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Academic Senate Agenda – Minutes FA26 – 8/31/26

Present: Adrianna Simone, Morgan Lynn, Nick Nabas, Estelle Davi, Melissa Wheeler, Haydee Lindgren, Jennifer Finnigan, Cameron Bluford, Julie Von Bergen, Dennis Gravert, Taylor Jackson, Russel Weber, Lenea Pollett, and Abbey Duldulao
Absent: Randi Osburn
Guests: Pamela Ralston, Ryan Pedersen, Rachel Anicetti, Erlinda Jones, Alexa Moore, Emerald Templeton, Eric Sanchez, Mindy Capes, Rikki Hall, Nicole Acosta, Antoinette Corbin, Cindy McGrath, Sara Toruno-Conley, Christina Goff, and Maryann Hicks

1. Welcome and Introductions:

a) Public Comments:
- Everyone introduced themselves including guests and their discipline at LMC.
- A. Simone shared the Professional Development Series for PT faculty starting Sep 18th, called Universal Design for Learning lead by Nina Giselli via Zoom (10-11:30am), flyer soon to post.
- GE committee is in the process of doing program assessment, creating 5-minute training video. Department Chairs will be contacted for faculty for completed CSLO data for assessment.

b) Approval of Agenda, 8/31/26 – Approved (M/S: J. Von Bergen/E. Davi) Unanimous
Approval Minutes with edit, 5/11/26 – Approved (M/S: J. Von Bergen/C. Bluford)
- **9 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstained**
- **Page 3, replace PVC to DVC.**

2. Reports: I

a) ASC President's Announcement:
- Best Practices: #6 (District and college governance structures) to be shared during item #6a
- Academic Senate Retreat – VP A'kilah Smith shared instructional priorities for 2026-2027 and for curriculum, standard accounting, schedule changes, and common course numbering. VP Smith will continue to visit ASC meetings for updates.
- Open positions in ASC and committees were shared. A link will go out for voting by VP Lynn.
- ASCCC – Tiffany Morgan as OER Liaison and Penny Wilkins for CPL Liaison.
- ASCCC – Disciplines handbook for different areas are posted now from Chancellor's office. Disciplines changes interest for your area, Area B meeting at DVC, Fri, Oct 9 (9-3, Hybrid). If anyone is interested at State level, it's due Sep 30th. Additional help is available via Area B Rep.
- ASCCC – Fall Plenary is Thu, Nov 5th, San Francisco Grand Bay Hotel. 4CD has total votes.
- ASCCC – Resolution process timeline was shared; this is for any individual has issues that want to bring forth at the State level and support from other community colleges.
- ASCCC – Academic Academy of Climate Justice & Action, Oct 23-24th, Newport Beach.
- CCC – Regional Professional Development Network for Teaching & Learning was shared.
- Open Committee Seats were highlighted; listed on today's agenda.

b) College Administration: Accreditation, R. Pedersen (ISER Report)
R. Pedersen, here as one of Tri-Chairs, Liz Esparza (Interim Classified Senate President) and Adrianna Simone, Academic Senate President. Pedersen shared the draft ISER report, 'first read' scheduled for Sep 14th meeting and asked all to read, share with constituents, and give feedback.
- Pedersen requested to especially review substandard, give feedback and to replace instead of add.

- Detailed information will be provided during the college assembly on Sep 21st as well as to SGC.
- Tri-Chairs are trying to recruit in-house line editor, if not to recruit out of house to focus on tone, voice, grammar, and style. There will be no changes to its content assured by Pedersen.

c) Committee Report Outs:
Standing Committees:
Curriculum Committee – C. Goff; Once Course Dog is ready (October), reach out to your dean,

d) Committee Report Outs:
Standing Committees:
Curriculum Committee: to Grace or to C. Goff. Other priorities for FA26, the standardizing accounting work is ongoing and designing a process to review integration of DEIA and UDL; Universal Design for Learning, into the COOR. All were encouraged to attend UDL training shared by E. Jones. CC faculty members are needed, CTE is vacant, 2 Arts/Humanity/Communication, and 1 Business.
SGC – A. Simone shared the quad chair model, faculty to alternate as chair.
Rotating Committees: None

3. Consent:

Motion to approve listed consent calendar – Approved (M/S; J. Von Bergen/N. Nabas)
- 10 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstained

a) CC Committee – Robert Moore, Physics
b) SGC Committee – Mindy Capes, Chemistry
c) SGC Committee – Morgan Lynn, English & VP Academic Senate
d) SGC Committee – Adrianna Simone, Ethnic Studies and Academic Senate President

4. Second/Third Reading:

None on this agenda.

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

FSCC (Faculty Senate Coordinating Council) RSI Resolution.

a) Payroll Procedure 9.01: A. Simone shared the process of discussion at FSCC, and steps taken before DGC (District Governance Council) and voting processes. Simone pointed out changes to leave of absences. No issues at FSCC on this subject.
- Motion to approve to waive first read – Approved (M/S: D. Gravert/J. Finnigan)
- 10 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstained.
- Motion to approve Payroll Procedure 9.01-Approved (M/S: D. Gravert/J. Finnigan) Unanimous

b) HR 1080.01, Tobacco Free and Smoke-Free Institution: The group discussed supporting employees and students quitting tobacco products, but it doesn't offer any resources. Simone noted about adding more resources and will share with FSCC. Senators get feedback and send to Simone. No motion.

c) Curriculum and Instruction Procedure 4016 (Credit for Prior Learning) – Revisions: To DGC for first read (no rush). Simone shared revisions on the document and asked Senators to share in their areas.

d) RAP Rubric and Priorities and Rating Sheet: E. Sanchez shared what RAP (Resource Allocation Process) applications for funding, the timeline process to apply and the responsibilities of Academic Senate on 10+1 items for RAP. Sanchez recommended looking at this as a rewrite for FA26 providing information on the rubric for small changes and moving forward with the RAP this semester.
- Feedback: 1) IT projects transparency, 2) TAG reporting, 3) Math meeting mandates from Chancellor's office, changes to state law or changes to Title V, 3) to state 'point value', top of form.
- Motion to approve to waive first read – Approved (M/S: J. Von Bergen/E. Davi)
- 9 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstain

- Motion to approve RAP and Rating Sheet with listed amendments:
- Approved (M/S: J. Von Bergen/R. Weber) Unanimous
- <u>Amendments</u>: 1) "To increase funding from Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) to the college", 2) "Meets mandates from CCCCO, change to state law, or changes to Title V." Math is facing mandates from CCCCO and new state laws, yet the RAPs from the department to address these needs and support math students are not being funded, 3) Request to add the points to match the total, 4) To add a developed rubric for justification section.

6. Discussion: I, D:
a) <u>Senator Roles and Responsibilities</u>: Simone drew attention to ASC Bylaws and asked all to know what areas they are representing and shared areas of responsibility. 10+1 was explained and gave examples of faculty purview on AI in classes, grading policies, Academic Senate's voice in developing hiring, consulted by the union before negotiating evaluation procedures and appointing faculty to serve on college committees. Simone explained everyone's responsibility to take notes, share with areas they are responsible for.
b) <u>Task Teams/Groups – Senate Retreat Priorities</u>: Discussion was around identifying targeted work and how to do it. Task team to research and formulate formal resolutions.
- It was suggested to discuss this semester's priorities from flex meeting related to enrollment management priorities, student funding formula, more advocacy at state level, and having a faculty-wide retreat on a Friday to discuss hold-harmless, SCIFF, and faculty perspectives.
c) <u>Resolutions</u>: Access difficulties were brought up on behalf of faculty and students who rely on it for their work and classes. To work in conjunction with LMCAS for support for classes via joint resolution to address requests and future needs. H. Lindgren shared with faculty responsibility to familiarize and know the processes for accommodation, to give information about DSPS and to make sure students check-in with DSPS first.
d) <u>Curriculum Institute Updates</u>:
To bring back on Sep 14th meeting.

Note: Professional development for part-time faculty is on Sep 18th from 1:00 – 2:30pm.

7. Upcoming:
Listed on the agenda for information only.
"Tell me something good!" – This Wednesday, 4 o'clock there staff and faculty art reception for your colleague's artwork. Visit the gallery after Curriculum Committee.

8. Adjournment: 4:58pm