

## District Academic Standards Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, December 1, 2022**

**3:00-5:00pm**

**Zoom**

Committee Members	Guests
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Douglass (DCC Chair, ENG, RIV)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bryan Medina (CPRO, RCCD)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Mills (DCC Co-Chair, VC Ed Services)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sabina Fernandez (CPRO, MOV)
<input type="checkbox"/> Brian Johnson (MAT, NOR)	<input type="checkbox"/> Casandra Greene (CPRO, RIV)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Pfeifle (HIS, MOV)	<input type="checkbox"/> Nicole Brown (CPRO, NOR)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ellen Brown-Drinkwater (AO, RCC)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Franco (AO, NOR)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeanne Howard (AO, MVC)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clara Lowden (KIN, RIV)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbi Renfrow (LIB, MOV)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Martin (GUI, NOR)	
Additional Guests: Keith Dobyns	

### Zoom Information

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### Discussion Items

1. Meetings for the Spring Semester:
  - a. March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1
  - b. Question: Is this group bound by the Brown Act? Is this group a workgroup or an ad hoc committee?
    - i. District Counsel Keith Dobyns will research if Academic Standards must comply with the Brown Act.
    - ii. If we must comply with the Brown Act, can the committee meet at each college, or do the members need to be in a single location?
      1. Keith Dobyns – The members can meet at each college, but there are additional requirements. Will provide that information if needed.
  
2. Ethnic Studies Title 5 Changes
  - a. No additional updates or guidance at this time.
  - b. This topic will be brought back in March.

### 3. BP/APs

#### BP 2110 – Honorary Degrees

- a. Kelly Douglass has a preliminary draft that can be taken to Academic Senate in the spring.
- b. Keith Dobyms researched the extent to which Ed Code 66020 should be present in the policy. Because the law states that the Board of Governors works with the colleges, the onus for the work is not on RCCD or the colleges. However, the district could be legally obligated to have the degrees available for any individual impacted by the law. Because of this, language should be included in the policies that includes a carveout that degrees will be awarded as required by law, even if the district does not award these degrees otherwise.
  - i. Kelly Douglass – If the district does have a BP/AP for honorary and posthumous degrees, does the Ed Code need to be referenced?
  - ii. Keith Dobyms – Would not recommend narrowing it to specifically Ed Code 66020 in the event that the legislature passes future laws that affect other groups. Would be better to have language such as “where required by law.”
  - iii. Ann Pfeifle – Agrees with the language, the more general the better, and it would cover the district when it comes to the requirement of awarding the degrees.
- c. Keith Dobyms – The BP and/or AP should identify involvement by the Academic Senate to some degree, either recommending to the Board or being a part of the recommendation process.
- d. Kelly Douglass – There are two drafts for Senate to consider. Both will be forwarded to Academic Senate in the spring.
- e. This topic will be brought back for the March 2 meeting and then the drafts of the policies will be forward to Academic Senate.