

ACADEMIC SENATE

Approved Minutes

May 17, 2021 Meeting via Zoom 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

1. Call to Order

Academic Senate President LaNae Jaimez called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

2. Roll Call

Academic Senate Officers: LaNae Jaimez (President), Josh Scott (Vice President), Erin Duane (Secretary/Treasurer, At-Large), and Michael Wyly (Past President/Ex-Officio)

Academic Senate: Andrew Wesley, Anthony Ayala, Erica Beam, Jim Long, Jose Cortes, Michael Reilly, Michelle Arce, Rachel Purdie, Randy Robertson, Rebecca LaCount, Robin Sytsma, Teri Brunner, and Vitalis Enemmuo

Sheila Gorospe-Kaushal (Administrative Assistant)

Ex Officio:

Andrew Wesley (Assessment Chair), Erica Beam (Distance Education Chair), Josh Scott (Student Success and Equity Chair), Michelle Smith (Professional Development/Flex Cal Chair), Rachel Purdie (Academic Program Review Chair), and Sarah Barsness (Curriculum/Tech Review Chair)

Guests: Celia Esposito-Noy (Superintendent-President), David Williams (Vice President of Academic Affairs), Shannon Cooper (Vice President of Student Services), Rob Diamond (Vice President of Fiscal and Administration), Brian Travis, Lauren Taylor-Hill, Rhuenette Alum, and Tasha Smith

Absent: Paul Hidy

3. Agenda Approval

Senator Reilly motioned to approve the agenda of May 17, 2021 as presented. It was seconded by Senator Wesley. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

Academic Senate Administrative Assistant Sheila Gorospe-Kaushal informed Senators that item 7.1 of the minutes was updated based on feedback received from Brian Travis the morning of May 17, 2021. Senator Long motioned to approve the amended minutes of May 3, 2021. It seconded by Senator Reilly. Senator Wesley abstained. The item was approved by majority of the vote..

5. Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Members of the public may address the Senate on any item within the Senate's purview that is not on the agenda. The Senate will not take action on any issue raised during this section of the agenda since Senate action is limited to posted agenda items. At the Senate President's discretion, these matters may be referred to Senate Executive Board and/or placed on a future agenda. Speakers are asked to limit their comments to a maximum of three minutes.

6. AS President Update

6.1 Acknowledging New Senators and Outgoing Senator AS President Jaimez welcomed Lauren Taylor-Hill and Rhuenette Alum as new Senators and will be serving during 2021-2023. She expressed her appreciation to Senator Arce for her service representing the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Senator Teri Bruner for representing School of Liberal Arts. She also acknowledged Senate Committee Chairs (Senator Andrew Wesley, Senator Erica Beam, AS Vice President Josh Scott, Michelle Smith, Senator Rachel Purdie, Sarah Barsness) for their hard work and dedication. Lastly, she recognized the Senate Executives (AS Past President Michael Wyly, AS Vice President Josh Scott, AS Secretary/Treasurer Erin Duane) for their diligence and support.

AS Vice President Josh Scott commended AS President LaNae for her leadership as she addressed complex situations that occurred this academic year.

6.2 Live Get Together May 27, 2021 at 4:00 pm

AS President Jaimez will be hosting a live get together "Senate After Dark" on May 27, 2021 at 4:00 pm. An invite will be sent out to all Senators and Senate Committee members as soon as possible.

6.3 ASSC Students Action and Outcomes Update

AS President Jaimez informed Senators that Abigail Olivera will be the new President of ASSC and Kelvin Chan will be serving as Vice President starting next academic year.

7. Superintendent-President Report

S/P Celia Esposito-Noy expressed her gratitude for the Senate's leadership this academic year. She provided the following updates: (a) Brian Travis will reach out to SCC employees and students to acquire their input/perspectives regarding campus safety/police and these recommendations will be presented to SCC Board of Trustees in November 2021, (b) a budget summary will be shared next week to all employees, and (c) she provided information about preparation involved when Hold Harmless funding ends (e.g. fiscal cliff versus fiscal slope, decreased enrollment rate at other colleges, student funding formula).

8. VP of Academic Affairs Report

8.1 Accreditation Update

The Accreditation Steering Committee had a meeting recently where they discussed the plan for the midterm report, which is due in October 2021. The Senate meeting with Administrators in August 12, 2021 will focus on this topic and an open house discussion will be held the following day.

8.2 Credit for Prior Learning Update

The Credit for Prior Learning Administrative Procedure 6041 will be finalized soon. This group has discussed technical challenges in enrollment and Articulation Officer Ashlie Lawson will provide a proposal on how to address this issue. Also, a session during August PD/Flex Cal has been scheduled to address any questions and concerns

8.3 Journalism Update

VP David Williams will provide Journalism update next academic year.

8.4 Faculty Office Hour

VP David Williams announced that a Faculty Office Hour meeting occurred on May 14, 2021. During this meeting, they discussed (a) different ideas/perspectives regarding returning to campus, (b) interest in promoting vaccination, and (c) measures/procedures/ideas to ensure SCC employees and student safety.

9. VP of Student Services Report

VP Shannon Cooper shared that Dean Shirley Lewis will be scheduling a student forum this week to discuss their concerns and perspectives regarding returning to campus next academic year. The ASSC Senators have provided a list of twenty-five questions and half of them will be addressed once more information is available. She expressed her appreciation of the students for their interest and advocacy regarding this matter.

ASTC will be drafting a plan on how to assist students next semester face-to-face.

As needed, VP Cooper will be meeting with faculty and staff to discuss SESC proposal. A draft of this document will be reviewed by Dean Shirley Lewis, Executive Team, and council co-chairs.

Lastly, VP Cooper be working with VP Williams to review the job descriptions of PACE Coordinators and Guided Pathways Coordinators (one-year term) with the goal of posting these jobs by the end of the week. AS President Jaimez announced that only one hiring committee will be assigned for these positions.

10. Consent Agenda – Action Item

10.1 Interview Committee for Vice President of

Academic Senate Vice President Josh Scott motioned to approve item 10.1. It was seconded by Senator Reilly. The motion was approved unanimously.

Finance and Administration: Erica Beam, Oanh Lam, Doug Mungin, and Lauren Taylor-Hill

11. Action Items, Including Items Removed from Consent

11.1 Resolution 05.17.2021: Land Acknowledgement Project Senator Beam motioned to approve item 11.1. It was seconded by Senator Ayala. The motion was approved unanimously. Academic Senate Past President Wyly informed Senators that this item will be included on the Senate By-Laws, which is scheduled to be presented for review and approval during Spring 2022.

12. Information/Discussion Items

12.1 Update from Brian Travis

Brian Travis left this meeting before his presentation. Senators received an email the following day regarding "Reimagine Campus Safety and Security at SCC."

12.2 Budget Update

VP Rob Diamond provided the following budget updates: (a) he announced that last Friday the California Governor's Office released "May Budget Revise," which is an improvement compared to the budget present in January 2021, (b) there is substantial amount assigned for direct student aid such as cash grants, food assistance, etc., (c) there is a possibility of COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) increased, which could be a little over 2% this year and around 1.7% next year (4% total), (d) the final state budget will be released late in June 2021 and SCC Board of Trustees will adopt budget in August 2021, (e) a structural deficit is predicted in 2022-2023 academic year, and (f) the state will repay SCC for deferred cash by 2022-2023.

AS President Jaimez acknowledged VP Diamond's upcoming retirement.

12.3 2021-2022 Academic Senate Meeting Calendar

AS President Jaimez presented, "2021-2022 Academic Senate Meeting Calendar" (see attached document).

12.4 Faculty Staffing Request Form Rubric

Senators reviewed the updated, "Faculty Staffing Request Form Rubric," (see attached document). This minimal change (e.g. potential load and/or potential direct student contact, availability of qualified hourly faculty to teach and serve students) will not require Senate to vote.

12.5 Vallejo Village Update

Senator Beam presented, "Vallejo Village" and "Vallejo Village Resources," (see attached documents). Vallejo Village is a proposal to repurpose the Vallejo Center as a micro-campus for Black and African American students. She explained that this proposal has been shared with the Deans and Vice Presidents and the same information is scheduled to be provided to Minority Coalition and students by the end of the semester. The intent is to support African American students with or without Umoja branding. The Senators asked/provided the following questions/input: (a) how much continuous attention/support will this program receive from SCC Administrators once established at Vallejo Center? (b) what resources/essential services will be available to students? (e.g. food services, library, DSP, transportation), (c) what classes will be offered? (d) she explained that this will be a personal outreach/program, which will involve participation from students and faculty, (e) the assigned time frame for this cohort is two years (FT/PT faculty), (f) T4E will be used to build faculty cohort, (g) she clarified that the primary purpose of Vallejo Center will be this project, and (h) addressed how to assign accurate FTS to the facility. The Senate voiced that in order to be successful, it will need exceptional faculty and staff participation and outstanding resources/reputation (e.g. undelivered promises, structural issues).

12.6 Senate Goals and Priorities

AS President Jaimez presented, "Senate Goals and Priorities" (see attached document).

12.7 Commitment to Anti-Racist Practices and Equity in Education AS Vice President/SESC Chair Josh Scott announced that May 18, 2021 is the deadline to submit application for SESC Coordinator.

Curriculum Committee Chair Sarah Barsness provided an update regarding a session hosted by ASCCC Vice President Ginni May at SCC on May 13, 2021.

13. Reports

13.4 Assessment Committee

Senator/Assessment Committee Chair Andrew Wesley provided the following updates: (a) an email has been sent out to all faculty about SLO, (b) English/ESL department has requested a different scoring scale, (c) Banner issues (enrollment numbers) have been addressed, (d) the due date is on August 13, 2021, and (e) a session has been scheduled during August PD/Flex Cal to assist faculty and address their questions and concerns.

13.5 Distance Education

The last Distance Education Committee meeting is scheduled on May 21, 2021 to approve course shells. An email has been released in response to the current state of the negotiations.

13.6 Professional Development/Flex Cal

PDFC Committee Co-Chair Michelle Smith informed Senators that the new PD system has launched and is now available to faculty, staff, and administrators. Sessions are scheduled on August 12th to introduce this platform to everyone and address any questions. The August Professional Development program and schedule are almost ready for release. Lastly, she presented the committee's "Year End Goals and Self-Assessment" (see attached document).

14. Other Committees

There were no items in this section.

15. Upcoming Items and/or Action Reminder

15.01 Academic Program Review – Rachel Purdie (1st meeting of the month)

15.02 Student Equity and Success Council – Joshua Scott (1st meeting of the month)

15.03 Curriculum/Tech Review – Sarah Barsness (1st meeting of the month)

15.04 Assessment Committee – Andrew Wesley (2nd meeting of the month)

15.05 Distance Education – Erica Beam (2nd meeting of the month)

15.06 Professional Development/Flex Cal – Michelle Smith (2nd meeting of the month)

15.07 Guided Pathways Steering Committee – TBD (1st meeting of the month)

15.08 Faculty Hiring Prioritization Task Force

15.09 Work Group Assigned to Review Severely Impacted Programs by COVID19

15.10 Local GE Task Force (Fall 2021)

16. Adjournment

Senator Ayala motioned to adjourn this meeting. It was seconded by Senator Long. The meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.

Documents Reviewed

- 1. Resolution 5.17.2021: Resolution on Land Acknowledgement and Recognition
- 2. Academic Senate Meeting Calendar 2021-2022
- 3. Faculty Staffing Request Rubric Update
- 4. The Vallejo Village and The Vallejo Village Resources
- 5. Senate Goals and Priorities
- 6. PDFC Goals and Self-Assessment (Draft)
- 7. Assessment Committee Goals and Self-Assessment