

LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE

Academic Senate Agenda – Minutes

SP26 – 2/23/26

Present: Adrianna Simone, Morgan Lynn, Nick Nabas, Estelle Davi, Melissa Wheeler, Randi Osburn, Haydee Lindgren, Sara Toruno-Conley, Jennifer Finnigan, Max Trujillo, Cameron Bluford, Julie Von Bergen, *Dennis Gravert, Maria Hagberg, *Joe Bahlman, Lenea Pollett, and Abbey Duldulao

Absent: Ryan Hiscocks, Carol Jensen and Marci Lapriore

Guests: A'kilah Smith, Ryan Pedersen, *Christina Goff, *Erlinda Jones, Eric Sanchez, Cindy McGrath, *Emerald Templeton, Rosa Armendariz, *Rikki Hall, *Mandy Liang, *Emma Rogers, and *Robin Stephano

1. Welcome and Introductions:

a) Public Comments:

- DE Co-Coordinator training this Wed at 2:30pm on Grow/Pronto on Canvas.
- M. Lynn shared/read research done regarding AI in education, information about ethical, political and ecological concerns about AI.
- AI tools purchased by Infrastructure (owns by Canvas) purchased from OpenAI owned by Sam Altman who oversees the current Stargate project to build AI infrastructure across US. President of OpenAI donated \$25M to Maga Inc (Trump's super PAC) last year. Current Stargate facility is being built in Abilene, TX, to use energy along the lines of a small country and to employ 100 people. Meta's facility in Louisiana will employ 150 people. Lynn added that these massive federally subsidized projects to use extensive resources with little jobs available will get substantial tax breaks and the carbon emissions and water usage to run these projects. Contact M. Lynn for electronic link to the research document (Lynn passed a hard copy of the documents.)
- Nico Peck (English faculty) and M. Lynn will be coordinating a rapid response teams around potential ICE presence on campus for training and documenting. It was suggested to refer to President Ralston in collaboration with red card items passed around on campus.
- A. Simone reminded this Friday, Program Review is due and to share with faculty to get involved.

b) Approval of Agenda, 2/23/26 – Approved (M/S: M. Wheeler/L. Pollett) Unanimous, 12 Votes

- Item 5, First Read pulled to discuss to give early space for Mandy Liang's briefing.

c) Approval Minutes, 2/2/26 – Approved (M/S: J. Von Bergen/J. Finnigan) 11 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain

2. Reports: I

a) ASC President's Announcement:

- Best Practices: Simone reminded all to share their voices for feedback, questions, clarifications and to use their space in Senate representing their area/department, we need more voices here.
- Sharing agenda early: Simone stated that hours are spent drafting the agenda, receiving considerable emails, supporting documents, Senate Council conversations, backend office work and constant data coming in, this request cannot be done. Simone asked everyone to take notes to share their areas for department meetings. Second/third reads are opportunities for more time.
- Von Bergen noted the 72 hours sharing time is not a reasonable task, working on weekends to review Senate documents. Suggested to give everyone firm deadline to submit items to Senate.
- Simone shared open positions listed and C. Jensen will not be returning FA26 for At-Large PT.
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- FSCC/DGC: various board policies were approved. The Board previously passed a Resolution (no date provided) to support raising LGBTQ+ flag on campus, an addendum to BP1028.
- Simone abstained during FSCC meeting for AI tools used at District, item was approved.
- Simone reminded all to secure funding if desired to go to listed meetings and conferences.

5. District Request – AB1705 Discussion/Feedback – M. Liang (pulled from agenda)

- M. Liang, 4CD Associate Vice Chancellor of Education Services shared the proposed the English and Math Placement Process Enhancement, tools currently being used, rules on HS transcript data used, HS GPA and academic pathway. The proposal is not to change any placement rules currently in place. The proposal is to change where data is to be pulled from, making it easier for students during registration process, especially when taking the course at another 4CD campus.

Comments: 1) Math supports this change, 2) current GPA for STAT C1000 is slightly lower, 3) district will engage more with faculty conversations during Part II, more conversations will need to take place before decisions are made, 4) Liang stated no separate tools will be used to collect data, data used will be from already collected data via placement process, 5) targeted implementation is SP27 registration cycle, 6) Senators to collect from constituent groups (especially from English and Math) and provide feedback before Second Read on 3/9/26.

b) College Administration: Accreditation, R. Pedersen

Pedersen shared previous presentation and today is for continuation of feedback from the group and showed Accreditation 2027 process, timeline, brief statement, and purpose found on website navigating steps, feedback pages, and shared Accreditation 2024 criteria and evidence for review.

- Feedback: 1) need discussion board for objections and variances, 2) to see more transparency process, 3) Standard 4 (participatory governance) applications, 4) feedback best to document and can bring forward to Senate, 5) feedback will close on March 6th.

c) Committee Report Outs:

Standing Committees, CC and SGC:

- CC: Goff shared deadline to submit on eLumen is 3/15/26 due to migration process in April. Villegas will attend department chairs meeting (tomorrow) to distribute course lists. The Common Course Numbering Phase 3 templates are ready, however, are paused due to articulation issues in Phase 1, 2, and 2B have faced, more information by CC on the next Senate meeting.
- SGC: Sanchez shared, SGC waiting on feedback on EEO's transition to advisory status. Discussions on block schedule facilitation and concerns about timelines, a small task group to provide recommendations to SGC. SP26 RAP is currently in process. Simone shared Senate can provide time in Senate for discussion/feedback outside of committee update time. Sanchez to send out draft language and request for feedback on Education Strategic Plan goals for faculty via Academic Senate 2026 email list with feedback due by 3/6/26.

Rotating Committees, ESPC and Planning:

- ESPC: VP Smith shared 1/3/26 meeting discussion on data collection plan by VP Smith and Pedersen from faculty/OOI/students' feedback to bring back to the committee prior to execution. Survey will be sent out soon for input and areas of focus around scheduling and offerings.
- Planning: Lynn shared feedback on goals, metrics measuring equity and disproportionate impact.

3. Consent: A

Motion to approve faculty on committees:

- **Approved (M/S: Trujillo/Hagberg) Unanimous, 13 Votes**
- a) **Curriculum Committee – Ryan Hiscocks, Health, Behavioral and Social Sciences**
- b) **Planning Committee – Morgan Lynn, English**

4. Second Reading: I, D, A

- a) Business Procedure 3023 – Financial Aid
 - **Motion to approve BP3023 – Approved (M/S: Gravert/Nabas) 12 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain**
 - Added to Board Policy 3023, “alert” is used instead of “probation,” due to 11/18/25 Title 5 change.
- b) Student Services 3023 – Financial Aid
 - **Motion to approve SS3023 – Approved (M/S: Trujillo/Nabas) Unanimous, 13 Votes**
 - Mentioned Starfish no longer available and to implement and still learning about Target X.
 - Standards on Early Alerts were discussed and best practices for students were shared.

5. First Reading: Early discussion/feedback, pulled early in today’s agenda.

6. Discussion: I, D

- a) EEO Charge Sheet – Armendariz shared EEO Charge Sheet timeline, committee discussion, proposal presented by C. Montoya in FA25. Previous charges, new changes comparison, discussions for advisory goals and EEO background were shared. Advisory model expanded memberships, meets twice a semester/meet as needed, to try from FA26 to SP27 and recruit.
 - Armendariz to ask if faculty reps do not need to be UF rep requirements, still a faculty rep.
 - Faculty are concerned of meeting schedules where most committees and teaching happen when EEO meets. Thursdays are more beneficial for faculty participation and suggested changing meeting times from 3:30 to 5:00pm and was suggested to have flex workshop
- b) XB12, AB607, and Title 5 Regulations Re; OERI – E Rogers, tabled for 3/9/26 meeting.
- c) 4CD Equivalency Process for Masters and d) 4CD Equivalency Process for Non-Masters:
 - Simone shared c) and d) is from FSCC trying to get Senate feedback prior to FSCC voting.
 - It was suggested reconsider changing languages, it does not match, minimum quals language. Simone shared other changes with the group, minimum quals, work experience and equivalencies.

7. Upcoming: I

- a) Enrollment Strategy and Planning’s New FTEF Allocation Model
- b) Tell me something good.

8. Adjournment: 5:02pm