

Academic Senate Approved Minutes April 10, 2023

Meeting called to order at 2:10 p.m.

Roll call

Voltaire Villanueva (President)	4601
Jordan Fong (Executive Vice President)	4601
Eric Kuehnl (Vice President of Curriculum)	online
Robert Cormia (Secretary/Treasurer)	4601

APPR

Brian Murphy	(absent)
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BSS:

Mona Rawal	4601
Brian Evans	4601

CNSL:

Leticia Serna	4601
Tracee Cunningham	4601

DRC/VRC:

Mayra Palmerin-Aguilera	online
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FA/Comm

Ché Meneses	4601
Kate Jordahl	Zoom

HSH:

vacant
vacant

KA:

Rita O'Loughlin	(online)
Katy Ripp	(absent)

LA:

Stephanie Chan	4601
Rocio Giraldez Betron	online

LRC:

Kimberly Escamilla	online
Mary Thomas	4601

STEM:

Matthew Litrus	(Zoom)
Rosa Nguyen	(Zoom)

PT Reps:

Ellen Judd 4601
Roxanne Cnudde absent

Other Members:

ASFC:

Skye Bridges 4601

Classified:

Adiel Velasquez (online)

FacAssoc:

John Fox 4601

Prof. Dev.:

Carolyn Holcroft 4601

Chair of COOL:

Allison Linkiet 4601

Dean of Equity:

Ajani Byrd absent

President's Cabinet:

Kurt Hueg absent

Quorum is made

Adoption of the agenda - President Whalen will arrive ~ 2:50 p.m. The agenda was adopted by consensus (Leti Serna first, Tracee Cunningham second).

Public comment - none

Approval of March 20, 2023 Minutes approved, Rosa and Brian abstained (John Fox first, Jordan Fong second)

Consent calendar - Rita O'Loughlin KA Executive committee

David Marasco suggested that since HSH was formed, PSME should be changed to STEM

Mary Thomas first, Stephanie Chan second; consent calendar was approved by consensus

Skip over items 7 and 8 and discuss the Brown Act

We're trying to align ourselves with the District. One of the challenges with the Brown Act has been meeting quorum. The COVID emergency Act has expired. Voltaire spoke about the requirement to post an address where a member resides. A voting member needs to be

physically present in order for their vote to count, unless, post a physical address. Voltaire commented on the importance of establishing quorum for our actionable business to be official.

Ellen commented that a large number of adjunct faculty teach online, how can P/T faculty attend if we don't have Zoom attendance available? Cormia commented that Zoom is and will be available. If a proxy is required, please let us know at least by the night before the scheduled meeting.

We went through a number of scenarios involving proxy voting, remote attendance, and locations that might not be in our District. Ellen asked how we can modify the Brown Act? Voltaire commented that we need to use our voice en masse to have the Brown Act amended.

Ché discussed the reason beyond the Brown Act, making public business transparent.

Item #11 District Academic Senate at De Anza College. There was a review of the J1 evaluation, and a recommendation was made to strike the "exceeds expectations", but De Anza College voted to keep the "exceeds expectations". A joint session will be convened next Monday, April 17 by District Academic Senate President Kathryn Mauer to come to a consensus on a position from both senate bodies.

Kate mentioned that detailed information was provided at the last meeting, and how should the content and spirit of that discussion be provided for the J1 meeting? John Fox commented that ANSI was a standard, and there was concern that "exceeds expectations could become a new standard" (Foothill). De Anza wanted the "exceeds expectations" so that a "higher performance can be recognized". David commented that the J1 doesn't become a point of focus for probationary candidates doing well, but could matter for others. John commented that one of the points of the J1 is to record and acknowledge excellent performance. Kate further added that if anyone has ever been on the side of a candidate who needed support, that if there is an "exceeds expectations", it could bring problems for candidates in the future. Ché commented that perhaps we could find a place other than a J1 to record excellence in teaching. Voltaire commented that if we don't remove the "exceed expectations, it may be difficult to provide feedback to candidates without an "exceed expectations". Voltaire asked that these voices become part of written communications to him and Jordan at the J1 District meeting. Ellen commented that the J1 applies to all faculty, including P/T faculty preference for rehire. Voltaire asked that these voices be made.

Voltaire introduced Dr. Kristina Whalen, our new Foothill College president. Kristina commented about places on campus she's already visited a number of places on campus, including the library. She's eager to meet faculty and staff with all degrees of tenure and experience in the College. She commented that she's had a great onboarding process with Bernadine Fong. Kristina mentioned the institutional self-evaluation, and how Bernadine mentioned that we need to get going on the educational masterplan. Ellen Judd introduced herself, followed by introductions for all the senators, Stephanie Chan, John Fox, Allison Linkiet Meezan (COOL), Brian Evans, Mina Rawal, Skye Bridges, Che Meneses (mention of post pandemic technology).

Mary Thomas, Carolyn Holcroft (Professional development). Jordan Fong, Leticia Serna, Robert Cormia (Secretary-treasurer), Voltaire Villeneuve (President), Kate Jordahl, Eric Kuehnel (music and outgoing co-chair of curriculum), Adiel Velasquez (Classified Senate President) Rosa Nguyen (chemistry), Matthew Litrin (math), Rita O'Loughlin (KA). Ellen Judd introduced P/T faculty, and mentioned that the P/T roster is ~ 300 faculty. Michael Chang (Incoming P/T rep) Kate Thornton (classified). Faculty from semiconductors, a faculty now teaching a health class. Vijay (chemistry tutor in the LRC) Lynette Vega (community based programs and adaptive learning). Other P/T rep is Roxanne Cnudde), and David Marasco (senator emeritus, physics), and the student trustee for ASFC.

Took an intermission from 3:10 to 3:30 p.m. to socialize, and allow Kristina to meet members and attendees of the Senate.

Item #12 - program definitions

AVPi Ram Subramaniam - Ram talked about the Title V definition of what a program is. Program reviews are done by the STEM Center, Library, etc. We want to have a definition of what a program is, so we can all be on the same page. David commented that any department that offers classes is a program and should be doing a program review. Ram commented that anyone that wants to improve should be doing a program review. Allison mentioned online learning is starting to look into a program review. Allison asked what is the goal of what we're doing right here? We had a document that was titled "draft definitions of program". Voltaire commented about "honors" and what is a program? Ram mentioned that we're finishing up a 5-year cycle on program review and should be thinking about the next 5 years. Ram suggested we take a step back and ask a more fundamental question about improvement, what are we doing well, how do we work better? Rosa asked Ram, if there are new programs that don't fall under the new cycle? Ram commented that we won't change the order of programs currently with a 5-year review cycle. Rosa clarified that she was asking about programs that we haven't reviewed before. Ram responded that "study abroad" might be a new program. Voltaire suggested that we should all go back to our divisions and not only look at the two. Voltaire commented that we don't have a meeting scheduled for next week, so this conversation should come back in May (May 1st meeting, we will vote and decide on definitions of what a program is.)

Item #13 Senate elections committee. Mary mentioned that we had three positions for next year and only one qualified candidate for each position (VP curriculum (Benjamin Kaupp, TTW), Executive VP etc (Patrick Morris, math), Michael Chang P/T faculty rep (adjunct in Business). Motion to vote by acclamation (Mary Thomas, Ellen Judd) were voted in by acclamation.

Item #14 ASCCC resolutions -

Voltaire brought up 6.02. and read the resolves.

Low textbook cost and legislation was another resolution of note. Voltaire will vote on April 22nd. Provide any other constituent feedback on matters important to your constituents.

Leadership reports:

Voltaire Villanueva mentioned that De Anza is considering a complete smoking ban, but how would that impact both campuses. There was a brief discussion of the Foothill no-smoking policy.

The meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m. Next meeting is May 1st.