGE OF PREFIX FOR ADDICTION STUDIES COURSES AS NOTED BELOW (revised) – **approved with revision to exclude title update for SOSC/ADS 310**. This was moved from the substantive agenda to the consent agenda to approve the prefix change. Title updates can not be done via memo.

SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA

Courses listed on the substantive agenda have been reviewed for listed changes. Though courses on the substantive agenda may have changes in prerequisites and/or recommended preparations, the full committee is expected to review prerequisites and recommended preparations statements for all proposals to ensure compliance with Title V regulations.

- **New Course**

COUN 130 Puente: Latine Identity, Culture & Education (3.0) - **postponed**. *Motion by Beth, seconded by Chris, all members voting “Aye.”*
(Proposed for transfer credit)
The committee debated Counseling 130 classification as a counseling course and an Area 4 social/behavioral science course. Ultimately, the decision was tabled with committee’s recommendations to further revise the course outline and SLOs to more clearly emphasize the personal and applied nature of the course, focusing on students' own experiences to better fit the counseling discipline.

- **Course Modifications**

CDEV C1000 Child Growth and Development (3.0) *formerly PSYC 201* – **postponed**.
(DE update; 6-year update; change in course ID, title, description, objectives, content, instruction, assignments, evaluation, texts)

CHEM 192 Elementary Chemistry (4.0) – **approved without DE addendum**. *Motion by Judith, seconded by Marsha, nine members voting “Aye”, one abstention.*
(DE update; 6-year update; change in texts)
Committee concerns were raised about offering lab courses entirely online and the effectiveness of virtual labs compared to hands-on experience,

particularly for high school students who might not continue to traditional lab-based science courses. A counterpoint was voiced about the importance of having contingency plans in place for emergency situations, such as natural disasters, that could require remote learning. Jeff confirmed the course is offered completely online during summer and uses the Labster simulation tool for labs.

- **New Program**

- Allied Health – AS Degree Program (91-94 units) – *postponed*. Chris raised concerns that the program is redundant, that the Dean strongly opposes the program and the nursing department had brought forward an objection to teaching it.

- **Program Modification**

- Child and Adolescent Development – AA-T Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer (changes in description and required courses: updated titles for CDEV C1000 and SOCI C1000, removal of PSYC 110, addition of PSYC 105) – *postponed*.

OPEN AGENDA

- **50% Requirement for Certificates**

- The committee discussed aligning certificate requirements across the district, with current policies requiring 50% of courses for certificates to be taken at CSM, while Skyline and Cañada allow 50% of courses to be taken at any district college. The committee decided to table the certificate requirement discussion for further consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.