

Additional Information
November 9, 2021 Board Meeting

The following additional information was provided regarding the November 9 Board meeting agenda:

Item 4.a, Cypress College Curriculum Matters:

1. Page 4.a.29: Under Section F for the Ethnic Studies 3 unit minimum, why are only these four classes accepted and not other Ethnic Studies courses? **These ETHS courses are being re-submitted following CSU GE Area F denial by CSU reviewers. Last spring, Cypress College submitted 16 Ethnic Studies courses to meeting the CSU GE Area F in advance of the deadline. Only four courses were approved (ETHS 101C, 101HC, 159C, 170C) while many received comments. Many, if not the majority of colleges, were denied all submissions. Faculty plan to work on the rest of the course revisions in the future. It is important to note that all Ethnic Studies courses for Cypress College were proposed for CSU GE Area F and were on the Board agenda in late Spring. All of these are now re-submissions.**

Items 4.a and 4.b, Cypress College and Fullerton College Curriculum Matters:

1. Is there a template for class size? **Yes, in the spring of 2007, the Class Size Planning and Resource Document was approved by Fullerton College, Cypress College, and the District's Curriculum Coordinating Committee. When creating and revising curriculum faculty refer to the document as a guideline to help determine the appropriate class size that reflects the proposal's methods of instruction, methods of evaluation, and assignments, as well as course content which is then approved by the respective campus curriculum committee. Other factors used to determine and approve class sizes include the course outline of record's detailed description of the pedagogical methods, the class size document itself, departmental recommendations, and professional committee advisory minutes.**
2. Why do honors courses at Fullerton College have a class size of 25, but a class size of 20 at Cypress College? **The honors class size was determined with collaboration of the individual college's honors directors at the same time that the class size document was created.**

For Fullerton College, courses requiring extensive writing have a class size of 20 while other honors courses (without the extensive writing) have a class size of 25 to meet student demand for honors sections.

3. Why do Ethnic Studies courses at Cypress College have a class size of 45, but a class size of 35 at Fullerton College? **Class size is approved by the respective campus curriculum committees based on the course outline and pedagogy and while Fullerton College and Cypress College have strong Ethnic Studies departments that communicate with each other, they also have their own separate, innovative, and student-centered faculty within their respective departments. Curriculum is designed and modified after serious consideration of many factors, including the needs of students attending each college.**

The Fullerton College Ethnic Studies course outlines include student presentations along with writing assignments, objective examinations, and lecture/discussion format. These methods of instruction, evaluation and assignments correspond with the Class Size Planning and Resource Document's description of a class size of 35, "Lecture/Discussion/Group Learning/Student Presentations."