The work of the Curriculum Committee this year continued to be impacted by mandates and requirements placed upon the college by the Chancellor’s Office. In particular this involved creating additional Associate Degrees for Transfer (SB 1440 compliant degrees) and engaging in preparations now required in order to submit transfer degrees for approval. Notwithstanding those external demands, the Curriculum Committee also engaged in the work of approving a plethora of new courses, course revisions, new degrees and certifications, and revisions to degrees and certificates.

**Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (SB 1440)**

Per the moving target set by the Chancellor’s Office, Santa Monica College was to have 14 Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT) approved by August, 2015, some in very specific disciplines. At the conclusion of this academic year, a total of 17 ADTs have been approved by the committee and the Academic Senate. Twelve of these degrees are already approved by the Chancellor’s Office. The 5 other degrees are awaiting approval by the Chancellor’s Office.

**Associate Degrees for Transfer Approved thus far by the Chancellor’s Office**

1) Art History AA-T  
2) Business Administration AS-T  
3) Communication Studies AA-T  
4) Early Childhood Education AS-T  
5) History AA-T  
6) Journalism AA-T (Approved by CCCC in 2015)  
7) Kinesiology AS-T (Approved by CCCC in 2015)  
8) Mathematics AS-T  
9) Political Science AA-T (Approved by CCCC in 2015)  
10) Spanish AA-T (Approved by CCCC in 2015)  
11) Studio Arts AA-T (Approved by CCCC in 2015)  
12) Theater Arts AA-T (Approved by CCCC in 2015)

**Associate Degrees for Transfer Approved by SMC (not yet approved by the Chancellor’s Office)**

13) Anthropology AA-T  
14) Economics AA-T  
15) Geography AA-T  
16) Geology AS-T  
17) Nutrition and Dietetics AS-T

There are 2 disciplines (Computer Science and Music) where SMC has been asked by the Chancellor’s Office to create ADTs. After careful review with the faculty, it was determined that making the curricular changes necessary to comply with the mandated model degree would be counter to the
interests of our students. Therefore, SMC will not be submitting ADTs in those areas at this time. The college sent a letter to the Chancellor’s Office explaining our reasons for not creating these degrees.

All courses related to AD-T’s which have a “C-ID” (common course numbering system) descriptor must be submitted for approval in tandem with the submission of the degree. SMC currently has 81 courses fully approved for C-ID (and 37 more which are conditionally approved) in the following 27 disciplines:

- Accounting
- Anatomy
- Anthropology
- Art
- Art History
- Business
- Chemistry
- Communication Studies
- Computer Information Services
- Early Childhood Education
- English
- Geography
- Geology
- History
- Journalism
- Kinesiology / Physical Education
- Mathematics
- Media
- Media Studies
- Nutrition
- Physics
- Physiology
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Theatre Arts

New Degrees and Certificates
The Curriculum Committee approved the following 8 innovative degrees and certificates based on the expertise of the area faculty and the advice of the respective Advisory Boards.

- African & Middle Eastern Studies Department Certificate
- Asian Studies Department Certificate
- Dance Teacher (Pre K-grade 5) Department Certificate
- Early Intervention Assistant Associate in Science (AS) / Certificate of Achievement
- Journalism Associate of Arts for Transfer (AA-T)
- Latin American Studies Department Certificate
- Political Science Associate of Arts for Transfer (AA-T)
- Studio Art Associate of Arts for Transfer (AA-T)

Revisions to Degrees and Certificates
The Curriculum Committee approved revisions to 12 degrees and certificates based on the expertise of the area faculty, the advice of the respective Advisory Boards, and changes in industry.

- Anthropology Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T)
- Automotive Technician Department Certificate
- Communications Studies Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T)
- Dance Associate in Arts (AA) / Certificate of Achievement
- Fashion Design Associate in Science (AS) / Certificate of Achievement
New Ideas
The Curriculum Committee approved several new courses stemming from innovative and exciting ideas. Particularly innovative new courses include:

- **GOB Chemistry**: an introductory chemistry course designed specifically for the needs of students pursuing an allied health field
- **Environmental Geology**: an important addition to better understanding our changing climate
- **Geoscience Field Methods**: an innovative course to engage lower division students in actual scientific research, preparing them for such involvement in the STEM fields
- **Global Citizenship Field Study**: an innovate manner to offer credit to students for short-term study abroad (and in-broad) experiences
- **User Experience Design**: a fundamental building block to facilitate our new bachelors program in Interaction Design

New Courses
This academic year, the Curriculum Committee approved the following 19 new courses and revised and reinstated 2 more courses:

- ASTRON 9: Intermediate Astrophysics with Calculus
- AUTO 47: Suspension and Steering
- CHEM 19: Introduction to General, Organic, and Biochemistry
- COM ST 36: Gender and Communication
- ENGL 61: Introduction to the Fairy Tale
- ENGL 49: Asian Mythology
- GEOL 3: Introduction to Environmental Geology
- GEOL 94 / GEOG 94: Introduction to Geoscience Field Methods
- GLOBAL 35: Global Citizenship Field Study
- GR DES 61: User Experience Design
- GR DES 71B: Motion Graphics 2
- GR DES 76: Mobile Design 2
- JOURN 2: Intermediate Newswriting and Reporting (course reinstatement)
- KIN PE 10C: Advanced Fitness Lab
- KIN PE 25D: Golf Player Development
- KIN PE 43B: Intermediate Soccer
- KIN PE 43D: Competitive Soccer
- MUSIC 75: Instrumental Chamber Music Repertoire
- PORTGS 1: Elementary Portuguese 1
- TH ART 21: Scenic Painting Techniques (course reinstatement)
- TH ART 31: Introduction to Stage Management
Curricular Updates
The Curriculum Committee approved over 150 course updates/revisions in the following disciplines:

- Accounting
- Computer Applications
- Anthropology
- Art
- Astronomy
- Automotive
- Biology
- Botany
- Business
- Communication Studies
- Early Childhood Education
- Economics
- English as a Second Language
- Film
- Graphic Design
- History
- Journalism
- Linguistics
- Mathematics
- Music
- Philosophy
- Photography
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Theatre Arts
- Women’s Studies

Global Citizenship
The Committee approved the following courses to satisfy the Global Citizenship degree requirement under the criteria of Global Studies:

- ENGL 49: Asian Mythology
- PORTGS 1: Elementary Portuguese 1

Distance Education
The Committee approved 8 courses in the following disciplines to be offered either partially or entirely via distance education:

- Astronomy
- Early Childhood Education
- English
- English as a Second Language
- History
- Mathematics
- Music

Prerequisites, Corequisites, and Skills Advisories
The Committee approved prerequisite, corequisite, and/or skills advisory changes to existing courses in the following disciplines:

- Economics
- Entertainment Technology
- Graphic Design
- Photography
- Sociology
- Women’s Studies

Unfinished Work and a Look Ahead
- The approval of SMC’s bachelor’s degree program in Interaction Design will create an exciting set of challenges for next year’s work by the Curriculum Committee. It is anticipated that the committee will approve new lower division courses in the area of Graphic Design and Computer Science, along
with all of the upper division courses required for the degree, including at least two new upper division general education courses, most likely in the areas of English and Psychology. While a subcommittee working on the bachelor’s degree program has made several recommendations to the committee regarding the overall structure of the degree, the general education requirements, and the admission process, it is anticipated that the Curriculum Committee will make a formal recommendation to the Academic Senate for approval in the fall.

- It is expected that the committee will continue its work related to **SB 1440** and **C-ID** now that the two processes are inextricably joined.

- Working jointly with Institutional Research, the committee conducted a third research project to statistically validate the appropriateness of our commonly used “Eligibility for English 1” Skills Advisory. The results of all three studies have, indeed, validated the skills advisory for nearly all of the courses on which it is placed. The committee will continue to explore this issue further, particularly in regards to those courses where the advisory is less strongly validated.

- One goal of the committee for this year was, unfortunately, largely unaddressed due to other, more immediate, demands. Thus, the committee will carry forward the evaluation and revision to the prerequisite approval process in order to strengthen the process in support of both access and student success.

- The committee will continue its “pro-active” approach toward curriculum as well as promoting and facilitating a collaborative and interdisciplinary approach. To this end, the committee will be exploring SMC’s degree structure and possible changes toward new or revised “degree pathways” for students.