



# ACADEMIC • SENATE •

## Minutes

Thursday, February 11, 2021

2:00 – 3:45 p.m.

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**Present:** Manuel Mancillas-Gomez, Guillermo Colls, Rachel Jacob-Almeida, Rachelle Panganiban, Robert Stafford, Pat Newman, Brad McCombs, Moriah Gonzalez-Meeks, Karen Marrujo, Lyn Neylon-Craft, Rachel Polakoski, Keenan Murray, Michelle Campuzano, Sarah Saulter, Asma Yassi, Greg Daunoras, Mikayla Ortega, Valerie Peterson

**Absent:** Tim Phillips, Rob Wojtkowski

**Other:** Cindy Morrin, Pat Setzer, Peter Utgaard, Cynthia Luna, Josh Franco, Nancy Jennings, Cuauhtemoc (Temo) Carboni, Hanaa Alkassas, Jessica Robinson, Roula Aoneh, Alicia Munoz, Nikki Salgado, Francisco Gonzalez, Julianna Barnes

**Recorder:** Taylor Owen

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Manuel Mancillas-Gomez, President called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm

**I. Approval of Minutes: December 10, 2020** – Senate approve minutes. M/S Guillermo Colls/Robert Stafford. Abstentions: Rachel Polakoski, Greg Daunoras, Keenan Murray, Rachel Jacob-Almeida

### II. Announcements

- A. IEPI: Manuel Mancillas-Gomez informed the senate of the proposal to revamp the IT Department. The proposal focuses on assessing and aligning positions within and among the different divisions as well as enhancing the capacity of various areas of operation to support both Cuyamaca and Grossmont Colleges. The first phase will be to take inventory on all software that is currently service the district. The second phase will be to purchase the curriculum management system that has been on backlog for quite a few years. The Chancellor felt that this project could be done within one year. Manuel informed that there is already an announcement to hire a Vice Chancellor of Technology that was sent out a couple of weeks prior to the meeting.
- B. Vaccination Site: Manuel Mancillas-Gomez informed the senate that Cuyamaca will be a vaccination site for the COVID-19 vaccination. The vaccination site is currently available to district employees and employees ages 65 and older via appointment only.

### III. Information (First readings and updates for future action)

- A. OER Committee: Josh Franco informed the senate that the OER charge has been updated to include language and the Chair(s) language has been updated too clarify that the faculty OER liaison to the ASCC or OER coordinator as they may not be the same people. The work group leads are expected to lead by example by creating or curating OER content for their discipline or assist faculty in their division who are creating or curating OER content for their respective discipline during the academic year term of service. Will be brought back at the next meeting for endorsement.
- B. Construction Project Update: Julianna Barnes, Nikki Salgado, and Francisco Gonzalez informed the senate of the three Cuyamaca College facilities updates that will be

happening in the next few years. The first of the three projects will be the track and field improvement project. This project will include adding in a scoreboard during phase one and a storage building, a modular restroom building and portable bleachers during phase two. The targeted construction timeline for phase one would begin in May 2021 and be completed by October 2021. Phase two would begin in November 2021 and be completed by February 2022. The second of the three projects are the Automotive Auto Lifts project. Currently, Cuyamaca is trying to get DSA or state approval to ensure that the installation of our current lifts meet all the state codes. Once approval is received, we can keep our current lifts and install the new lifts that are sitting on the side. The last project of the three is the F-Building reconstruction project. The plan is to demolish Building F in parts or as a whole and replace the building with two instructional buildings instead of one. In order to build on the current footprint, we would have to build a whole modular village for the current F-Building occupants for a least a couple of years. In regards to GAFCON's interference in these projects, GAFCON was hired by the district as a construction manager consultant. GAFCON is not a construction contractor. Julianna Barnes has been in contact with Nikki Salgado and Francisco Gonzalez as to how we can play a better role moving forward with regard to the accountability of GAFCON. Will bring back for further discussion.

#### **IV. Action – None.**

#### **V. President's Report – Manuel Mancillas-Gomez –**

- A. Fall 2021 Re-Population Team Reps: Manuel Mancillas-Gomez informed the senate that the Chancellor has created four repopulation teams for fall 2021. The Chancellor would like one representative from each constituency. One faculty representative is needed for the Employee Relations Repopulation Team and the Facilities and Campus Safety Repopulation Team. Due to there being no volunteers during the meeting, there will be a call out sent out for these two teams.
- B. Spring 2021 Plenary: Manuel Mancillas-Gomez informed the senate that the Academic Senate for California Community College Spring Plenary Session virtual even will be held on April 15-17, 2021. Register/application deadline is on Monday, March 15, 2021 by 5:00pm.

#### **VI. Vice President Report. -** Guillermo Colls informed the senate that a big call out will be sent out for open positions soon. Some positions have not been filled for several semesters.

#### **VII. Part-Time Officer-at-Large Report. –** No report.

#### **VIII. Committee Report. –**

- A. Curriculum Report: Cindy Morrin advised the senate that there will be a lot of items on the curriculum meeting agenda for February 16, 2021. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

#### **IX. Sabbatical Reports -**

- A. Sabbatical Report (Jennings): Nancy Jennings presented her sabbatical report to the senate. The title of her project was, "I Don't Know What to Say" by Nancy Jennings. Her project enlightened the senate on how to communicate with someone who is experience grief or loss. The most common response that was received was, "I don't know what to say." Nancy explained that after her tragedy occurred, it really struck her that she too had experienced the same awkwardness about what to say to someone who is going through a grief or loss. Nancy advised that the first tip for people who are grieving is to lower your expectations of other people. People really want to be loving and understanding and they want to help in every way that they can, but they just don't know what to do or what to say. Nancy explained how a major thing anyone can do to help someone who is grieving is to just listen. People who are grieving need to talk about their feelings it's really helpful to be compassionate and to be patient even if they talk about the same thing over and over again. The biggest lesson Nancy learned from her sabbatical project was that she didn't know there was so

much love in the world.

B. Sabbatical Report (Utgaard): Peter Utgaard presented his sabbatical report to the senate. Peter's report includes how he got a Bachelor's degree in German with a minors in History as well as a Master's degree with an emphasis on modern Europe and U.S. History at Southern Illinois University. At Washington State University, Peter went to get his doctorate in which he did three major fields including a field in Modern Europe, a field in East Asia, and the last field in Latin America. The only thing missing was the study of the Middle East. Peter's process was completely planned out. He planned to learn as much as he could about the Middle East and apply his knowledge across curriculum.

**X. Public Comments-**

- Motion was made to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. M/S Greg Daunoras/Robert Stafford. Senate approved unanimously, no abstentions. **Motion passes.**

Closed at 4:04pm