



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

ACADEMIC SENATE

Virtual Meeting

April 13, 2020: 2:20PM – 4:00PM

MINUTES

Present:

Academic Senate President Manuel Vélez, Carlynne Allbee, Becca Arnoild, Isaac Arguelles-Ibarra, Janna Braun, Henry Browne, Jill Chagnon, John Crocitti, Nellie Dougherty, Rosiangela Escamilla, Rob Fremland, Veronica Gerace, Lou Ann Gibson, Helen Greenbergs, Alison Gurganus, Bill Hofer, Andrew Hoffman, Sharon Hughes, Christina Huynh, Holly Jagielinski, Janue Johnson, Candace Katungi, Kim Lacher, César López, Katherine Naimark, Bruce Naschak, Kim Perigo, Alison Primoza, Waverly Ray, Anthony Reuss, Robert Sanchez, Kristian Secor, George Svoboda, Oscar V. Torres, Tonya Whitfield, Walter "Duane" Wesley and guests Lisa Burgert, Guillermo Marrujo, Dina Miyoshi, Alessandra Moctezuma, Pegah Motaleb and Eva Parrill

Absent: Evan Adelson (Proxy to Oscar V. Torres), Michael Brewer, Howard Eslew, Larry Horsman, Jesse Keller, Terry Kohlenberg (Excused), Jessica Sardo, Leslie Seiger, Shannon Shi, Irena Stojimirovic, Judy Sundayo, Lauren Wade and Kimberly Williams-Kee (Excused)

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME by Academic Senate President Manuel Vélez:

Parliamentarian – Veronica Gerace/Speaker Coordinator & Timekeeper – Veronica Gerace

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA: Approved

III. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

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

B. Classified Senate Representative: Alan Goodman/Eva Parill

1. The Classified Senate has held a couple of check-in meetings via zoom.
2. We are trying to prioritize projects for the remainder of the semester.
3. We also started discussing fundraising ideas to raise funds for the Covid-19 Student Emergency Fund.
4. Classified Professionals are here to support Faculty and the institution during this situation.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (6 Minute Maximum Discussion per Item/Topic)(3 Minute Maximum Discussion per Participant) None

V. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES: March 9, 2020

Motion to approve with changes from John Crocitti and Rob Fremland:

M/S

Crocitti/ Jagielinski

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VI. GUEST(s): None

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Senate Executive Committees:

1. Academic Affairs Committee: Chair Oscar V. Torres

a. The committee members met last week.

- There was a duplicate Academic Affairs web page that was not being maintained by the Academic Senate. (Joel Arias made the correction.)
- The committee discussed the protocol for selecting a Faculty Representative to serve on the screening committee for the new Vice Chancellor of Student Services position.
- The committee continued our Mesa Instructional Council (MIC) Proposal discussion.
- We also discussed the current Academic Senate Election Process.

* Congratulations to the newly elected Senate Exec Committee members!

2. Professional Advancement Committee (PAC): Chair Janna Braun
 - a. Faculty can submit proposals/completions electronically. (They must include evidence that their Chair and Dean approved their submission.) The last spring 2020 submission deadline is April 29th.

3. Committee of Chairs (COC): Chair of Chairs Terry Kohlenberg
Report Sent via Email:
 - a. We held a meeting last Wednesday.
 - President Luster, Vice President O'Connor and some of the Deans attended the meeting.
 - Our district will need to reduce some class offerings in the fall. (Mesa may need to cut as many as 350 classes.
 - * If we reduce some of the summer offerings, many of those classes will be counted as reductions for the fall semester because they are coming out of the same budget.
 - * The Chairs and Deans are working together with Vice President O'Connor to decide which classes should be canceled. (No one wants to do this but given our current budget situation, it looks like we will need to.)

4. Curriculum Review Committee (CRC): Faculty Co-Chair Andrew Hoffman
 - a. Andrew spoke to Vice President O'Connor about Remote Teaching this morning.
 - We have blanket Distance Education approval for all spring 2020 and summer 2020 classes.
 - b. We still have a lot of spring 2020 curriculum changes to process.
 - c. Every Program Change will require a narrative.
 - d. We do not need to rush through Distance Education proposals for fall 2020 courses.

5. Program Review Committee (PRC): Chair Bruce Naschak
 - a. We are trying to streamline the process for Program Review for all departments.
 - Please send your suggestions for streamlining the process to Bruce.

B. Other Committees:

1. The Committee for Diversity Action, Inclusion & Equity (CDAIE): Chair Judy Sundayo (Reported by Veronica Gerace)
 - a. The committee will hold the Cultural Unity Week events virtually this year.
 - Please check your email for event announcements
 - President Manuel Velez reported President Luster supports holding virtual major events.

2. Mesa College Facilities Committee/District Review of Services Committee: Kim Perigo (No Report)

3. Mesa Pathways Committee: Co-Coordinator Toni Parsons
 - a. The committee met last week.
 - b. We will send emails to Work Group members regarding scheduling additional meetings this semester.
 - c. We are determining which projects can be completed virtually.
 - d. Alison Primoza expressed concerns about work being completed during the summer.
 - e. We will inform Faculty about Mesa Pathway's leadership for fall 2020 when the decision is made.

4. Other Committee Reports: None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Mesa Instructional Council Proposal: Tabled

B. UPDATED Resolution 20.3.1 – Support for Textbook Affordability: Burgert/Fremland/Motaleb

1. Pegah Motaleb said our students really appreciate it when they do not have to pay for course materials.
 - a. Passage of this resolution can help bring funding to Mesa College to support OER.

Motion to approve:

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Fremland/Braun

2 Abstained
Arnold

IX. NEW BUSINESS: None

X. SENATE EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

A. Vice President: Howard Eskew (No Report)

B. Secretary: Holly Jagielinski (No Report)

C. Treasurer: Becca Arnold

1. Academic Senate Scholarships:
 - a. We had to award our scholarships early due to the quarantine.

D. Senator at Large (1): Alison Gurganus

1. Please let your students know that online tutoring is available.
2. Librarians are holding "Lunch with a Librarian" on Wednesdays.
3. Canvas has a section for Assessment.

E. Immediate Past President: Kim Perigo

1. Covid 19 Updates:
 - Kim reported that she serves on the Board of Governors (BOG) and she has been receiving updates at the state level.
 - The State Chancellor's Office provides daily updates.

F. President: Manuel Vélez

1. It has been impressive to see how Faculty has adapted to teaching remotely. (Thank you everyone!)
2. Summer 2020 classes may also be taught remotely.
3. John Crocitti asked if the summer and fall 2020 academic deadlines can be changed.
 - a. Manuel will ask Student Services.
4. John Crocitti asked if Departmental Conference/Travel funds can be returned to the Departments for use next academic year since conferences have been cancelled academic year.
 - a. Manuel will check.
5. The state is not receiving nearly as much revenue as it did before the quarantine.
 - a. John Crocitti supports cutting summer 2020 classes in order to support the fall 2020 schedule.
 - b. Bruce Naschak said President Luster and the School Deans should inform Faculty about budget/funding cuts before the Department Chairs inform Faculty that their classes are being cut.
 - c. Bruce Naschak said administration consistently emphasizes percentage of Class CAP.
 - However, we are funded based on the number of students.
 - Percentage of Class CAP should not be used as the major criteria.
 - d. Carlyne Allbee said it would not be fair for Contract Faculty to continue to receive overload when courses are cut for Adjunct Faculty.
6. Mesa College will receive approximately 7 million dollars of the approximately \$14 million the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) will receive from the Care Act federal stimulus.
 - a. Half of the funds must directly support students.
7. Mesa College is applying for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds.
8. The state is asking the SDCCD to go into our reserves.
9. Congratulations to the newly elected Senate Executive Officers!
 - President Elect John Crocitti
 - Senator at Large Alison Gurganus-Steinberg
 - Treasurer Mary Gwin

XI. Round Table Topic: School Closures

- A.** President Manuel Velez reported that we waiting for exterior accrediting institutions to approve courses we had to start teaching remotely due to the quarantine.
- B.** Janna Braun thanked Faculty for continuing to answer email questions from Mesa Press students.
 - 1. We were able to put out an electronic edition of the Mesa Press.
- C.** Anthony Reuss asked the Senators to give his name to students who report that they are not able to schedule an online appointment with a Counselor.
- D.** Isaac Arguelles-Ibarra reported class withdrawals that occur after March 9th can be changed to Excused Withdrawal.
- E.** John Crocitti said we need to protect our students' ability to transfer.
- F.** Tonya Whitfield said Culinary Art/Culinary Management cannot conduct spring 2020 labs right now and we need to be able to conduct summer 2020 labs.
 - 1. Holly Jagielinski reported Allied Health students cannot complete their courses without Clinical Labs.
 - She does not know if the accreditors will help.
 - 2. President Manuel Velez will bring the issue forward.

XII. ADJOURNMENT @ 3:52PM.

Motion to adjourn:

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Gerace/Arguelles-Ibarra

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Submitted by Sue Saetia

Approved by the Academic Senate: April 27, 2020