**Minutes from Sign Interpreting Certificate Advisory Meeting**

**April 13, 2023**

In attendance: Michele Pedrini, Justin Jackerson, Jennifer Marfino (PCC faculty); Cass Del Castillo, Ann Walker, Allison Kale, and Irene Robles (advisory members)

**Advisory Members**

Cass Del Castillo (33 years professional interpreting, 9 years adjunct teaching at CSUN and Pierce Community College, ELAC, works for Sorenson VRS)

Ann Walker (Mt. Sac full-time faculty member & department chair for ASL/Sign Interpreting; 15 years’ experience as interpreter)

Allison Kale (Pierce College full-time faculty and chair since 2016, CSUN 16 years as interpreter coordinator and faculty, 31 years interpreting experience (VRS, Hollywood, college, travel, paired with deaf individual to serve them)

Irene Robles (Mt Sac full-time faculty member)

**Discussion**

* Overview of PCC’s goals to create a certificate in sign interpreting, training to prepare students for ongoing development of skill set
* Proposed certificate requirements (list of courses, units)—proposal had 37 units
* Advisory asked how many semesters it would take to complete the program and if students could take multiple classes in one semester
* Mt Sac has a 50-unit program
* Suggested to eliminate one or two specialized courses
* Suggested incorporating specialized topics into interpreting classes instead to emphasize fluency and time on task
* Discussed some of the difficulties of internships due to liability
* Suggested electives such as VRS or online interpreting, fingerspelling and numeracy