



## ACADEMIC • SENATE

### Minutes

Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

2:00 – 3:45 p.m.

**Present:** Karen Marrujo, Sasha Carter, Dan Curtis, Rita Ghazala, Jane Gazale (as Proxy for Karla Gutierrez), Debra Hills, Amy Huie, Rachel Jacob-Almeida, Raad Jerjis, Sahar King, Kristin McGregor, Jonathan Ng (as Proxy for Rachelle Panganiban), Miriam Simpson, Scott Stambach, Jennifer Tomaschke, Asma Yassi

**Absent:** Hanaa Alkassas, Moriah Gonzalez-Meeks, Karla Gutierrez, Rachelle Panganiban, Joan Rettinger

**Guests:** Johnathan Wesley

**Recorder:** Aiden Lovewell

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1. **Call to Order:** Karen Marrujo, Academic Senate President, called the meeting to order at 2:10pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes: November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024** – Senate reviewed the minutes from November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Senate to approve minutes. **Motion/Second:** Dan Curtis/Sahar King. **Nays:** None. **Abstentions:** Kristin McGregor, Jonathan Ng, Asma Yassi. **Motion Passes.**
3. **Public Comments – None**
4. **Announcements / Spotlights -**
  - A. Fall Into Reading Book Exchange:  
Rita Ghazala shared information on the book exchange event taking place on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11am to 12:30pm in the library. This event is in collaboration with ASG.
  - B. Open Mics:  
Rita shared the open mic event coming up. The final open mic will be on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:45pm in front of the library. Rita encouraged senators to let students know about the event and noted that the last event is usually a bigger event.

C. Children's Art Show Opening Day:

Rita shared information on the Children's Art Show event. Opening day will be Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9am to 12pm in the library. This event is in collaboration with CD and will feature projects from students that were created with children.

D. Winter Multicultural Family Storytime:

Rita shared information on the Winter Multicultural Family Storytime event. The event will take place on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm in the library. Stories will be read in Spanish, English, and Arabic.

E. Last Fall 2024 Academic Senate Meeting:

Karen explained to the senators that the last Academic Senate meeting this semester will be on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. The meeting will be potluck style to celebrate the last meeting and the end of the semester. The Chancellor has confirmed she will be here for the meeting with her team of vice chancellors.

F. Save the Date:

Karen reminded senators to save the date for the Cuyamaca College Council (CCC) meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm with the location TBD. There will be a Facilities Assessment Update, which includes the Building F Migration Plan.

G. Call for Ideas for Academic Senate Spotlight Presentations:

Karen reminded senators that Academic Senate is a great space for sharing any events happening in the community.

H. Other:

Raquel reviewed the information for her book club and if anyone is still interested, there are 20 hours left to download the 10 books that are for free on the website. Hope in the Dark will be the one read for her book club. Raquel encouraged senators to contact her if they are interested.

5. **Action Items –**

A. Cuyamaca College Curriculum December Board Packet Items:

Jane Gazale reviewed the Curriculum December Board Packet Items. This is the same list from last meeting. A few items were pulled for various reasons. Some authors wanted more time to work on further edits. ETHN 162 was pulled to be worked on further for Area 6 approval. ENGR 101 and the Civil Engineering degree were pulled for further edits. Both will come back in the spring. The last Curriculum meeting was November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Raquel asked if GEND 119 is the only gender studies course and Jane explained that there is another GEND course. Raquel followed up by asking if there is a program to go with the GEND courses yet and Jane noted that there is not a program yet. This course is cross listed with a PSY course.

Senate to approve the Curriculum December Board Packet Items with changes. **Motion/Second:** Rachel Jacob-Almeida/Rita Ghazala. **Nays:** None. **Abstentions:** Asma Yassi. **Motion Passes.**

B. Department Chair RT Proposal:

Miriam Simpson reviewed the Department Chair RT Proposal. No changes were made. Karen noted that we are hoping to partner with Grossmont College and any updates from those conversations with come back to this Senate for review. We are seeking a shared proposal to go forward to the union. Karen thanked Miriam for doing this work.

Senate to approve the Department Chair RT Proposal. **Motion/Second:** Miriam Simpson/Asma Yassi. **Nays:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Motion Passes.**

C. BPs and APs Currently Under Review in SISC:

Karen Marrujo reviewed the BPs and Aps that are currently under review in SISC. Three were highlighted as being under AS purview. Jane noted that it is not currently clear on the curriculum aspect/purview either. Hopefully we will have more guidance by the next AS meeting. Jane explained that we don't think the intention is to vote on the changes but rather to get feedback. These are sent to different groups to get feedback as subject matter experts might notice something to change. Anything that's not 10+1 they just want us to know about them but the faculty purview ones would need to be voted on, no clear process as a district or as an Academic Senate in regard to BPs and related APs. Jane cautioned on voting them through as a batch, 4103 and another one have some issues. Miriam noticed large changes being made, not just wordsmithing. These impact how students interact with the college and with the district. Miriam advised sending these out to constituent groups with context and highlighting important components for feedback. Miriam gave context as to what BPs and APs are. Raad asked what the process was for getting BPs updated. Karen explained that there is a review cycle that was in SISC but SISC is behind. Jane noted that CCLC reviews for legal language to align us with Title V.

Senate to approve the BPs and Aps as a batch. **Motion/Second:** Amy Huie/Dan Curtis. **Nays:** None. **Abstentions:** Asma Yassi. **After discussion, Academic Senate decided to motion to table the BPs and APs so constituents can have more time to review.**

Senate to table the BPs and APs. **Motion/Second:** Kristin McGregor/Dan Curtis. **Nays:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Motion Passes.**

6. **Committee Reports –**

A. Updates from Curriculum:

Jane Gazale shared her updates from the Curriculum Committee. Curriculum had their last meeting for the semester. Submitted all curriculum from the October 16<sup>th</sup> deadline. Everything else will be looked at in February. January 22<sup>nd</sup> is the tentative date faculty will need to submit curriculum for the March board packet and will go in the 25-26 catalog. The final date will depend on the board meeting dates.

B. Additional Committee Updates:

None.

7. **Information Items (First reads and updates for future action items) –**

A. Updates from Dr. Johnathan Wesley, Int. Dean of Student Success and Equity:

Karen invited Johnathan Wesley. Dr. Wesley will be leaving at the end of the semester. Karen wanted to give us a chance as faculty to hear from Dr. Wesley one more time this semester and to wish Dr. Wesley well.

Raquel shared when she met Dr. Wesley at fall convocation. Raquel was very excited for his hiring and to have him here on campus and shared her sadness that our college couldn't keep him here. She is hopeful for Dr. Wesley's future and is wishing him the best.

Amy Huie shared that, as a mother to a child that is transgender and a student here on campus, it meant a lot to attend the queer event that was hosted and expressed her appreciation for Dr. Wesley. Amy noted that Dr. Wesley made the campus spaces more inclusive in his short time and thanked him for his work.

Miriam recognized that the necessary resources to support Dr. Wesley's position aren't being allocated and expressed her apologies. This role needs more support to do this essential work.

Dr. Wesley thanked everyone for sharing and for inviting them to this space. He also shared his excitement for the possibilities of this college and thanked the great colleagues that have been supportive. There are people that don't know what happens in the centers because they don't go to these spaces and noted that it is crucial to have people running these spaces for our students. The farewell party for Dr. Wesley will be on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am to 1pm possibly in the E building. Dr. Wesley also noted that on December 9<sup>th</sup> there is a drag show called Slay in I-207, 208, and 209 taking place from 5:30pm to 8pm.

Academic Senate expressed concerns over these continuing issues. This is a deep rooted issue at our college and we need to address it.

**B. Updates to the Strategic Enrollment Management Committee (SEMC) proposed charge and composition:**

Karen shared an update on the SEMC proposed charge and composition. No new updates from last week. This time slot was being reserved just in case there was an update. The proposal will be coming to CCC on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

**C. Review Role of Faculty in Budget Development:**

Karen Marrujo discussed the role of faculty in budget development. Budget affects everything at our college and we need to engage in our role as faculty when it comes to budget. Karen shared slides from the presentation she attended at Plenary and an overview document related to faculty role in budget as a resource. This was shared with the President and the VP of administrative services. Miriam noted that we need a guidebook on what to look for and what information we need to have in our roles and that onboarding would be extremely helpful.

**8. President's Report –**

Karen Marrujo shared her president's report and gave a reminder on her office hours. Touched on who has the final decision on appointments to short-term non-teaching tasks. Admin and Senate currently disagree on who has purview but discussions are ongoing.

**9. Vice President's Report –**

Raquel noted that there are no new appointments.

**10. Part-time Faculty Report – None**

**11. Adjourn –**

Meeting adjourned at 3:42pm.