

## Alcohol and Other Drug Studies Advisory Board Minutes

2020-October-14

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San Diego Community College District is in a severe budget crisis, as is the State, who is San Diego City College's main funding source. San Diego City College has had to make severe cuts to the Alcohol and Other Drug Studies program (25% cuts from last semester).

Under the recommendation of San Diego City College's Dean, the number of units for AODS 163 Internship course needs to change from 3.5 units to 5 units to be consistent with the number of hours students are required to intern. As a result, the course number to AODS 163 needs to be changed to AODS 164 per the college District. In addition, there is a new State requirement that when changes are made to curriculum, advisory board members are informed and a vote must be obtained.

Wiehl reports San Diego City College is conducting a program review of the Alcohol and Other Drug Studies courses and awards. After research, there is a need to revise the capstone course AODS 164 (previously numbered AODS 163) Internship Alcohol and Other Drug Counseling total units to reflect the current course content and align with current hours. The changes to total units for the capstone course required for students to complete clinical hours required by the State results in revising the well-established State approved and Regional Consortia recommended awards, Alcohol and Other Drug Studies associate degree and certificate of achievement. Current labor market supports the on-going

need to fill the supply gap and supports the need to continue with offering the associate degree and certificate of achievement at San Diego City College. According to SAMHA, there is a 21-percent increase in demand for addiction counselors nationwide. Additionally, the California's Employment Development Department reports San Diego County is expecting 592 jobs available by 2026. Research finds only two colleges provide awards in the area to fulfill this demand. Based on enrollment data, San Diego City College expects 40 students to complete the award in the next year and can enter the workforce.

To proceed with revising the course and programs, a motion and second is needed by the advisory board to approve the following:

- Approve the revision to capstone course, AODS 163, to change from 3.5 units to 5.0 units and change course number to AODS 164.
- Approve the need to continue with and revise the associate degree and certificate of achievement in Alcohol and Other Drug Studies to reflect the additional units resulting from the course revision.

Motioned: Michael Lazarus Sr.

Second: Cinthia Castilon

There was a unanimous consent to proceed with revising AODS 164 course and associated awards.