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Minutes

Thursday, November 13th, 2025
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Karen Marrujo, Elizabeth Fontaine (as proxy for Fabienne Bouton), Bri Brown, Dan Curtis, Frantz Farreau, Nancy Bahena (as proxy for Moriah Gonzalez-Meeks), Debra Hills, Amy Huie, Octavio Leal, Rachel Polakoski, Joan Rettinger, Wayne Ross, Miriam Simpson, Christopher Torres, Heidi Wilson, Asma Yassi

Absent: Fabienne Bouton, Rita Ghazala, Moriah Gonzalez-Meeks, Karla Gutierrez, Rachelle Panganiban

Guests: Annalinda Arroyo, Mary Graham, Jessica Robinson

Recorder: Aiden Lovewell

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1. **Call to Order** – Karen Marrujo, the Academic Senate President, called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

2. **Introductions –** None

3. **Public Comments** – None

4. **Announcements** –

   A. Women's Volleyball:
   Karen shared the women's volleyball event. Tomorrow, November 14th, is Sophomore Night. This night celebrates our sophomore student-athletes and we want a strong faculty presence.

B. The Settlers film screening:
Karen shared information on the film screening for *The Settlers*. The screening will be on the 19th at 5pm. The film takes a look at what's been happening on the West Bank. Food will be provided in meal portions at 5pm with the film starting at 5:30ish. This is all being organized by Cuyamaca Voices for Palestine.

C. Academic Senate Election:
Karen shared information on the Academic Senate election this semester. The elections are happening now and Bri Brown encouraged everyone to vote. The voting window closes this Monday at 5pm.

D. Academic Rank Workgroup Meeting:
Karen shared information on the Academic Rank Workgroup. We have one member so far but we need 5. There are two up for professor emeriti and one for professor. We want to get this done as soon as possible so it can be approved and sent to the board in time for their first board meeting next semester.

E. Other:
Mary Graham shared that, for the first time, tutoring is sponsoring two Saturdays. This Saturday and one in December. The flyer will be shared on the AS website.

Octavio Leal shared a flyer with senators and it will be shared on the AS website as well.

5. **Adoption of Unanimous Consent Items** – *Grouped items for unanimous approval or endorsement without discussion. Any item can be pulled from unanimous consent. In the case an item is pulled, it will be individually considered later in the meeting under "Action Items."*

A. Approval of 10-23-2025 Minutes:
The Senate reviewed the minutes from 10-23-2025.

6. **Action Items –**

A. Items pulled from Unanimous Consent:
None

7. **Information Items** –

A. Updates from Cuyamaca College President Dr. Jessica Robinson:
President Robinson shared updates with senators. For the current faculty hiring ranked list, 1-4 are in recruitment right now. There were off-cycle request for Auto and Biology on numbers 5 and 6. These will be moving forward, and callouts will follow. Kim Dudzik is retiring at the end of this semester and DSPS specialist Beth Viersen retired. There have been conversations for a while about restructuring the DSPS position into a director's position and that is now the plan. If all goes well, the

recruitment for a DSPS Director position will happen in the spring. In this case, we would go back to the list to hire another faculty member.

After the 5th time, we finally have a Wastewater Management faculty. CIS Cyber has been hired and we are close to the final approval for a Computer Science faculty member. Final interviews for the Dean of Counseling closed last week and hopefully there will be an announcement soon.

There is a task force working with the VPAS on the food options for our campus. The senators made a few recommendations for how to get some student feedback.

B. <u>Cuyamaca College Council (CCC) 2025/2026 Goals Form</u>:
Tabled.

C. <u>Distance Education (DE) & Online Teaching and Learning Committee (OTLC) updates:</u>
Bri Brown shared updates with senators. Bri shared various DE slides and statistics. These slides are available on the Academic Senate webpage. Bri shared slides on the DE vision for where we are, what is needed, and where we are going, our goals for 2022-2028, the challenges being faced, and action steps.

D. <u>Online Teaching and Learning Committee Goals:</u>
Bri Brown covered some of the goals in the 'C' minute notes. The slides are available on the AS website.

E. <u>Facilities and Sustainability Committee (FSPC) revised Charge and Composition:</u>
Tabled.

F. <u>Student Printer Options Taskforce:</u>
Mary Graham shared updates on the taskforce. Currently, we use Wepa. The experience so far with paid printing has been very unsatisfying. There's no cash option. After a year and a half of this taskforce meeting to make recommendations, the majority of Grossmont's issues have been resolved, but ours haven't. There are a few places where students can do some free printing. The goal is to centralize the printing options for students and figure out the funding around it to offer the best service possible.

G. <u>Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Curriculum Process to Allow for Math 171 as Appropriate Placement to MATH 180 (Math C2210):</u>
Annalinda Arroyo shared context. We phased out pre-calculus. There is now a 4-unit course to prepare students for Calculus 1, Math 171. Grossmont didn't codify the prerequisite into to their Calculus 1 course. Students have been taking this course but have not been able to use this to get into Calculus 1. Rachel Polakoski said that both math departments approve of using MATH 171 as a prerequisite. The senators discussed how exactly this should be approached as the governing body of Curriculum. The senators discussed wording for the resolution and the timelines that

would require this to get moved to Academic Senate quickly.

H. Strategic Enrollment Management Committee (SEMC) Charge and Composition revisions:
Miriam Simpson shared the updates to the charge and composition for SEMC. There was a suggestion to add the Vice President of Student Services as a member. The VPSS was already a resource and they were attending all of the meeting already but this change feels appropriate. This was previously endorsed by AS already but due to the change, we will need to endorse it again.

I. Updates regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between GCCCD and NU:
Karen gave an update on the MOU. We are currently working to meet as a campus and then as a district to finalize the protocols for MOUs in the future. There is a draft in the works. Elizabeth Fontaine asked if this has a timeline for being signed as this could affect some current students. Karen said we're not sure yet but asked Elizabeth to email her the question and the specific situation the students are in so she can dig deeper and give a better answer.

J. Reminder: Faculty Feedback Needed: Academic Calendar:
Karen, if you do have feedback send it ASAP. There will be an update at the next meeting.

K. Proposed revisions to the Cuyamaca College Academic Senate Constitution and Bylaws:
Karen noted that this a continuous thing and we are still waiting for feedback.

8. Reports –

A. Updates from Curriculum:
None.

B. Additional Committee Updates:
None.

C. Academic Senate President's Report:
None.

D. Vice President's Report:
The official VP report is linked in the agenda and on the Academic Senate website.

E. Part-Time Faculty Report:
None.

F. Other:
None.

9. **Adjourn** – Karen Marrujo adjourned the meeting at 3:54pm.