



Nutrition

Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: April 7, 2023

Location: Zoom

Start Time: 12:00pm

End Time: 1:15pm

Associate Professor, Nutrition: Solange Bushra Wasef

Members: Alexandra Dusenberry MS, RDN; Halle Elbling MS, RDN CDCES; Ellen Gowen, MS, RD; Jill Greer MS, RDN, CNSC; Lewina Luk, MS, RDN; Brenda O'Day, MS, RD, CNSC; Yumi Petrisko, MS, RDN; Mary Sammer, RD; Naomi Shadwell MS, RDN; Donna Wolf RD, CLT

Career, Technical, and Extended Education Dean: Susan Wyche

Recorder: TBD

Agenda Items

- Introduction of Committee Members and Staff
- Statement of Purpose
- Program Updates
 - Enrollment – Enrollment has not returned to pre-pandemic levels and has declined. Classes are still online. NUTR attempted to offer 2 face-to-face classes in Spring, 2023, but they were cancelled as they did not meet enrollment minimums.
 - Program Updates – No major changes since last meeting.
 - Labor Market Update - Projected job growth increasing
 - Actions Taken Since Last Meeting
 - Student Data Protection
 - Cronometer
 - Service Learning
- Discussion Points:
 - Previous Committee Recommendations, Purpose, and Outcomes/Projects:
 - Cronometer – Students are using Cronometer for the 3-day diet analysis project. Learning outcomes are being met with the change in software. Students and faculty report positive experience with the software.
 - Service Learning:
 - Incorporated as optional in asynchronous and synchronous classes – An interest meeting was held, but no students participated in the voluntary option.

- Halle Elbling required it in her face-to-face class, but it was cancelled due to low enrollment.
 - Halle Elbling has added it as a component to her asynchronous FT2 course and will update us on the results.
- Complete Questionnaires
 - Adjournment

Next Meeting: March/April, 2024

Thank you for your input and participation!

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Advisory Committee Questionnaire and Discussion Points

Name: _____

Organization/Title: _____

Email: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

May we recognize your contribution as a member of our committee by listing your name, title, and organization on our website? Yes No

May we contact you to participate as a panelist for our Nutrition Info Session in future semesters? As a panelist, you will respond to student questions about your career path and experiences as a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist. Yes No

1. We are currently reviewing curriculum and offer the AS in Nutrition, but we do not offer any certificates. In terms of making students more competitive for transfer or for employment, are there any specific certifications your organization or you find desirable?

Summary of Committee Comments:

- The experiences and skills acquired that a certificate would represent are what students need to obtain. This seems to be more important than a certificate at graduation with some exceptions. These would cover topics such as:
 - Motivational Interviewing (MI)
 - Some certs i.e. Food Handlers Card or ServSafe Certification would be important for some career paths
- Introducing emerging topics into the curriculum that would not provide expert level knowledge but sufficient exposure to new and developing areas of nutrition are encouraged. Topics include:
 - GI Health and the Microbiome
 - Integrative and Functional Medicine
 - Industry-Specific Qualifications
- The Committee addressed a growing need for community education that would benefit students, current nutrition practitioners, and the community. The Committee recommended offering community education classes where RDs and other nutrition professionals can either expand or update their skillset for direct application in their current workplace with members of the community. This could possibly count as continuing education for the practitioners, and students could be invited to learn advanced topics in NUTR.

2. What, if any, impact on job outlook, employee recruitment, job duties, or any other factors is your organization anticipating with the 2024 changes in degree requirements?

Summary of Committee Comments:

- Overall, the impact of these changes are yet to be seen. While the majority of the Committee agreed that in the years to come there will be fewer well-qualified individuals seeking employment as RDs, the committee also agreed that organizations are emphasizing recruitment, retention, and offering desirable working conditions for RDs. SDSU reported a 100% match rate for interns for the first time. It was also reported that some internship sites had many open spots to fill. Changes in enrollment, applicant, and employment trends are likely to be seen in the next few years. This topic will be revisited next year.