



ACADEMIC • SENATE

Minutes

Thursday, September 28th, 2023

2:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Present: Manuel Mancillas-Gómez, Karen Marrujo, Jane Gazale, Hanaa Alkassas, Guillermo Colls, Rachel Polakoski (as proxy for Dan Curtis), Rita Ghazala, Moriah Gonzalez-Meeks, Rachel Jacob-Almeida, David Lizarraga, Jonathan Martin, Rachelle Panganiban, Joan Rettinger, Kim Dudzik (as proxy for Miriam Simpson), Nicole Keeley (as Proxy for Asma Yassi)

Absent: Lindy Brazil, Dan Curtis, Camille Jack, Raad Jerjis, Brad McCombs, Cyrus Saghafi, Miriam Simpson, Rob Wojtkowski, Asma Yassi

Other: Jennifer Tomashcke

Recorder: Aiden Lovewell

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I. Call to Order: Manuel Mancillas-Gómez, Academic Senate President, called the meeting to order at 2:04pm.

II. Approval of Minutes: September 28th, 2023 – Senate reviewed the minutes from September 28th, 2023. Senate to approve minutes. **Motion/Second:** Rachel Jacob-Almeida/David Lizarraga. **Nays:** None. **Abstentions:** Rachel Polakoski, Moriah Gonzalez-Meeks, Rachelle Panganiban, Kim Dudzik. **Motion Passes.**

III. Announcements –

A. Nominations for Academic Senate President:

There have been two nominations for Academic Senate President so far. Lamia Ratto will give a report at the next meeting.

Guillermo Colls asked who the two nominations are.

Manuel Mancillas-Gomez informed the senate that Miriam Simpson and Karen Marrujo were the two nominations.

B. Café con pan dulce Oct. 11:

The senate discussed the AFT sponsored event. This was a social gathering and the conference room was full.

C. Fall Goals Workshops 10/16 9:30-12 (Campus) 10/20 9:00-11 (Virtual):

October 16th 9:30-12pm. Kim Dudzik spoke with Jessica and there was an idea of infusing town hall into this event. There will be budget presentations and this will set the stage to look at strategic plan and goals. This workshop will have the same format as the past with breakouts. All faculty are encouraged to participate.

Rachel Polakoski asked if there will be professional development credit for attending.

Moriah responded saying yes if faculty are part-time but unfortunately no if faculty are full-time.

D. ISER Training/Accreditation 2026 kickoff Oct. 23:

ISER training flyer. There will be training on the new standards on October 23rd from 1-3:30pm. Kim Dudzik said invitations were sent out to various groups but anyone that is interested can attend. The standards are more focused on outcomes and on showing documentation of processes with less redundancies.

David Lizarraga asked when last accreditation was.

Kim Dudzik responded saying that accreditation was every 7 years but now it's every 8 years.

E. Other:

Senate discussed appointed and un-appointed senators when there is a senator that is habitually absent. There are several seats that need to be filled due to absence.

IV. Action –

A. Curriculum October Board Packet:

Jane Gazale reviewed the October board packet. KUMEY courses are being approved for distance education to match 3 courses so they can be cross listed with BIO. Approval would allow these to be listed.

Motion to approve the October Board Packet. Motion/Second: Moriah Gonzalez-Meeks/Joan Rettinger. Nays: None. Abstentions: Guillermo Colls. **Motion Passes.**

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

A. November Curriculum Board Packet:

Jane Gazale reviewed the November Board Packet. This is a list of everything approved at curriculum from May to October 17 and at the bottom of the packet is the October 17th consent calendar. The KUMEY courses are on this board packet. KUMEY was established as its own program along with its own new descriptor: KUMEY, which has 5 letters. This was given the green light but Curriculum was told later that IT found out they cannot accommodate a 5-character descriptor due to system limitations of some sort. This is unfortunately affecting students directly as we cannot process student transcripts or degree audits. Due to this we need to change KUMEY to KUMY. This issue is time sensitive as these courses are going to be scheduled and need to be approved. Curriculum is asking Academic Senate to suspend the rules and approve this removal of

the E in the descriptor. The goal is to approve this by itself and should not be part of the November board packet. The packet, minus the KUMEY descriptor, will come back for action next meeting.

Motion to suspend the rules. Motion/Second: Rachel Polakoski/Moriah Gonzalez-Meeks.
Nays: None. Abstentions: None. **Motion Passes.**

Motion to approve KUMEY descriptor change to KUMY. Motion/Second:
Moriah Gonzalez-Meeks/Rachel Jacob-Almeida. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. **Motion Passes.**

B. Teaching and Learning Committee Update:

Moriah Gonzalez-Meeks reviewed the update to the teaching and learning committee. There are co-coordinators now that share a reassigned time of .3 each, which is an increase of .1 from last semester. This was not as much as we had hoped but is progress. Unfortunately the hours that were allocated to the VRC tech/admin were reduced and the previous position holder quit. The new VRC tech/admin is Dan Houston who resides in E-109. TLC is asking for patience while Dan is brought up to speed and the committee can catch back up. Emails for professional development and teaching and learning should be sent to Cuyamaca.TeachLearn@gcccd.edu. Part-time faculty professional development deadlines is Nov 10, 2023. The Equity Minded Teaching and Learning Institute from 2018 to present have had 108 participants. Karen Marrujo explained that teaching dialogues were online but will be transitioning to face-to-face. There are currently 3 dates for these teaching dialogues: Thursday, October 19th from 12:30-2:00pm, Wednesday, November 15th from 12:30pm-2:00pm, and Thursday, December 14th from 12:00pm-1:30pm. Moriah discussed THRIVE. The goal is to create connection, community, belonging, and retention. The next joint community event with Grossmont College is on October 26th from 5-7pm at Casa de Pico. Karen Marrujo discussed an upcoming workshop with a focus on burnout recovery, leadership, and innovation. The date of the workshop is to be announced. Moriah Gonzalez discussed the work being put into the 2023-2028 teaching and learning plan. There are various goals for the committee for 23-24 with a document including the full list of the committee work and goals that can be viewed on the Academic Senate webpage. The committee has proposed changes to the TLC charge and composition and additional language being added and/or clarified. Student representatives will be going from 1 to 3 along with other composition changes. These proposed changes will come for a vote next meeting.

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

A. District Participatory Governance:

Manuel discussed the district participatory governance. HR advisory council is an operational council and their first workshop will be the Collegiality in Action: Effective Participation Fundamentals workshop.

B. Collegiality in Action: Effective Participation Fundamentals 10/31 10:00-12:30 (Griffin Gate):

Manuel Mancillas-Gómez reviewed the workshop happening on October 31st from 10:00am-12:30pm. There is a survey that is intended for those who participate in participatory governance. An email reminder will be coming soon. Manuel discussed creating a task force that would start in spring to facilitate implementation.

VII. Vice President Report –

Karen Marrujo gave her vice president's report. Since the last meeting, 3 representatives have been appointed to hiring committees, appointed Debra Hills-Beckwith to the Teaching and Learning Committee. Karen noted that the Academic Senate awards workgroup needs 3 people. Materials are ready and will be going to students about a month before voting. The full document will be available on the Academic Senate webpage.

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

IX. Committee Report –

X. Public Comments – None

Adjourned at 3:33pm