

To: Dave Eck, Academic Senate President

From: Lisa Palmer, Chair of Curriculum Committee

Re: Curriculum Report

Date: September 28, 2023

- I. In spring 2023, the district office asked the three curriculum chairs to consider changing the residency requirement for earning associate degrees.

Old policy: "Either 12 units or 50% of the units applied to the major, whichever is fewer, **must be completed at Cañada.**"

Proposed revision: "Either 12 units or 50% of the units applied to the major, whichever is fewer, **must be completed at one of the three district colleges.**"

Why? To benefit students who take courses at more than one college and may not even realize it, particularly with online courses, and then find that they can't earn their degree because they didn't meet this requirement.

Note: For now, students still must meet the 12-unit residency requirement, which is based on title 5, namely "at least 12 units [any units] must be completed in residence at Cañada College."

Considerations:

1. Yes, this will benefit swirling students. Might it negatively impact local students, if courses are cancelled due to low enrollment? Might it improve enrollments, if students may take their courses at any of the three colleges?
  2. Karen Engle is researching the number of associate degrees awarded in various fields, to try to ascertain the potential impact.
  3. When I asked the curriculum chairs statewide whether or not their colleges have similar residency requirements, the only response I got was a note that the state is proposing removing the title 5 residency requirement altogether.
  4. We will be voting on this at the next curriculum committee meeting, 10/5/23 from 1:00 – 2:30 pm in 9-154. Please let your division rep know your views and/or come to discuss.
- II. At last week's curriculum workshop, faculty reviewed the non-district-aligned "math competency" courses and determine that that designation may be removed from the following courses to engender alignment across the district:
    - \*BIOL 225
    - \*CHEM 210
    - \*CIS 262
    - ENGR 100

- \*ENGR 111
- ENGR 210
- ENGR 215
- ENGR 230
- ENGR 260
- PHYS 210
- PHYS 250
- PHYS 260
- PHYS 270
- PSYC 205
- SOCI 205

The prerequisite for the four starred courses will be revised to clarify that intermediate algebra is required for enrolling in the course, which, by definition (rather than the list), means the course meets math competency.