

Santa Ana College
American Sign Language Department
Technical Advisory Committee
Minutes
October 20, 2021, 11:00am-12:00pm

1. Call to order
 - a. Heather Arazi called the TAC meeting to order at 11:00am on October 20, 2021.
2. Roll Call
 - a. Heather Arazi (Committee Chair)
 - b. Elizabeth Smith (Full-Time Faculty)
 - c. Diane Gamache (Part-Time Faculty)
 - d. Austin Cary (Part-Time Faculty)
 - e. Dana Arazi (Industry Member/Interpreter)
 - f. Robert LoParo (Professional Organization Representative - SCRID)
 - g. Roy McCrory (hires successful completers of the program/Interpreter)
3. New business
 - a. Motion: That SAC ASL Department establish an Interpreting AA degree in "Introduction to ASL-English Interpreting".
 - i. Motion: Diane Gamache Second: Austin Cary Vote: 6/0/0
 - b. Motion: That the SAC Interpreting AA degree courses include the following: ASL 1, ASL 2, ASL 3, ASL 4, Deaf culture, ANTH/ENGL 104, Interpreting 1, Interpreting 2.
 - i. Motion: Elizabeth Smith Second: Dana Arazi Vote: 6/0/0
4. Who are the major local businesses we should include at the next meeting?
 - a. Interpreting agencies, WIN.
5. What regions do you foresee will have job offerings in OC?
 - a. Schools, medical, courts, the need has expanded all over the US.
6. For what occupations will this degree prepare students?
 - a. Interpreting in a variety of settings.
7. Are job opportunities in this field expanding? In the next year? In the next 5 years?
 - a. Yes, there is and will be a strong need for qualified interpreters.
8. Do we need accreditation for this program?
 - a. No, the TOP code is already approved by the state (0850.10).
9. Adjournment
 - a. Heather Arazi adjourned the meeting at 12:00pm
10. Next meeting: Tuesday, October 26, 11:00am-12:00pm

These minutes were approved on Tuesday, October 26.

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October 26, 2021, 11:00am-12:00pm

1. Call to order
 - a. Heather Arazi called the TAC meeting to order at 11:00am on October 26, 2021.
2. Roll Call
 - a. Heather Arazi (Committee Chair)
 - b. Elizabeth Smith (Full-Time Faculty)
 - c. Diane Gamache (Part-Time Faculty)
 - d. Austin Cary (Part-Time Faculty)
 - e. Dana Arazi (Industry Member)
 - f. Robert LoParo (Professional Organization Representative - SCRID)
 - g. Roy McCrory (hires successful completers of the program)
3. Approval of minutes from last meeting
 - a. Motion: Dana Arazi Second: Diane Gamache Vote: 6/0/0
4. New business
 - a. GoReact training
 - i. Motion: Elizabeth Smith Second: Dana Arazi Vote: 6/0/0 Passed unanimously
 - b. Purchase board games
 - i. Motion: Bob LoParo Second: Elizabeth Smith Vote: 6/0/0 Passed unanimously
5. Can existing faculty administer the new courses, or would new individuals need to be hired?
 - a. Currently about to hire five new part-time faculty
6. Does this program require new facilities or equipment?
 - a. No, not currently. But other Programs can be researched and referenced when we are ready to begin creating an ASL/Interpreting Lab on campus (possibly within the next 5+ years). Tutoring is a must, as well as possibly setting up a lab for our courses.
7. What can we offer in our program that other current programs do not?
 - a. We can partner with medical, legal, and Spanish Departments. Providing extra-credit or extra-curricular workshops would draw interest. Creation of ASL Club with monthly socials (involve ASL/ITP Students, DSPS Deaf Students, local SA Deaf Community members, etc.). Maybe invite the local organizations and national organizations to present and be there to engage and pitch their businesses.
8. What is the student demand?
 - a. There is an enormous student demand for ASL. We need more courses to entice students to stay for a full degree.
9. Do we think students will be interested in these fields?

- a. Nursing, Speech Therapy, etc., draws students who also want ASL as a “side skill”.
- 10. Adjournment
 - a. Heather Arazi adjourned the meeting at 12:00pm
- 11. Next meeting: Friday, April 22, 11:30am-12:30pm