

Dance Department Meeting Minutes

20 February 2015

2:30 pm

Present: Amy Nakamura, Karol Ritz

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Amy Nakamura at 2:32 p.m.

- **Curriculum:** Amy and Karol went over curriculum changes to better prepare for the upcoming 4 year review. Karol noted the importance of integration of the measurable objectives with the methods of evaluation and to make sure updated texts are listed. They continued the ongoing discussion regarding repeatability and it's impacts as well as scheduling ideas to help with student success in this area.
- **American College Dance Conference** Amy noted that the title of ACDFA has changed to the above title. The Repertory company will attend 4 days of classes and represent Mt. SAC with two large group dance pieces, one student and one guest artist, that we feel are an excellent reflection of our dance program. The dates are March 18-21st at Cal State Long Beach.
- **Certificates:** Karol is working on the changes to the local Pilates Teacher Training Certificate and hopes to meet with Michelle Grimes Hillman in March. Amy has been advertising and enlisting students into the Dance Teaching Methods course, offered this Spring, in hopes that students from the class decide to pursue the certificate.
- **SLO's** Amy is using the new curriculum and SLO rotation grid to stay on top of submitting SLO data from previous semesters and the use of results. Amy thanked Karol for submitting new PIE data on the Pilates courses.
- **Budget:** Amy emailed the faculty asking for music purchases, video purchases or classroom supplies/equipment requests be submitted by March 2nd. She also noted that videos need to be closed captioned unless you are only planning to show the dance segments.
- **High School Outreach:** High school dance day has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 11th. Instructor availability forms have been received and a schedule of the days event have been posted. This year we have an additional room (the black box theatre) and will have 50-60 more students attending.

- **Scheduling:** The Fall schedules need to be submitted as soon as possible. The change to two day a week classes and increase in units appears to be having a positive effect on student success and we should plan on keeping the schedule as close to last Fall as possible.
- **Concert:** Amy announced and emailed the faculty that the Spring Concert will begin auditions on the first Tuesday of Spring semester, February 24th. Again this year, we are asking the choreographers to meet and come up with a combined combination instead of individual combinations for a more streamlined audition process. Faculty were encouraged to inform potential students that are interested in performing to enroll. Concert dates this year are May 15-17th, 2015.
- **Announcements:** The next department meeting will be on March 11th at 1:30p.m.

Adjournment 3:30 p.m.