



ACADEMIC • SENATE

Minutes

Thursday, May 10th, 2023

2:00 – 3:45 p.m.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83900969150>

Present: Manuel Mancillas-Gómez, Karen Marrujo, Jane Gazale (as proxy for Guillermo Colls), Hanaa Alkassas, Dan Curtis, Rita Ghazala, Rachel Jacob-Almeida, Emma Laraby, Asma Yassi, Guillermo Colls, Miriam Simpson, Rachelle Panganiban, Moriah González-Meeks, David Lizarraga, Joan Rettinger, Tania Jabour (as proxy for Lindy Brazil)

Absent: Rob Wojtkowski, Cyrus Saghafi, Lindy Brazil, Brad McCombs, Valerie Peterson

Other: Lamia Raffo, Bri Brown, Jesus Miranda, Katie Cabral, Jessica Hurtado

Recorder: Aiden Lovewell

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Call to Order: Manuel Mancillas-Gómez, President called the meeting to order at 2:08pm.

I. Approval of Minutes: April 27th, 2023 – Senate to approve minutes. Motion/Second: Dan Curtis/Moriah Gonzalez-Meeks. Abstentions: Raad Jerjis. **Motion Passes.**

II. Announcements –

A. Nominations for Part-Time Faculty Senators:

The senate discussed the nominations for part-time faculty senators. Call-outs were sent 3 times and the nominations close next week. Last Tuesday an email was sent out to part-time faculty for all nominations with only 1 response so far. There is a concern over a possible issue with PT receiving these emails. Only part-time faculty can nominate and part-time faculty can vote for any position. The 3 positions are: part-time faculty for instruction, student services, and at-large. The deadline is this Monday at 5pm.

May 25th from 12pm – 1pm there will be an open mic in the library, C-219 on the 2nd floor. This is intended to be a safe and encouraging space for students.

The Queer Center, which was formerly known as the LGBTQ+ center, had a soft opening on May 10th. There will be a grand opening next month. The room number for the Queer Center is I-107.

There will be a de-stress zone in the library starting on Monday and will continue until May 25th. There will be games, snacks, and space for relaxing. There will also be a Cuyamaca art club exhibition at the library with reception and food.

The Kumeyaay Village event will be taking place on May 26th. The event will be similar to the last few event every semester and will focus on clearing invasive plants.

III. Action –

A. FHPC request form revision:

The senate reviewed the FHPC request form revisions. The request form was revised in order to optimize the organization.

Motion to vote on the FHPC request form revision. Motion/Second: Miriam Simpson/Moriah Gonzalez-Meeks. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. **Motion Passes.**

B. FHPC Final Ranking:

The senate reviewed the FHPC final ranking. A revised version of the form will be posted on the Academic Senate website.

Motion to vote on FHPC final rankings with updated list and revised forms. Motion/Second: Rachel Jacob-Almeida/Miriam Simpson. Nays: None. Abstentions: Emma Laraby. **Motion Passes.**

C. OTLC Charge and Composition Changes:

The senate reviewed the changes made to the OTLC charge and composition. This change was a recommendation from IEC and is only for composition. The composition was originally 4 instructional faculty reps at-large and would be updated to 2 faculty at-large and 4 additional representatives for a total of 6 reps.

Motion to approve the OTLC charge and composition changes. Motion/Second: Rachel Jacob-Almeida/Hanaa Alkassas. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. **Motion Passes.**

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

A. On-Line Equity Affirmation:

Bri Brown reviewed the on-line equity affirmation. This affirmation comes from Foothill College and is being adopted to fit the needs of Cuyamaca College. The original document is based on 3 years of research and faculty focus groups which Cuyamaca found to be sufficient. There were several discussions that this affirmation should be inclusive for all courses, not just on-line courses. The affirmation is based on 9 equity minded principles meant to equitize courses. The full document and principles can be found on the AS website. Institutional support was added to each principle by several recommendations. The senate agreed that adding a separate 10th principle specifically for institutional support would be effective. Reviewed and forwarded for action.

B. Resolution in Support of More Collaborative, Effective, and Equitable Participatory Governance Practices and Policy:

Karen Marujo and Katie Cabral reviewed the resolution. This is a joint resolution from Classified Senate and Academic Senate and was designed to be a recommendation to the district. The intended purpose is to create and promote a strong culture of connection throughout several areas. This resolution recognizes the value of robust participation and focuses on developing a person-centered culture, vocalizing our needs, and serving students as efficiently and as equitably as possible. The full document and principles can be found on the AS website. Reviewed and forwarded for action.

C. Cuyamaca College 2023 Accreditation Mid-Term Report:

Bri Hayes reviewed the 2023 accreditation mid-term report for Cuyamaca College. The mid-term report will be coming back in the fall and is in year 4 of the current 7 year accreditation cycle. This is a first-read and the purpose of the report is to provide recommendations for improvement and budget. The report must be submitted by the first week of October pending approval of the board in September. There will be a call-out sent for a new accreditation co-chair and this will be a .4 re-assigned time for the first year and .6 for the second year.

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

A. Faculty Handbook Revision:

The senate reviewed the revision being made to the faculty handbook. There are 3 different proposals. Each proposal has a different amount of hours attached with the highest amount needed for accreditation but will depend on how much funding is given. Faculty are training with Rocky Rose on Omni and there will be emails sent out asking for updates on the information needed starting this summer.

B. Meeting with IT and ESS Vice-Chancellor:

The senate reviewed the meeting with IT and the ESS Vice-Chancellor. Both groups will be coming next meeting to present projects they are involved in to give us a clearer idea of their workload. The Perkins survey was then discussed with the senate reminded that there is funding attached. The senate feels as though the questionnaire is very intrusive and poorly done and are requesting language changes be done to the survey. There was an issue with implementation of the language changes in Self Service so it returned to Canvas. The senate discussed the concerns over sensitive data on Canvas being saved by Amazon. No changes can be made now as registration has already begun. The funding for this is tied to the number of respondents which is estimated to be about \$250,000.

C. ASCCC Spring 2023 Resolution Packet:

The senate reviewed the resolution packet. There is a resolution in support of academic freedom as there have been several threats to academic freedom recently. These threats are not just happening in one place but all over academia so educators must remain vigilant.

D. Faculty Emeritus:

The senate reviewed the faculty emeritus. At the last meeting the senate approved Pat Newman's nomination for emeritus. All 3 approved emeritus nominations this academic year were sent but the board did not receive the nominations for Mary Sessom and Kristin Zink from December. The decision was made to move the awarding of emeritus to June so all 3 can be approved at the same time. There has been a recommendation to the ranking committee to only receive emeritus applications during spring semester so they can be prepared in time for the May board packet. The senate discussed sending a call-out in the spring for emeritus nominations.

E. Governing Board Report:

The senate reviewed the governing board report. The resolution on class caps was read to the board due to the recent change around staff communication at the board meetings.

VI. Vice President Report – Karen Marrujo gave her vice president’s report. There have been 5 faculty reps to hiring committees since the last meeting. There will be a longer report shared at the next meeting. The full VP report is accessible on the Academic Senate website.

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

VIII. Committee Report – None

IX. Public Comments –

Adjourned at 3:45pm