

Proposal to Change Catalog Language

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1) Issue: The BC Curriculum Committee voted and approved (3/21/13) to forward a request to the Academic Senate to change catalog language, in an attempt to make clear pathways, regarding acceptable criteria for students to pass a class.

2) Rationale: Currently, there is a discrepancy in catalog language, based on wording from the Kern Community College District Board Policy*, regarding acceptable criteria to pass a class. Specifically, KCCD board policy requires students to pass courses counting towards their degree or certificate with a "C" or better. However, courses counted towards completion of the general education requirements require a grade point average of 2.00 or better. Theoretically, a student could earn a B in one general education category and a D in another general education, and still meet the requirement of a grade point average of 2.00 or better, thus meeting graduation requirements. This situation presents a problem for students transferring to the CSU or UC system.

4) Opposition: No opposition has been stated at this time.

5) Solution: Request a change in catalog language to include:

"All courses applied towards a degree or certificate of study, including courses in the general education pattern must be completed with a "C" or better, or a "P" if the course is taken on a pass/no pass basis."

*Kern Community College District Board Policy

4D1C "(18) units of study must be completed in a discipline or from related disciplines as listed in the Community Colleges Taxonomy of Programs. Each course counted in this section must be completed with a grade of "C" or better, or a "P" if the course is taken on a pass/no pass basis."

4D2B2 "The Colleges may award locally approved certificates with fewer than 18 - units that certify that a student has completed a credit course or a sequence of credit courses to meet documented workplace needs/ standards by demonstrating a level of knowledge, skill(s), and ability(ies) sufficient to earn a minimum grade of "C" in each required course."

4D1D "Eighteen (18) semester units of general education must be completed and shall include at least one (1) course in each of the following areas: (1) Natural Sciences, (2) Social and Behavioral Sciences, (3) Humanities, and (4) Language and Rationality. A course designated by each College as meeting the Ethnic Studies requirement must be taken in at least one of these four (4) areas. Courses counted to meet this general education requirement must be completed with a grade point average of 2.0 or better."