

**SCC Academic Senate Business Meeting Minutes – FINAL**  
**April 20, 2021, 1:30-3:15 pm, ConferZoom**

**Senators Present**

Castellanos, Ralph  
Chavez, Ricardo  
Crabill, Phil  
Cummins, Shawn  
Dela Cusack, Lisa  
Gonzalez, Sara  
Govea, Melissa  
Graham, Song  
Henry, Amanda  
James, Scott  
Johnson, Kim  
Kramer, Jessica  
Salcido, Andrew  
VanDyke-Kao, Rita

**SCC-AS Executive Board Present**

Rutan, Craig, President  
Taylor, Mike, Vice President  
Scott, Randy, Secretary/Treasurer  
Evet, Corinna, CIC Chair

**Senators Absent**

Aguilera, Leonor  
Danova, Veselka  
Gates, Alana  
Gutierrez, Erika  
Murphy, Ryan  
Oase, Daniel  
Umali Kopp, Christine  
Valdos, Yanina

**ASG Representative**

**Guests**

Brown, Thurman  
Gutierrez, Erika  
Isbell, James  
Proppe, Jean  
Siddiqui, Sheeren  
Smith, Mark  
Stringer, Martin  
Voelcker, Aaron  
Wagner, Joyce

**I. Welcome**

Santiago Canyon College Academic Senate (SCC-AS) President Craig Rutan called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, 20 April, 2021.

**II. Public Comments**

Senator Lisa Dela Cusack reminded the SCC-AS that voting for the SCC Faculty Excellence award is ongoing. Ballots were distributed via email.

Senator Song Graham informed the SCC-AS that the Counseling Department has decided to rename itself to better reflect what they actually do for students. The new name will be Counseling and Career Development. Senator Phil Crabill pointed out that this name change does not affect the senator apportionment.

Senator Rita VanDyke-Kao discussed the myriad of challenges that are faced on a daily basis by adjunct faculty. Senator VanDyke-Kao encouraged the senators to visit [CTA.org/takeaction](http://CTA.org/takeaction) to read and sign the “Equal Pay for Equal Work for California Community College Faculty” petition.

Senator Shawn Cummins announced that Grace Chen is the recipient of the 2020-2021 SCC-AS Scholarship.

SCC Faculty member Sheeren Siddiqui commented on the email voting faux pas that was evident during the CIC chair election and called for a new process with reduced chance of errors that may sway an election one way or another.

### **III. Approval of the Minutes**

30 March, 2021 approved unanimously. (Moved by Taylor, seconded by Evett.)

### **IV. SCC-AS Executive Board Reports**

#### **SCC-AS President Rutan**

SCC-AS President Rutan updated the SCC-AS on the SCC President search. At the March 30 SCC-AS meeting it was announced that there would be a public forum for the three candidates, but RSCCD Chancellor Martinez moved the interview dates up to April 7, 2021, necessitating the cancellation of the forum. Two of the three candidates had already been offered positions, so it became crucial that the interviews and remaining steps in the hiring process be completed as quickly as possible.

Darlene Diaz was elected curriculum chair. Her 3-year term begins on July 1, 2021. SCC-AS President Rutan expressed his hope that runner-up Erika Gutierrez would serve as co-chair.

SCC-AS President Rutan announced that the SCC-AS Executive Board had selected Tara Kubika-Miller to be Secretary/Treasurer for the 2021-2022 academic year. Both Kubika-Miller and Senator Jessica Kramer will be attending the ASCCC Leadership Training in June 2021.

SCC has announced that there will be a live, in-person, commencement to be held at Angel Stadium on June 14, 2021. Graduates from 2020 and 2021 will be honored.

The RSCCD Fiscal Resources Committee will be meeting on April 21, 2021 and a vote is expected on the question to change the Budget Allocation Model (BAM). President Rutan expressed his belief that there will be no change in the BAM, and thus the state

apportionment that comes to the district will continue to be allocated to the two colleges as it has in the past: in proportion to the schools' FTES shares and without regard to the State's current hold-harmless budget standing.

Senator Christine Umali Kopp will be presenting *Exploring Our Cultural Identities: Worldview, Power & Intersectionality* on April 22, 2021 in conjunction with the RSCCD Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

*Shakespeare in the Park* is back for 2021! This Bard-tastic fest will be held via Zoom and rumors have it that SCC VP of Academic Affairs Martin Stringer will be donating an authentic English accent. The scheduled "Who's the better Englishman: Newton or Shakespeare?" arm-wrestling competition featuring Professor Rutan vs Professor Evett had to be postponed when Winston Churchill filed a formal protest.

### **SCC-AS Vice President Taylor**

SCC-AS Vice President Taylor announced the new senators for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.

Business & Career Education: Andrew Salcido  
Continuing Education: Rita VanDyke-Kao  
Counseling & Student Services: Song Graham  
Humanities and Social Sciences: Ryan Murphy and Scott Howell  
Mathematics & Sciences: Shawn Cummins and Alicia Frost  
Adjunct: Margie Snow & Ricardo Chavez

### **SCC-AS Secretary/Treasurer Scott**

SCC-AS Secretary/Treasurer Scott had no report.

### **CIC Chair Evett**

CIC Chair Evett described her terrific experience with breakout sessions at the ASCCC Plenary.

At the most recent CIC meeting, the first read of the curriculum cultural audit was held, class capacity task force was created, and the first read of updated SCC Reading Proficiency standards was held, along with 46 other pieces of curriculum on first read.

CIC Chair Evett reminded the Senate that CURRICULUM IS #1 of 10 + 1! (Emphasis emphasized by Secretary/Treasurer Scott.)

## **V. SAC and ASG Report**

SAC-AS President-Elect Jim Isbell reported that the SAC-AS is reviewing their Senate bylaws and that one of the items up for consideration is an expansion of their executive board.

No ASG representative was present at the meeting.

CIC Chair Evett moved, and SCC-AS VP Taylor seconded a motion to reorder the agenda, moving discussion item VIII A to this point. Approved unanimously.

## **VIII. Discussion Items**

### **C. Update on Revisions to SCC Website**

Thurman Brown discussed revisions to the SCC website with the Senate. Many of the initial proposals are intended to modernize the website with consistent design and student-centric features. Fully incorporating Guided Pathways information is a key goal of the redesign. SCC's Information Technology Services is looking to subsidize a full redesign using Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funds.

Thurman Brown briefly introduced ideas for a new technological standard for classrooms, including an "Owl"-type camera.

Returning to the agenda order.

## **VI. Summary Reports**

Included in the agenda; nothing additional.

## **VII. Action Items**

### *Second Reading*

#### **A. Resolution S2021.09 – Request for Academic Senate President to Re-open Dialogue About the Enrollment Management committee's Class Cancellation Guiding Principles**

Moved by Evett, seconded by Gonzalez. Adopted unanimously.

*First Reading*

**A. Resolution S2021.10 – Adoption of the SCC Regular and Effective Contact Policy**

Moved by James, seconded by Gonzalez.

Senator Scott James briefly described the rationale for the resolution. No further discussion was raised by the Senate.

**B. Resolution S2021.11 – Endorse the Implementation of Annual Plans in eLumen**

Moved by Taylor, seconded by James.

Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, Library, and Learning Support Services Aaron Voelcker described the goal of a “one-stop-shop for institutional effectiveness” document archiving. No further discussion was raised by the Senate.

**C. Resolution S2021.12 – Endorse Recommended Revisions to the Resource Request Process**

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Gonzalez.

A web-based form was introduced. No further discussion was raised by the Senate.

**VIII. Discussion Items**

**A. Update on Revisions to the SCC Website**

Reordered above.

**B. Campus Culture and Effective Communication**

The Senate continued a discussion of campus culture. SCC-AS President Rutan shared a document from the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) detailing community norms for their executive committee. SCC-AS Secretary/Treasurer Scott described the document as a “nice reminder of what our parents taught us about how to get along.” CIC Chair Evett expressed agreement with the positive tone of the norms. A senator wondered if the norms were too prescriptive and might lead to a “cancel culture.” SCC\_AS President

Rutan suggested that the Senate needs to model positive, constructive communication before we try to guide the SCC Faculty. A suggestion was put forth to postpone the brief training from members of the Communications Department until the Fall 2021 Senate Retreat. CIC Chair Evett shared her belief that these norms protect faculty from being “cancelled.”

The Senate agreed to continue the discussion at the next business meeting.

Meeting adjourned, 3:08 pm. (Moved by Johnson, second by Salcido.)  
Submitted by Randy Scott, SCC-AS Secretary/Treasurer