

SCC Academic Senate Minutes - APPROVED
September 5, 2017 1:30 – 3:00 A-211

Senators Present

Emma Breeden
Ricardo Chavez
Phillip Crabill
Cale Crammer
Steven Deeley
Shawn Cummins
Alicia Frost
Alana Gates
Song Graham
Scott Howell
Vanessa Jones
Jared Kubicka-Miller
Daniel Oase
Eden Quimzon
Andy Salcido
Randy Scott
Shereen Siddiqui
Barbara Sproat
Christine Umali-Kopp
Jeffrey Wada

ASG

Joseph Lanning
Yasmine Lahdab

Senate Executive Board Present

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

Senators Absent

Nena Baldizon-Rios
Lisa Dela Cusack

Guests

Joseph Alonzo
Darlene Diaz

II. Approval of the Minutes

1. Approval of the minutes from the May 30, 2017 senate meeting (Deeley/Quimzon). Passed, no dissent.
2. Approval of the minutes from the August 24, 2017 senate retreat (Frost/Kubicka-Miller). Passed, no dissent.

III. Public Comments

1. Professor Frost mentioned a concern from the Math and Science division about classes being scheduled outside the block; Professors Wada and Cummins echoed this concern.
2. Professor Scott asked for the clock in the senate meeting room A-211 to be fixed.
3. Joseph Alonzo announced the Hawk's Nest food pantry will open on September 14, starting at 9am with a ribbon cutting ceremony and then officially opening at 9:15am. Those attending will be asked to leave before the 9:15am opening to protect the anonymity of those using the pantry. The pantry will be open every 2 weeks. Joseph also mentioned that on October 5, Dr. Laura Rendon will be having sessions on Student Development and Validation Theory, with one session for students and another for faculty.
4. Professor Siddiqui brought up the recent announcement about DACA and that impacted students are very concerned. She also mentioned that other students were heard taunting chants. Professor Mettler mentioned the state chancellor gave a comment of support for these students.
5. Professor Taylor mentioned that the Astronomy department is accepting used solar eclipse glasses for donation towards Astronomers Without Borders, an organization that donates astronomy-related equipment to people around the world. He also mentioned that an email is forthcoming regarding Community Science Night and that volunteers and activities are needed. Finally, Professor Taylor mentioned that there is concern among faculty that the new layout for publications is inefficient and makes it more difficult for Raye Sanchez to do her job.

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IV. AS Executive Board Reports

President:

1. Trustees Yarbrough and Hernandez are spearheading a national effort to protect DACA students, any comments and concerns in support for DACA students can be submitted to them so they can advocate at the national level.
2. Faculty, please submit uncompensated hours worked over summer and what they were for to President DeCarbo to be included in his next board report; please submit by Friday, September 8.
3. The Alumni Art Show will be September 7 from 4-6pm.
4. The Holiday Showcase is on November 18; the Irvine Orchestra will be performing.
5. Community Science Night will be held on March 23.

Vice President:

1. At the last Board of Trustees meeting, the newly-hired faculty were introduced and multiple faculty made public comments about the latest contract proposal from the district. Chancellor Rodriguez was pleased that we ended the year with a balanced budget. The Chancellor also mentioned that he wants employees from the district not to attend conferences occurring in states that do not support LGBTQI.
2. News on the 2017-2018 faculty hire requests: data will be sent to departments that requested them by September 9. Make sure to follow the deadlines for submitting your requests.

Secretary/Treasurer

1. Senate handbooks were delivered to the new senators.

CIC

1. Curriculum will be based on 54 hours now instead of the 48 hours we have been following. Course outlines are being changed; impacted departments will be contacted.
2. Discussion on adding a catalog addendum for allowing courses to be offered sooner than the current approval process takes is under consideration.

V. ASG Report

1. ASG is looking for a headquarters where officers can discuss issues.
2. ASG looking to get a Guided Pathways representative; currently it is Joseph Lanning.
3. Results from the Town Hall survey are available, contact Yasmine Lahdab for more information.

VI. Action Items

First Reading

1. Resolution F2017.1 – Affirmation of Changes to the Santiago Canyon College Mission Statement (DeCarbo/Mettler)

Discussion: There is a proposal to change some of the wording in the SCC mission statement. One such change would be to replace “transferable” with “applicable.” A second proposal is to add “courses, certificates, and degrees that are” after “providing” in the last statement. The last statement would then read “We are committed to maintaining standards of excellence and providing courses, certificates, and degrees that are accessible, applicable, and engaging to a diverse community.” Comments included moving “to our diverse community” after the word “providing”.

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2. Resolution F2017.2 – Approval of the 2017-2020 Santiago Canyon College Technology Plan (Taylor/Deeley)

Discussion: President DeCarbo is asking that the technology plan be divided among the senators for review. Senators are being asked to review and comment on these pages and be prepared to present the findings at our next senate meeting on September 19th.

- **Pages 5-9:** Senators Breeden, Cramer, Quimzon, Deeley, and Baldizon-Rios
- **Pages 9-11:** Senators Dela Cusack, Cummins, Oase, Kubicka-Miller, and Crabill
- **Pages 12-16:** Senators Siddiqui, Frost, Chavez, and Graham
- **Pages 16-20:** Senators Scott, Howell, Gates, and Salcido
- **Pages 21-25:** Senators Umali-Kopp, Jones, Sproat, and Wada

Second Reading

1. Resolution S2017.10 – Adoption of the Academic Freedom Task Force Recommendations (Howell/Umali-Kopp)

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote: Passed, no dissent.

VII. Discussion Items

1. Changes to ACCJC Processes

- A. Proposal regarding standards: To use SLO's as a part of evaluating faculty and administrators. The new proposal is to review and change the standards from every 10 years to every 8 years and that changes can be made in between. Senators expressed concerns about ACCJC being able to make changes whenever they want.
- B. Proposal to change section II.A.2: Altering the wording dealing with faculty ensuring methods of instruction meet the accepted academic and professional standards and expectations and striking III.A.6 entirely.

2. 2017-2018 Academic Senate Goals

- A. Interactive discussion on the senate goals for the 2017-2018 academic year. Areas of interest include accreditation, communication across the governance structure, credit by exam, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the union, signature programs, definition of a program, academic calendar, scheduling, and the website being ADA compliant. Senators are being asked to solicit feedback from their constituents and bring results back by September 15th so we can discuss at our next senate meeting.

3. Signature Program Promotion

- A. Forensics applied for a grant and was declined. So, forensics is not being offered as a course nor are they travelling to events for the next academic year. This is an issue because forensics is a signature program under Student Endeavors and was voted to be one of the programs to be promoted this year.
- B. Proposal to change the order of when the signature programs are promoted. Question: should Model United Nations be moved to the #2 slot and therefore be promoted, while Forensics be moved to #3 and not be promoted this year. It was determined that this will be postponed to the next meeting.
- C. Honors Program, Robotics, and STARS are also to be promoted. Besides inviting these programs to present who they are to senate, how else can they be promoted?
- D. Question as to whether a payroll deduction could be instituted to support our signature programs. More to come on this.

VIII. Moved to adjourn (Kubicka-Miller/Deeley). Passed, no dissent.