



# ACADEMIC • SENATE •

## Minutes

Thursday, September 09, 2021

2:00 – 3:45 p.m.

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**Present:** Manuel Mancillas-Gomez, Karen Marrujo, Rachel Jacob-Almeida, Rachele Panganiban, Hanaa Alkassas, Jane Gazale, Moriah Gonzalez-Meeks, Pat Newman, Rachel Polakoski, Raad Jerjis, Sarah Saulter, Asma Yassi, Claudia Cuz-Flores, Roula Aoneh, Valerie Peterson

**Absent:** Tim Phillips, Brad McCombs, Lindy Brazil, Lyn Neylon-Craft, Robert Wojtkowski, Robert Dutnall

**Other:** Brianna Brown (Proxy for Lindy Brazil), Guillermo Colls (Proxy for Lyn Neylon-Craft), Jesus Miranda, Miriam Simpson, Katie Cabral, Taylor Fiehler, Tania Jabour, Josue Franco

**Recorder:** Taylor Owen

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Manuel Mancillas-Gomez, President called the meeting to order at 2:07pm

**I. Approval of Minutes: August 26, 2021** – Senate approve minutes. M/S Sarah Saulter/Valerie Peterson. Abstentions: Guillermo Colls. **Motion Passes.**

### II. Announcements

A. Sabbatical Project Presentation ([Link](#)): Miriam Simpson presented her sabbatical project to the senate. Over the last semester, Miriam did a bit of research on how to make Physics more accessible to students. During her research, she found that students who did poorly on items with a math background didn't necessarily do well in the class. After doing some interventions by providing some resources to catch up on the math portion, it improved her fail and drop rate by 50%. To assist students with the concepts they were missing, Miriam created modules with "mastery paths" in canvas which allows for students take a quiz and get adaptive assignments based on how well or poorly they did on the quiz. She is currently implementing this content in her class in hopes to see good results.

B. Joint Parliamentary Workshop Training for Cuyamaca and Grossmont Senators ([Link](#)): Manuel Mancillas-Gomez informed the senate of the opportunity to take a joint parliamentary training workshop to learn about rules of order and procedures for Academic. The workshop is scheduled for Friday, September 17, 2021 from 3:00PM to 4:30PM.

C. Other Senator Announcements: None.

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

A. Joint Academic and Classified Senate Resolution on Protecting Students, Faculty, and Staff during a Pandemic ([Link](#)): Manuel Mancillas-Gomez informed the senate of the Joint Academic and Classified Senate Drafted Resolution on protecting students, faculty, and staff during a pandemic. Many of the senators and their constituency groups are at a split vote when it comes to the resolution. Some believe that without the resolution, faculty voices and concerns won't be heard. The resolution is meant to set boundaries to make everyone feel safer and allows for everyone to navigate the future without having to worry about their safety. Others believe that the resolution is not necessary as there is a lot of things stated in the resolution that goes beyond the capabilities of administration. Some of the verbiage in the resolution should not even be in there as it sounds more like a bargaining unit situation rather than a resolution. Many of the senators agree that the verbiage needs to be revised. Will bring back for further discussion.

#### **IV. Action –**

- A. Peralta Equity Rubric ([Link](#)): Motion to approve. M/S Moriah Gonzalez-Meeks/Karen Marrujo. Senate approves unanimously, no abstentions. Motion Passes
- B. Teaching and Learning (Professional Development) Committee Name Change ([Link](#)): M/S Sarah Saulter/Rachel Jacob-Almeida. Senate approves unanimously, no abstentions. Motion Passes

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

- A. Brown Act Zoom Exemption Update: Manuel Mancillas-Gomez informed the senate of the Brown Act Zoom Exemption update. The exemption to the Brown Act that allowed for Academic Senate and Curriculum to be held via Zoom is set to end on September 30, 2021, however, there are a few appeals on the floor in legislation to extend the zoom exemptions for The Brown Act and have it come into effect immediately once it has been signed.
- B. OER Committee Coordinator and Co-Chair: Manuel Mancillas-Gomez informed the senate that we have finally received reassigned time for the OER Coordinator. The next step is to develop the job description and formalize the reassign time with the District.
- C. Partnership with Amapola. Periodismo and Senate-Sponsored Event: Manuel Mancillas-Gomez informed the senate of a photo exhibit project that the senate partnered with a group of mostly women from Amapola. Manuel would like to try and bring them in May of 2022, possibly for Cinco De Mayo, to Cuyamaca College to have an exhibit and come for a series of community circles. More information on this will come at the next meeting.

**VI. Vice President Report ([Link](#))** – Karen Marrujo informed the senate that Nicole Hernandez has been appointed as the CTE representative in the IEC. Karen included a PDF of the report with the list of openings and links to apply to any of those openings in the zoom meeting chat for the senators to easily communicate the openings to their constituencies.

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

**VIII. Committee Report.** – Jane Gazale informed the senate that the program review sheet has been posted to the intranet for the faculty to review. The classes highlighted in yellow are the ones currently due for review and require action. Jane also included that there is a Curriculum Management System forum being held on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 12:00pm for those would like to attend. The zoom information can be found on the forum flyer linked here: [CMS Forum Flyer](#)

**IX. Public Comments- None.**

Closed at 3:45 pm