

Dance Department Meeting Minutes

28 April 2015
11:00 a.m.

Present: Amy Nakamura, Karol Ritz

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Amy Nakamura at 11:02 a.m.

- **Certificates:** Karol is gaining momentum on the Pilates certificate and is compiling SLO information and labor market information as her last steps in completing the certificate. Lee, Kari and Amy are currently doing research on a potential locally approved Commercial Dance Certificate which would be ideal for students who are interested in working in the commercial dance field. Lee and Kari are looking at other colleges offering similar programs and Amy is looking at potential course offerings for the certificate. Amy is still planning on taking the summer off from teaching in order to focus on the AA degree in dance. She has begun researching other AA's in the area and on our campus.
- **Website:** Kenny has replaced the 14 unit local Dance Teaching certificate with the new 18.5 unit state approved one on our website. Ani and Kenny have been given a jump drive with the photos from the Repertory concerts and (after Ani can shrink them) hopes to have them on the website soon. Amy is still using the Mt. SAC Dance department Facebook page as well, where she is administrator, to communicate events to students and alumni.
- **SLO's/PIE:** Amy reported that the dance department is focusing its energy on 2014-2015 EPIE which is due at the end of June. Amy has been collecting faculty data, accomplishments and goals for the department.
- **Budget:** Amy has been working with Suzy in the division on closing out the purchase orders and budgets. Videos and supplies have been arriving and Amy is logging them in the budget book. Costumes for the Spring concert have also been ordered and are beginning to arrive. The Target PO is being discontinued (a decision made by Target) so we had to do our purchase several weeks earlier than planned and will have to come to some solution in the near future for next year. Amy discussed several options with Dean Jennum and Suzy.
- **Curriculum:** DN-T 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 38, and DNCE 3 are being submitted in the next few weeks for 4 year review. The courses have been modified/updated. New and updated texts were added for theory courses and minor changes were made in regards to tenses and making

sure there was appropriate integration for all of the courses. In addition, the department voted to change the pre-requisite to a co-requisite for DN-T 27. This is because we felt that the student could be successful taking the course either previously or concurrently.

- **Academic Senate:** Amy reported news and updates from Academic Senate meetings.
- **Concert:** Spring Concert is nearing and there will be 15 dance pieces in this year's concert. Dates for this year's concert are May 15, 16 at 8pm and May 17nd at 3pm.
- **Announcements:** The next department meeting is TBA (waiting to hear on schedules.)

Adjournment 11:56 p.m.