

3/5/26 AAC Meeting Minutes

Both Minutes (02.15/02.19) Approved

1. Discussion: Thematic Minor in Migration, Population, and Globalization

- Committee discussed creating a thematic minor in sociology focused on macro-level societal processes.
- Rationale included:
 - Budgetary considerations
 - Filling under-enrolled courses
- Debate over naming to distinguish it from:
 - Existing general minors
 - Thematic general education minors
- Intended benefits:
 - Attract students from other majors
 - Provide concentrated macro-level focus
 - Support students even without starting with Intro to Sociology
- Concerns raised:
 - Potential competition with existing minors
 - Practical value of minors in job applications

Considerations:

- Potential addition of interdisciplinary courses in future
- Clarification of program focus
- Removal of thematic elements

Group voted to move forward with resolution supporting the minor.

The committee reviewed a sociology department's proposal to create a thematic minor focused on macro-level processes like demographics and immigration, which would help fill underperforming courses and provide students with a concentrated area of study.

2. Discussion: New Minor in Medical Spanish

- Remove undergraduate social work degree requirement.
- Add Human Biological Sciences.
- Proposal moving to second reading next week.

3. Discussion: New Degree for BS in Mechanical Engineering

- Revising assessment plan.
- Modifying courses to include biology in general education.
- Plan to submit revisions next week.

4. Discussion: New Degree BA in Human Development and Family Sciences

- Proposal to rename:
 - Department and program from “Human Development and Family Studies” To “Human Development and Family Sciences”
- Rationale:
 - Field trending toward “sciences” to legitimize discipline as social science
- Concerns:
 - Name change may not align with current curriculum.
 - CIP code modification lacks significant curriculum changes.
- Acknowledgment:
 - Program has expanded to include adulthood and aging
 - Curriculum may need modification to align fully
- Curriculum Alignment and Degree Title
 - Discussion on aligning new CIP code and degree title with recent curriculum changes.

- Alexander to locate pre-2015 catalog to demonstrate changes.
- Tiffany requested CSU Long Beach CIP code for comparison.
- Post-meeting discussion:
 - Decided “Family Studies” may still be more appropriate than “Family Sciences.”

5. Discussion: 2025-2026 #20: Disqualification and Readmission Policies

- Policy updates reviewed:
 - Remove summer disqualifications
 - Create more accessible readmission pathways

AS&SS drafted two resolutions from this referral:

- Academic Standing Policy Update Summer Disqualification
Approved
- Readmission Requirements Following Academic Disqualification
Add Semester units may be completed through CSUB Extended Education.

Next steps:

- Tiffany: Write up and send via email a standard resolution approving the sociology minor (with "thematic" removed) to the appropriate committee/group.
- Alexander: Post-meeting, try to find and send an older catalog (pre-2015) showing the previous curriculum to Tiffany and the committee for review.
- Elizabeth: Follow up with her counterpart to obtain the CIP code used by CSU Long Beach for their Human Development degree and share with the committee.
- Tiffany: Draft and send revised readmission and disqualification policy resolutions to AS&SS, including language to allow semester units to be completed via CSUB Extended Education/Open University, and request committee feedback on the second resolution.
- Tiffany: Look up the correct current name for CSU online/extended education options and update the policy language accordingly before sending to AS&SS.