

SCC Academic Senate Business Meeting Minutes (Final)– October 05, 2021, 1:30pm-3:15pm, ConferZoom

Senators Present

Aguilera, Leonor
Castellanos, Ralph
Chavez, Ricardo
Cummins, Shawn
Frost, Alicia
Gates, Alana
Gonzalez, Sara
Graham, Song Le
Henry, Amanda
Howell, Scott
Johnson, Kimberly
Kramer, Jessica
Murphy, Ryan
Oase, Daniel
Salcido, Andrew
Snow, Margie
Valdos, Yanina
Van Dyke-Kao, Rita

Senators Absent

Crabill, Phillip
James, Scott
Govea, Melissa

Guests

Rabii-Rakin, Narges
Stringer, Martin
Tragarz, Roberta
Voelcker, Aaron
Wagner, Joyce

SCC-AS Executive Board Present

Rutan, Craig, President
Taylor, Mike, Vice President
Kubicka-Miller, Tara, Secretary/Treasurer
Diaz, Darlene, CIC Chair

I. Welcome

- A. Santiago Canyon College Academic Senate (SCC-AS) President Craig Rutan called the meeting to order at 1:31pm on Tuesday, October 5, 2021

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion to reorder the agenda to move the discussion item to immediately after public comments.

05 October 2021 agenda approved unanimously (Moved by S. Gonzalez, Seconded by M. Taylor)

III. Public Comments (2-minute limit per person)

- A. No public comments

IV. Discussion Items

A. ODEI and Faculty Mentorship -

Dr. Narges Rabii-Rakin, the district Chief Advisor for Academic and Diversity Programs, provided an update on the work of the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, including more information about mentorship opportunities for graduate students hoping to become community college faculty. (See PowerPoint slides attachment.)

1. Senator Salcido asked if it is fair to conclude, without judgment, that as of 2019 SCC's both credit and noncredit programs were under-serving Caucasian populations in Orange. Dr. Rabii-Rakin responded that the conclusion is correct and applauds the recognition that there is no judgment in these numbers but rather is useful information that will help us understand who we are and who we serve so that we can make the best decisions for our student population.
2. Senator Johnson asked for clarification about serving on the community advisory board. Dr. Rabii-Rakin explained some basic information and that the advisory board information is under the ODEI link on the district webpage.
3. Senator Valdós shared her experience as an advisor and recommended other faculty and senators consider it as well.
4. Dr. Rabii-Rakin thanked M. Stringer for his presentation on how to complete CV's and what hiring committees are looking for.

V. Approval of Minutes

Senator Salcido suggested edits to the public comment made by R. Tragarz and responded to his own comments under the discussion for Resolution F2021.01. Suggested edits were emailed to Secretary/Treasurer Kubicka-Miller for clarity.

21 September 2021 minutes with edits approved unanimously. (Moved by S. Cummins, seconded by A. Gates)

VI. SCC-AS Executive Board Reports

A. SCC-AS President Rutan

1. Data for faculty rankings is completed and will be on the agenda for the next meeting. We do not know at this time how many positions we will get. SCC President Ralston is advocating for more than three credit positions. It will have been three years since hiring full-time faculty at SCC and does not fulfill the gaps SCC has. However, SAC also has gaps to fill, and the decision is between the two presidents and the chancellor.
2. The Fall Plenary session is hybrid this year and allows one in person representative. As the college delegate, President Rutan will be the single allowed representative attending in person. The rest of the executive board will attend virtually. Senators who are interested in becoming more involved in statewide work can attend the virtual Area D meeting on Saturday October 16th. The zoom link is on the ASCCC website.
3. The Trustees Board and Committee meetings have returned in person. Therefore, there is no opportunity to make public comments remotely. The next

two meetings will be on SAC and SCC campuses respectively and will not return to the district board rooms until November.

4. At the senate retreat in Spring, we will be training on “board docs” as we will be logging votes electronically. Senators will need to bring a device with them to in person meetings to vote.
5. The meet and greet with our accreditation team will be on Wednesday, October 6 at 10:30am for those interested in attending. The site visit is scheduled for March 2022.
6. President Rutan thanked committees for their summary reports and acknowledged the importance for senators to review these.
 - a) Note - In the absence of having a co-chair in the Student Success and Equity Committee, AS Vice President Taylor will be the interim Co-Chair until a decision is made to either change membership of the committee or we get a new Co-Chair.
 - b) The Professional Development Committee will be moving Convocation to Thursday of flex week at 9am to be followed by a mandatory Guided Pathways session at 10:30am. Our campus enthusiasm for Guided Pathways needs to grow.

Questions for President Rutan -

Senator Salcido communicated interest in the upcoming budget meeting. SCC-AS President Rutan explained that on October 12 from 2:30-4, the Vice-Chancellor is having a discussion on how the state budget and the district budget allocation model works. The link has been sent out via email by the president's office and can also be attended in person in H-106.

B. SCC-AS Vice President Taylor

1. Update on committee vacancies:
 - The Distance Ed Committee is looking for a Continuing Education representative
 - EMPC is looking for a representative
 - Enrollment Management is looking for an at-large representative.
 - The Student Success and Equity Committee is looking for two representatives, one from Business and Career Ed and another to represent General Education and Transfer.

An email will be forthcoming with details on when committees meet.

2. A senator experienced in online teaching is needed to be a liaison for the California Virtual Campus to report information back to the senate. Senator Gates volunteered to be that liaison.

C. SCC-AS Secretary/Treasurer Kubicka-Miller

1. No report this week.

D. CIC Chair Diaz

1. CIC's last meeting was eventful and the first class capacity petitions took place from Biology. A lot of work went into the class capacity process, and it is wonderful to see the work coming to life.
2. There are 87 courses that are marked with the emergency only DEA. That emergency status will end in December. All courses who would like to continue to teach in a DE format that does not meet the criteria for the EDEA must have an official DEA approved through CIC.
3. A resolution on the name change for Water and Utility Science will come through at the next meeting.
4. CIC will remain on zoom for as long as possible.

President Rutan added that both Academic Senates and both DE Coordinators met with FARSCCD and agreed that we would like the emergency remote certification to still apply through Spring and possibly Summer. This gives us time to determine what type of certification we would like as we move forward outside of the emergency situation.

E. Associated Student Government - No ASG Representative was in attendance.

VII. Action Items

Action

A. Resolution F2021.01 – Antisemitism Instruction and Holocaust Remembrance

1. Senator Salcido reiterated concern with the second half of the first “resolved” where it states “and that the Curriculum and Instruction Council inquire among other appropriate groups as to whether a sufficient emphasis on Holocaust education is taking place in the curriculum and to report their findings and recommendations to the Academic Senate prior to the last meeting of the Spring 2022 semester.”
2. Senator Salcido moved to strike the second half of the first “resolved” as stated within quotations above. The motion was seconded by A. Gates.

Vote by roll call was conducted to remove the section underlined above.

Yeas - A. Gates, A. Salcido, D. Oase, R. Vandyke-Kao, L. Aguilera, S. Graham, R. Castellanos, S. Gonzales, R. Murphy, Y. Valdos, S. Cummins, A. Henry, K. Johnson, J. Kramer, R. Chavez, M. Snow, T. Kubicka-Miller, D. Diaz

Nays - S. Howell, A. Frost, M. Taylor

The resolution was adopted as amended.

B. Resolution F2021.02 – Endorse the Approval of BP5215

SCC AS President Rutan explained that students are being surveyed again to see what percentage of students would not be willing to return to campus if a mandate was adopted. The earliest the board could adopt this resolution would be in December.

Therefore, this would likely apply in the spring semester. If a different policy version came forward, we would revisit with the new version.

1. Senator Cummins expressed being uncomfortable with the senate taking a position on vaccination mandates due to the polarizing and emotional nature of this topic and argues the senate should not take a stand on this issue as it would not be strongly representing the feelings of the faculty as a whole.
2. SCC AS President Rutan provided clarity that because this policy would restrict students the ability to take classes on campus, it falls under the purview of the academic senate. Therefore, the board is honoring the board policy to seek the input of the Academic Senate in areas of student success. If SCC AS were to take a position in opposition to the mandate, then the Board of Trustees would have to provide written rationale of why they rejected the recommendation of the Academic Senate in an area of our purview. Therefore, President Rutan considers it a positive move that the board is seeking input from the academic senate in an area outside of curriculum. While agreeing that this is a divisive issue, President Rutan is asking senators to provide feedback based upon the discussions they have had with their representatives so that a position can be taken to the board.
3. Senator Salcido expressed discomfort in voting on something that would “infringe on the freedoms of our student population.”
4. Senator Castellanos agrees with the values communicated about individual freedoms and added that life and quality of life is also to be valued and argues that if there was a mandate months ago, more people would likely be alive today and the value of life would be more important at this time.
5. Senator Cummins agrees with Senator Castellanos and adds that there are other aspects that fall under quality of life that may not cause one to die but could impede on quality of life depending on how an individual responds to it.
6. CIC Chair Diaz reminds the academic senate that we are not here to debate the vaccine but are here to vote on the board policy.
7. SCC AS President Rutan agreed with Chair Diaz and explained that the Board of Trustees has the purview to make a decision that goes against the Academic Senate recommendation. President Rutan reiterated his position that he considers it positive the board brought this to the Academic Senate especially considering the number of times the Board has previously made decisions under the purview of the Senate without the recommendation of the Senate.
8. Senator Castellanos asked what message a “yes” versus “no” vote would be sending the board. SCC AS President Rutan explained a “yes” vote means we support the version of the policy that has been drafted in support of the vaccine even though some students may choose to not come to our district as a result. A “no” means we do not believe a vaccine mandate should be imposed on the students.

Vote by roll call was conducted.

Yeas - A. Gates, D. Oase, R. Vandyke-Kao, L. Aguilera, S. Graham, R. Castellanos, S. Gonzales, S. Howell, R. Murphy, Y. Valdos, A. Frost, A. Henry, K. Johnson, J. Kramer, R. Chavez, M. Taylor, T, Kubicka-Miller, D. Diaz
Nays - A. Salcido, S.Cummins

The resolution was adopted as amended.

C. Resolution F2021.03 – Creation of Program Plan Summaries for All Degrees and Certificates

No further discussion. No opposition. Resolution adopted as written.

D. Resolution F2021.04 – Creation of Collegial Governance Task Force

No further discussion. No opposition. Resolution adopted as written.

E. Resolution F2021.05 – Adoption of New Instructional Modalities

Vice President of Academic Affairs M. Stringer listed the modifications made since sending the attachment in the agenda pack. Since there were slight disagreements between the two colleges the goal is for the two colleges to be in sync with the labeling of modalities.

1. SAC terminology - "Fully Online" with acronym O. SCC terminology "Online" O. Final decision in the resolution - "Online" O.
2. SAC terminology - "Fully Remote Live" RL. SCC "Fully Online Live" OL. Final decision in the resolution - "Fully Online Live" OL
3. Hybrid H - both colleges agree
4. SAC terminology "Virtual Hybrid" VH. SCC terminology "Online Hybrid" Final decision in the resolution - "Virtual Hybrid" VH
5. SAC terminology "On Campus" C. SCC terminology "Face to Face" F2F. Final decision in the resolution - "On Campus" C

SCC AS President Rutan noted that the agreement is important, so students are not confused.

Senator Gonzales asked for the rationale for OL in place of what we currently call Remote Live or RL. VP Stringer explained students were looking for the room RL and the "online" term adds clarity. SCC AS President Rutan further explained that because "remote live" courses will now be coded as online courses this adds clarity for coding purposes as well.

Senator Frost asked for clarification that we are not going to be consistent with the other modalities that use the term “online” when we get to “online hybrid”. VP Stringer confirmed this was correct.

No opposition. Resolution adopted as updated by VP Stringer.

F. Resolution F2021.06 - Affirmation of the Revised Curriculum & Instruction Council Spring 2021 Governance Handbook Description (Motion to Discuss by A. Gates, seconded by R. Castellanos)

CIC Chair Diaz reviewed the changes as seen in the document.

No opposition. Resolution adopted as written.

G. Resolution F2021.07 - Affirmation of the Revised Enrollment Management Committee Governance Handbook Description (Moved by A. Gates, Seconded by A. Salcido)

SCC AS President Rutan and CIC Chair Diaz reviewed the changes as seen in the document.

No opposition. Resolution adopted as written.

First Reading

A. Resolution F2021.08 - Support Creation of Vocational Real Estate Department (Moved by D. Oase, Seconded by A. Gates)

Senator Oase explained that he and Senator Gates have been working on the resolution over the past three years and was created out of industry need.

Senator Salcido congratulated the cohesive work developing complementary curriculum between credit and noncredit.

Senator Cummins asked if there are a number of vocations with their own departments already in noncredit. Senator Oase explained it is like a department within a division. However, to code curriculum each vocation needs its own title. CIC Chair Diaz explained the creation of this department code does not require a department chair. Further noting that this resolution is positive, exciting and encourages noncredit to create courses as soon as possible.

CIC Chair Diaz motioned to wave the second reading. Seconded by D. Oase. No comments. No opposition. Resolution is adopted as written.

Senator Cummins reminded the senate about a previous discussion on the difficulty of accessing a printable college catalogue and if any updates have come forth. CIC Chair confirmed an update was given in CIC and questions can be directed toward the CIC representative.

Meeting adjourned, 3:07 pm. (Moved by A. Gates, Seconded by A. Salcido)