

MULTICULTURAL/INTERNATIONAL SUBCOMMITTEE

California State University, Fresno

Mon., September 26, 2022 @ 11:00 am

MINUTES

Present: Steve Chung (College of Science & Math), Katherine Fobear (College of Social Sciences—ex-officio member), Teresa Huerta (Kremen School of Education & Human Development), Nataliia Kasianenko (College of Social Sciences), Hiromi Kubo (Library), Carmen Licon Cano (Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences & Technology), Bernadette Muscat (Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies—non-voting ex-officio), Randy Nedegaard (College of Health & Human Services, Chair), , & Varun Raj (ASI Student Representative) & Sunantha Teyarachakul (Craig School of Business),

Regrets: W. Saam Noonsuk (College of Arts & Humanities)

1. Approval of agenda: 11:00 am

2. Communications and announcements

a. n/a

3. Old Business

a. None

4. New business

- a. The committee confirmed the plan for Steve Chung and Sunantha Teyarachakul to be the new chair and co-chair (respectively) for this AY. Next AY, they will switch roles. Randy Nedegaard will act as a consultant as needed for continuity. Steve will assume the chair position immediately following this meeting.
- b. The committee reviewed GEOG 174. In general, the committee felt like this syllabus was well positioned to be an M/I course. However, before it can be approved, the consensus of the committee was that there appears to be some missed opportunities for this course as it is currently written. Specifically, there does not appear to be adequate intentional focus on critical discussion surrounding current issues such as discrimination, migration and ethnonationalism, particularly early in the semester. The writing assignments, as they are written, do not appear to involve a level of critical thinking. A rubric and more detail about the writing assignments would be appreciated. The textbook is from 2018, yet much has happened in Europe since that time. The committee wants to know how the instructor plans to bring the students up to date.

Through readings? Lecture? Etc.? A suggestion was made to connect the student learning outcomes with the assignments more concretely as this would be a way to demonstrate how students are engaging in critical thinking. The committee is impressed by the instructor's qualifications and experiences, and believe that drawing from these would add more critical discussion into the classroom.

- d. The next meeting will be scheduled to discuss the updates the instructor makes of the syllabus.

5. Meeting adjourned: 11:45am