



**San Diego Mesa College
Academic Senate
September 23, 2013:
H117/H118 (3:13PM-4:07PM)
Minutes**

PRESENT:

Becca Arnold, Anar Brahmhatt, Victoria Chavez, Aulani Chun, Leslie Cloud, Kris Clark, Jennifer Cost, John Crocitti, Chris Dawes, Donna Duchow, Michael Fitzgerald, Lupe Gonzales, Kimberly Hart, Erika Higginbotham, Madeleine Hinkes, Bill Hoefer, Katie Holton, Laleh Howard, Terry Kohlenberg, Ken Kuniyuki, Georgia Laris, Danielle Lauria, Leticia Lopez, Guillermo Marrujo, Thekima Mayasa, Joe "Mac" McKenzie, Jonathan McLeod, Phyllis Meckstroth, Devin Milner, Val Ontell, Michelle "Toni" Parsons, Kirsten Pogue-Cely, Jim Romeo, Ron Ryno, Marilyn Schenk, Leslie Styles, Chris Sullivan, Judy Sundayo and Farshid Zand

ABSENT:

Mark Abajian, Nellie Dougherty, Martina Hesser, Angela Liewen, Susheela Narayanan (Proxy to Michael Fitzgerald), Francisca Rascon, Robert Sanchez, Steven Siegel, Walter "Duane" Wesley and Lois Wittner (Excused)

I. CALL TO ORDER and WELCOME by Academic Senate President Terry Kohlenberg @ 3:13PM.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
M/S**

McLeod/Ontell

UNANIMOUS

III. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

A. Associated Student Government (ASG) Representative: No Report

B. Classified Senate Representative: (President Angela Liewen) No Report

IV. GUESTS: None

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 9, 2013

Motion to approve with changes from Kimberly Hart, Val Ontell, and Marilyn Schenk:

M/S

Ontell/Holton

UNANIMOUS

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Updates to the Academic Senate Constitution: (Madeleine Hinkes)

1. Madeleine reported the constitution has been updated to reflect resolutions approved by the Senate that have resulted in changes to the constitution.
2. There are also proposed changes to return the Academic Affairs Committee to its original purpose and restore committee membership to include Faculty representation from all the schools at Mesa College as outlined in Senate Resolution 13.9.1 under New Business for today's meeting.

Motion to approve the updates to the Senate Constitution:

M/S

Romeo/Clark

UNANIMOUS

B. Resolution – American Federation of Teachers (AFT) - Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC): (Jennifer Cost and Lupe Gonzalez)

1. The AFT is seeking support from our local Academic Senates for the resolution regarding ACCJC.
2. The US Department of Education is reviewing ACCJC this Fall.

3. The AFT wants to pass this resolution to ensure that the US Department of Education, which has oversight authority over the ACCJC, is made aware of our continuing concerns regarding the ACCJC and its abuses of power.
 - a. The ACCJC has sanctioned its colleges at an alarming rate compared to the other accrediting agencies and continually treats its colleges in an intimidating and punitive manner.
 - It is threatening to remove accreditation from San Francisco Community College.
 - b. Faculty is not being fairly represented on ACCJC review teams.
 - AACJC is non-compliant on this issue by being extremely heavy on Administrator representation.
 - c. Conflict of Interest:
 - ACCJC's leader has placed her spouse in positions on the ACCJC that create Conflicts of Interest.

Motion to support the AFT resolution:

M/S

Romeo/Ontell

UNANIMOUS

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 13.9.1 – Academic Senate Committee Reorganization: (Madeleine Hinkes)

1. Academic Senate President Terry Kohlenberg said Academic Affairs' role is currently not defined.
 - a. Should its role be expanded to include Enrollment Management? No decision has been made.

Motion to suspend the rules in order to vote on the resolution today:

M/S

Holton/McLeod

4 Nays

Motion to pass the resolution:

M/S

Hinkes/McLeod

22 Yeas

4 Nays

7 Abstained

VIII. Senate EXECUTIVE REPORTS: No Reports due to time constraints – Attendance at the Chancellor's Forum

A. Vice President: (Donna Duchow)

B. Treasurer: (Ken Kuniyuki)

C. Senator at Large #1: (Georgia Laris)

D. Senator at Large #2: (Katie Holton)

E. Secretary: (Becca Arnold) No Report

F. President: (Terry Kohlenberg)

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS: No Reports due to time constraints – Attendance at the Chancellor's Forum

A. Academic Affairs: (Co-Chair Inna Kanevsky)

B. Professional Development Committee (PDC): (Chair Lupe Gonzalez)

C. Committee of Chairs (COC): (Chair of Chairs Jennifer Cost) No Report

D. Curriculum Review Committee (CRC): (Co-Chair Toni Parsons)

E. Program Review Committee (PRC): (Co-Chair Dina Miyoshi)

F. Basic Skills Committee: (Coordinator Chris Sullivan)

X ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. The next Academic Senate meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2013 in H117/H118 @ 2:15PM.

B. The next Chairs' meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2013 in H117/H118 @ 2:15PM.

XI. ADJOURNMENT @ 4:07PM.

Submitted by Sue Saetia

Approved by the Senate: October 7, 2013