

SCC Academic Senate Minutes - APPROVED

March 7, 2017 1:30 – 3:00 A-211

Senators Present

Leonor Aguilera
Denise Bailey
Nena Baldizon-Rios
Cari Cannon
Phillip Crabill
Shawn Cummins
Steven Deeley
Lisa Dela Cusack
Alicia Frost
Scott Howell
Jared Kubicka-Miller
Eden Quimzon
Stephen Reed
Andy Salcido
Randy Scott
Christine Umali Kopp
Jeffrey Wada

Senate Executive Board

President Michael DeCarbo
Vice President Mary Mettler
CIC Chair Joyce Wagner
Secretary/Treasurer Mike Taylor

Senators Absent

Shelby Clatterbuck
Nancy Parent
Barbara Sproat

Guests

Abdul Isira
Joseph Alonzo
Melissa Shirah
Narges Rabii

II. Approval of the minutes

1. Approval of the minutes from the February 21, 2017 senate meeting (Deeley/Kubicka-Miller). Passed, no dissent.

III. Public Comments

1. Professor Baldizon-Rios mentioned that the EOPS Feedback Form is coming and asked professors to complete the form and gave thanks for the participation.
2. Joseph Alonzo mentioned that the transfer success center and Equity will be offering an information session for transferring to historically black colleges and universities on Thursday, March 9 at 1:30.

IV. Board reports

President:

1. College Council reviewed the surveys from all committees (including senate) and found that the channels of communication are available, just underutilized.
2. PIE determined the administrator is responsible for moving forward resource requests that come from committees.
3. Professor John Smith was awarded with a FACCT award of achievement.
4. EMPC: The faculty vision and core value statement is dated 2011. Motion to remove the 2011 date from the Core Values Statement (Cummins/ Reed), no dissent.
5. Community Science Night is March 24, 2017.

Vice President:

1. Executive elections: Mary Mettler will serve as the Vice President and Mike Taylor will serve as the Secretary/Treasurer for 2017/2018.
2. Senator elections are coming and shall be run by the senators. Business/CTE has one 2-year position. Continuing Ed as two positions, one 1-year and one 2-year. Humanities and Social Science has four positions, three 2-year and one 1-year. Counseling has one 2-year position. Math and Sciences has three 2-year positions.

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Secretary/Treasurer

1. SAC Academic Senate reported that SAC will be participating in the Guided Pathways Project. They are preparing a resolution to provide a safe space for critical inquiry for all students, similar to what SCC passed at the end of Fall 2016. Senate President Jones would also like to have a conversation with the SAC senate regarding academic freedom.

CIC

1. After a meeting with SAC, some minor revisions were made to the Academic Renewal without Course Repetition form that the Senate had approved last semester.
2. Prerequisite waiver process under revision.
3. Assessment: not all programs (award a degree or certificate) have been assessed. Response needs to be done by the end of April. Information will be sent out by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment.
4. Enrollment management meeting next week.

V. ASG

1. No Report

VI. Action Items (first readings)

1. Resolution S2017.1 – Adoption of the Revised Hiring Process and Request Form (DeCarbo/Mettler)

Discussion: No changes to the process of asking for a position. The timeline has changed to reflect current practice. Statement added for the deans, who may request faculty to pursue a position that has yet to be identified by faculty. For the next Faculty Hiring Process, the official Forced Ranking Sheet may be sent in as an attachment to the senate email and will count so long as it comes from an SCC faculty email address.

2. Resolution S2017.2 – Creation of the Faculty Tenure and Evaluation Process Task Force (Dela Cusack/Bailey)

Discussion: Contract side: Much of the contract is old and should be rewritten to reflect a much larger and diverse faculty. The tenure review process and hiring process is a union issue under Education Code. The union is legally bound to defend the faculty member in the tenure review process. Changes need to go through both senates, then can be brought to the union. Training for the faculty is forthcoming for Title 9, EEO training, and evaluation/tenure training. No faculty can serve on a tenure review committee without the upcoming training. It was mentioned for the senators to think about who should be represented on the Tenure Philosophy taskforce (faculty only). It was suggested that a non-tenured faculty be a member of the taskforce.

3. Resolution S2017.3 – Creation of the Academic Freedom Task Force (Wada/Crabbill)

Discussion: The taskforce will investigate if a statement of philosophy for academic freedom shall be prepared and if so, where it should be housed; findings to be presented on May 2, 2017.

VII. Signature Program: Student Endeavors – Athletics

1. Update of what is happening in the Athletics Department:
Fall sports
 - 21 wins for women's soccer, honors for players and coaches.
 - Men's soccer brought in a new coach, had honors for players.
 - Women's volleyball had players with honors.

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- Cross-county qualified for regional champs in both men and women. Many honors for both men and women.

Spring sports

- Softball is in their 2017 season after being the champions last year.
- Men's volleyball is 7 games in.

Future

- Men's basketball will be a winter sport, team is being built now.

2. Assistance from faculty:

- A. A request was made for increased faculty attendance. Soccer has home games on Tuesday and Friday. Volleyball, basketball, and softball has Wednesday and Friday games in winter and spring. It was suggested that a particular game could be promoted to encourage maximum attendance.
- B. A request was made for faculty to be flexible with student athlete schedule changes due to re-scheduled games.
- C. Support the resource allocation process for support positions, our athletic department is working with a limited staff.

VIII. Discussion items

1. Senate Scholarship Awarding Process

- Historically the Senate Executives have gone through the applications and awarded the scholarships.
- President DeCarbo is asking for senators from the different divisions to volunteer to participate in the application review and award of the scholarships
- Thank you to professors Umali-Kopp, Baldizon-Rios, Cummins, and Dela Cusack whom volunteered to participate.

2. Faculty Association of the Rancho Santiago Community College District

- Not much can be discussed since FARSCCD signed a confidentiality agreement with the mediator.
- FARSCCD is asking faculty to attend the board meetings, wearing a black shirt.
- Next meeting with the mediator will be March 28.
- Major hang-up is the district wants to adjust the 10% health insurance escalator clause to 6%, whereas FARSCCD does not want the escalator clause adjusted (in order to remain equitable with the Board of Trustees and to protect the faculty in case of an increase in health care costs).

IX. Moved to adjourn (Deeley/Baldizon-Rios). Passed, no dissent.