

Fresno City College
Social Science Division
Nutrition and Food Service Perkins Advisory Committee
Minutes April 28th, 2022

The advisory meeting was called to order at 3:05pm over Zoom Virtual Conferencing

Facilitators: Jonathan Davey and Kristen Stenger

Committee Members Present: Karen Simmons-Gillian, Nancy Whalen, Christie Tayar, Erika Ireland, Lisa Herzig, Cherylyn Crill-Hornsby, Nikki Andres, Amanda Harvey, Jeff Bennett, Marisa Rios, Jacqueline Burke

Committee Members Absent: Ricarda Cerda, J Bruce Staebler, Chuck Rayburn, Justin Cardella, Shawna Jones, Amelia Bennet, Ali Nekumanesh, Leslie Luna, Susan Seals, Suzanne Ousey

Welcome and Introductions: Jonathan Davey welcomed advisory members. Everyone introduced themselves.

Approval of April 22, 2021 minutes: Lisa Herzig made a motion and Nikki Andres second the motion.

1. Perkins Grant

Jonathan Davey explains the function and benefits of the Perkins Grant. He explains that the FSM/FN programs have a dedicated counselor to our programs which is a huge benefit to the students over seeing a general counselor. The grant also allots money for the full-time faculty to attend conferences each year and buy instructional supplies. The Home Ec kitchen used by the culinary program often needs upgrades. The Perkins counselor has been able to get back to high school recruitment in person.

2. Fall 2022 Schedules

Prof. Davey and Prof. Stenger review the Fall 2021 schedule for the committee. A description and rationale for each course is given. The committee is informed of which classes are in person and which are online for the Fall.

3. Curriculum

As courses were discussed, Mrs. Simmons-Gillian asks if money can be provided to students to help with Serv Safe cost burden. Prof. Davey informs the committee of the Serv Safe costs. The students get a free voucher with the purchase of the course textbook, he thinks the textbook is about \$100. He adds that FCC also proctors the Exam for free for FCC students of the class, plus taking the course with us provides transferrable college credit. Mr. Bennett comments that this is a huge savings for students and a big bonus for hiring.

Each program is then discussed and voted on for continued support. First, Prof. Stenger discusses that the DSS program is to be expanded into a CDM program. This will benefit students in many ways considering CMS requirements for CDM in healthcare kitchen supervisor positions. Many committee members express that this will add a huge value for students and is much needed in the Central Valley. Mrs. Andres moved to support the program with Mr. Bennett as a second.

The Nutrition ADT is discussed by the committee and approved with a motion by Mrs. Ireland and a second by Mrs. Simmons-Gillian. The Nutrition AS is discussed by the committee and approved with a motion by Mr. Bennett and a second by Mrs. Andres. Differences between careers for each are mentioned, including RD track for the ADT and WIC, UCCE and Food Bank job opportunities for the AS. Support for keeping both degrees was widely expressed by the committee.

The Child Nutrition Certificate is discussed by the committee and approved with a motion by Mrs. Andres and a second by Dr. Herzig. The Dietary Aide certificate is discussed by the committee and approved with a motion by Dr. Herzig and a second by Mrs. Simmons-Gillian. The career paths for each is explained and a community need for each is mentioned by the committee.

The Culinary Arts Certificates (Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced) are all discussed by the committee and approved with a motion by Mr. Bennett and a second by Dr. Herzig. The purpose for having the three stackable certificates is discussed.

The FSM Certificate is discussed by the committee and approved with a motion by Dr. Herzig and a second by Mrs. Andres. The FSM AS degree is discussed by the committee and approved with a motion by Mrs. Andres and a second by Mr. Bennett. The differences between the certificate and degree is the GE coursework added for the AS degree.

4. **Program and Equipment Needs**

Prof. Davey reiterates that he is hopeful to someday have a commercial teaching kitchen. They have made many improvements with the Home Ec kitchen however they are at a point where they cannot upgrade any further without a large remodel.

The Food Truck project has been approved and is getting closer with hopes of buying a truck this summer. It will provide additional lab space and potential for events. Mr. Bennett offers his professional connections if needed with help securing a truck. FCC is planning to work through a broker that has already been identified, but the help is much appreciated! The committee expresses excitement regarding this project every year as it has been discussed for some time.

There is also news shared by Prof. Davey and Dean Crill-Hornsby that the culinary arts program has a bid in to be moved into the space that will be vacated when the automotive CTE programs move to the new West Fresno space. This could allow for a new industrial kitchen to be built with a huge benefit to students.

5. **Brainstorming**

Mrs Whalen asks if all of the students enrolled in FSM-162 are from Clovis. Prof. Stenger informs the committee that yes majority are from Clovis, maybe just one

student last fall that was not from Clovis. The committee discussed at length the benefit this course has to the School Food Service programs and the need to continue marketing the course to the appropriate people in school districts across California. Mrs. Simmons-Gillian, Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. Whalen all express a gratitude to having the course and each offer help with spreading the word.

Ms. Simmons-Gilian offers that she has colleagues that want to mentor African American Nutrition students and she is knowledgeable of the scholarships that may be available to them. She offers her assistance with any African American students that may need help with this. She adds that she is going to be offering her own funded scholarship for transfer students in Nutrition in underserved populations.

6. Next Meeting Date. Likely to be the last Thursday in April, 2023.
7. Meeting Adjourned at 4:40pm