



ACADEMIC • SENATE •

Minutes

Thursday, March 25, 2021

2:00 – 3:45 p.m.

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Present: Manuel Mancillas-Gomez, Guillermo Colls, Rachel Jacob-Almeida, Rachele Panganiban, Robert Stafford, Pat Newman, Karen Marrujo, Keenan Murray, Michelle Campuzano, Sarah Saulter, Asma Yassi, Greg Daunoras, Mikayla Ortega, Valerie Peterson

Absent: Tim Phillips, Brad McCombs, Moriah Gonzalez-Meeks, Lyn Neylon, Robert Wojtkowski, Rachel Polakoski

Other: Hanaa Alkassas, Kim Dudzik, Javier Gonzalez-Meeks, Lamia Raffo, Daniel Curtis (proxy for Rachel Polakoski)

Recorder: Taylor Owen

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CALL TO ORDER: Manuel Mancillas-Gomez, President called the meeting to order at 2:12pm

I. Approval of Minutes: March 11, 2021 – Senate approve minutes. M/S Robert Stafford/Rachele Panganiban. Abstentions: Daniel Curtis, Robert Stafford. **Motion Passes.**

II. Announcements

- A. Faculty Awards Nominations: Manuel Mancillas-Gomez informed the senate that the email for outstanding faculty nominations have been sent out. Manuel asks that you send all nominations to Fabienne Bouton.
- B. Academic Senate Annual Fundraiser ([Link](#)): Rachele Panganiban and Rachel Jacob-Almeida informed the senate that it is time for Cuyamaca College Academic Senate's annual fundraiser. The money from this fundraiser goes towards paying for faculty awards and helps support faculty throughout the year. The names of all who donate any amount will be entered into an opportunity drawing held June 14, 2021 at 5:00pm for the opportunity to win one of three \$50 gift certificates to Target.
- C. Upcoming Spring 2021 Workshops: Manuel Mancillas-Gomez informed the senate on behalf of Donna Hajj that there are two workshops coming up on April 16, 2021 and May 21, 2021 for "Catching some ZZZ's" and "Checking in with yourself." Manuel also included that Saturday, March 27, 2021 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm there will be a webinar for Anti-Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) violence.

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

- A. Academic Calendar Guiding Principles (DRAFT): Manuel Mancillas-Gomez advised the senate that the academic calendar is currently a work in progress. Manuel informed that faculty were asking about having the whole week off for Thanksgiving and wanted the feedback of the senate. Many of the senate members agreed that Cuyamaca should have the week of Thanksgiving off as it allows families to spend time with their kids who also have that week off. Rachel Jacob-Almeida suggested that this should be a permanent change as student attendance is usually super low during the week of Thanksgiving. Daniel Curtis advised that the Math Department is opposed to having the week of Thanksgiving off due to it taking a while for students to get back into the correct mindset to prepare for finals. Guillermo Colls suggested we consider this a trial run to see which works better for students and to reach out get student feedback about

which works better for them. Will bring back at next meeting for further discussion.

IV. Action –

- A. Anti-Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Solidarity Statement: Senate motioned to accept the solidarity statement by acclamation. M/S Guillermo Colls/Rachel Jacob-Almeida. Senate approves unanimously, no abstentions. **Motion passes.**

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

- A. Fall 2021 Return to Campus Team Reports: Manuel Mancillas-Gomez advised the senate of the instructions for returning to campus for the fall 2021 semester that are currently a work in progress. The return to campus workgroup discussed the overall role in the return to campus planning process and the role members had in their constituency group. The workgroup gathered enough information to send recommendations to the Chancellor for a safe return to on-campus instruction. There are several primary areas of focus that the return to campus team identified which included, but was not limited to the following were the instructional spaces, equipment (hardware), technology support, software, increased access to teaching assistant hours, ongoing professional development, decision timelines, and other services required to return to campus.
- B. Senate Officers Election: Lamia Raffo informed the senate that the deadline for Senate Officer Elections is on April 9, 2021 at 5:00pm. Lamia requests that you ask the person you are nominating before sending in your nomination. She also asks that if you are nominating yourself to please send your nomination as a word or .pdf document and prefers if you attach an image of yourself. The decisions will be made near the end of April.

VI. Vice President Report. - None.

VII. Part-Time Officer-at-Large Report. – None.

VIII. Committee Report. – None.

IX. Public Comments- None.

Closed at 3:49pm