

Fresno City College
Social Science Division
Nutrition and Food Service Perkins Advisory Committee
Minutes April 22nd, 2021

The advisory meeting was called to order at 3:05pm over Zoom Virtual Conferencing

Facilitators: Jonathan Davey and Kristen Stenger

Committee Members Present: Karen Simmons-Gillian, Robert Schram, Nancy Whalen, Randy Moens, Christie Tayar, Erika Ireland, Lisa Herzig, Cherylyn Crill-Hornsby, Nickolas Lucio, Janine Gonzales, Nikki Andres, Amanda Harvey.

Committee Members Absent: Ricarda Cerda, J Bruce Staebler, Jeff Bennett, Chuck Rayburn, Justin Cardella, Shawna Jones, Amelia Bennet, Ali Nekumanesh

Welcome and Introductions: Jonathan Davey welcomed advisory members. Everyone introduced themselves.

Approval of April 20, 2020 minutes: Lisa Herzig made a motion and Randy Moens second the motion.

1. Perkins Grant

Nickolas Lucio, Perkins Counselor, reviewed the purpose of the Perkins Grant. He discussed that the college has been reformed into “pathways” and introduced Janine Gonzalez as our Health/STEM pathway counselor for Nutrition. They are training counselors for the nutrition RD track. Culinary is in the Tech pathway. He mentions that it has been difficult reaching students over zoom during this time.

Committee members are curious if we will be online in the fall. Prof. Davey states that foods labs will be somewhat on campus as hybrid in the fall. Lab work will be on campus in the fall, which is a change because currently cooking labs have been picking up materials on campus and then completing labs in students own kitchen at home. Prof. Davey hopes to offer FSM-38 (quantity foods prep) in the last 8 weeks of the fall 100% on campus. All other lecture will be online asynchronous for FN & FSM.

Nick and Janine hope to counsel students in person in the fall. Mrs. Simmons-Gilian asks if financial aid counseling is done by our Perkins counselors at these visits or by other counselors? Mr. Lucio reports that there are specific financial aid counselors that they refer students to because they are academic counselors but within each pathway there are financial aid and academic counselors working together.

Mrs. Simmons-Gilian asks if counselors are aware of the MS requirement changes for RD track students? Mr. Lucio and Prof. Stenger reply yes this is a part of all counsel starting a few years ago.

Mr. Moens is curious about how this effects our ability to recruit and assist more diverse RDs. Prof. Stenger reports that with the Nutrition and Culinary club she is able to mentor these students in a safe and curious space. Mr. Lucio reports that he is doing his best with this as well when reaching out to area High Schools.

Dr. Herzig reports that Prof Ireland and Prof Stenger had just presented at the Nutrition Educators and Preceptors conference on the topic of diversifying the field of Dietetics. It is a worry that the MS requirement may inhibit diversity and equity in the profession. Dr. Herzig mentions that enrollment is down nationally partially due to this. Mrs. Stenger states that a method for encouraging students is to “sell it” as MS with RD in 2 years now, instead of 3 years since the programs will be combined. The Fresno State/FCC Nutrition Spring transfer meeting helps with making sure students are aware of this as well.

Ms. Simmons-Gilian offers that she has colleagues that want to mentor African American Nutrition students and she is knowledgeable of the scholarships that may be available to them. She offers her assistance with any African American students that may need help with this.

2. **Fall 2021 Schedules**

Prof. Davey reviews the Fall 2021 schedule for the committee. Prof. Stenger announces that she is happy that she’s been able to offer FSM-162 this semester as it was not on the schedule for over 2 years. She plans to continue to offer it online asynchronous for the foreseeable future and plans to offer it in the Fall and every Fall semester from now on. Mrs. Whalen states she is pleased to hear this as her employees benefit from career advancement with this course and online offering helps to fit their schedules. Mr. Schram reports that one of his staff members reported to be very pleased with the course this semester.

3. **Curriculum**

Mr. Lucio asks if any of our 100+ level courses may be considered to be changed to <100 level so that they can count for transfer credit. Mrs. Stenger replies that the only issue is making sure that they are truly bachelorate level courses. If they aren’t currently then perhaps content can be added to make them this level of rigor. Some of the culinary math courses are suggested for this as well as FSM-162 if possible. Mrs. Simmons-Gilian shared the email address for the Child Nutrition Consultant for our area so that this class can be promoted through them as well.

Mr. Lucio also mentions creating the CA in culinary arts so that it can be transcribed for students. This is seen by the committee as a benefit to the students and will be considered in the upcoming curriculum review for FSM/FN.

Dr. Herzig asks if FN40 is transferring to Fresno State as NUTR53. There was a change at Fresno State with their courses and some students have needed this issue sorted out manually. Prof. Stenger reports this was handled, but she will check on it.

Prof. Stenger discusses that the DSS program is to be expanded into a CDM program. This will benefit students in many ways considering CMS requirements for CDM in healthcare kitchen supervisor positions. Nikki Andres agrees that this is needed in Fresno as they employ many CDMs and always are looking for more. Amanda Harvey agrees as well that this is a huge area of need that is lacking in the central valley at this time. Many more committee members including Erika Ireland, Randy Moens and Christie Tayar agree and support this addition of a CDM program at FCC.

Mr. Lucio mentions that there are other changes in our programs to consider with our upcoming curriculum review. One that he mentions is potentially changing ECON-40 to ECON-25 in the Culinary programs. ECON professors have expressed that ECON-40 is not the right course for these students and they would be better served by ECON-25.

A brief discussion on whether we could teach Fresno States Food Science 1 course at FCC took place amongst the Fresno State faculty and FCC faculty. They believe that they are offering several sections that all fill and if FCC can help with this burden that may benefit both colleges and the students. This will be explored.

Dr. Herzig asks if we can include more content related to citation formats in our Nutrition courses. It is discussed by many that this is a challenge due to time and the level that the students come in at with their writing abilities. Some ideas that were shared include: requiring students to use the reading & writing center as a part of the writing assignment, counselors encouraging students to take Library Skills 1 or maybe even including this course in programs, or having students enroll in a plagiarism workshop. Prof. Stenger intends to add one or more of these ideas to her courses in the fall.

4. **Program and Equipment Needs**

Prof. Davey reiterates that he is hopeful to someday have a commercial teaching kitchen. They have made many improvements with the "Home Ec" kitchen however they are at a point where they cannot upgrade any further without a large remodel. He reports that the Food Truck has been shelved for now and hopes to have a new action plan for this project.

5. **Brainstorming**

Dr. Herzig would like to see more collaborations between the Fresno State Student Nutrition Club and the FCC Nutrition and Culinary Club. Ideas discussed for collaboration include combined meetings, sharing guest speakers and having the FS students teach the FCC students.

Mr. Moens offers up his Food Express Bus for a potential volunteer opportunity for any Nutrition students at FCC or Fresno State.

Mrs. Gonzales mentions that the RN program is impacted and perhaps some students are unaware of the Nutrition as a similar, but different career path. The course Allied Health 100 is designed to introduce students to different health career fields and nutrition is not currently included. Prof Ireland states this would be an excellent opportunity for the Dietetic Interns to promote the profession.

Dr. Herzig has a variety of other announcements including: MS degree is now open at FS, the MS/DI will be open Fall 2022 and they are up for their DPD/DI accreditation again this year. She also mentions that the culinology and nutrition degrees are separating and if we have students interested in culinology that this may be a way to advertise to them. Prof. Davey states many of his students are unaware that this is a career option and he does make an effort to disperse this information.

6. Next Meeting Date. Likely to be the last Thursday in April, 2022. Hopefully in person.
7. Meeting Adjourned at 4:57pm