



**San Diego Mesa College
Academic Senate
Academic Affairs Committee
September 30, 2019: Room BT 218 (4:15PM-5:30PM)
MINUTES**

Present: Chair Oscar V. Torres, Dean Linda Hensley, Mary Gwin, Bryan Malinis, Miriam Pacheco, Sean Ricketts, Steve Sanchez, Leslie Seiger and guest SDICCA Intern Ana Victoria Sanchez-Diez
Absent: Jack Forman (Excused) and Rebecca Nieman

I. Call to Order by Chair Oscar V. Torres and welcome to new Administrative Representative Dean Linda Hensley @ 4:23PM.

II. Review and Approval of Draft Agenda: Approved

III. Review and Approval of Draft Minutes: September 16, 2019
Motion to approve with a change from Leslie Seiger:

M/S

Seiger/Malinis

2 Abstained
Hensley
Sanchez

IV. Report from Academic Senate Meeting: September 23, 2019 (Chair Oscar V. Torres)

A. The September 23rd meeting was less contentious than the September 9th meeting.

B. The "Committee Reports" were moved to immediately following the Approval of the Minutes to ensure the Committee Chairs have time to provide their reports.

1. Oscar V. Torres reported the Academic Affairs Committee needs Faculty Representatives from Arts & Languages and Health Sciences & Public Service during the Committee Reports.
 - a. Oscar V. Torres informed the Senators that Academic Affairs welcomes additional Faculty Representatives from all schools and disciplines.
 - b. Oscar V. Torres also reported that committees can request a Canvas Sandbox Shel with 15 gigs of memory for their committee documents.

C. The Senators voiced their concerns regarding Mesa Guide Pathways during Co-Coordinator Toni Parsons' report and during the Round Table discussion.

V. Guest: None

VI. Old Business:

A. Academic Affairs Sub-Committees/Reassignment: Chair Oscar V. Torres

1. Asian Pacific Islanders Advisory Committee: [LINK](#)

a. Shirley Flor and Pianta provided their last report to the Academic Affairs Committee on **April 24, 2017:**

- The current committee is a continuation of the former committee that began in the 1990s.
- The committee is currently working with Curriculum Faculty, Staff and Students.
- The committee is looking for funding sources and research data/material that support the committee's work.
- The committee started many new events at Mesa College since the 1990s.
- The committee is looking for ways to identify students who can benefit from the committee's work.
- Mesa College offers Asian Studies courses that are offered by several departments and are not centralized or part of the Multicultural Studies program.
 - * The committee would like to develop Learning Communities (LCOM) classes that support Asian Pacific Islander students.
 - * The HIST 123 (US History from the Asian American Perspective) is only offered in the fall semester and taught by an Adjunct Faculty member.
 - * The ENGL 230 (Asian American Literature) course is being taught online right now, but needs additional FTE from departments outside of English.
 - * An online ENGL 101 course with an Asian Pacific Islanders emphasis would be a good course to develop.
 - * We want to provide our students with curriculum that shares the Asian American Immigrant Experience.
- The committee needs a student profile that provides more information.
- The Asian and Pacific Islanders Committee and the work of the committee need to be more visible at Mesa College and the committee needs to receive more support from Mesa College.
- We need to understand our student population and develop strong campus and community relationships.

- The Asian Pacific Islanders Committee has many committee members from throughout Mesa College and the committee formed subcommittees that work on Curriculum, Grant Writing and Research.
 - Funding Sources:
 - * The Humanities Institute is currently the only available funding source for the Asian Pacific Islanders Committee, which cannot provide enough funding to support the work the committee needs to conduct.
 - * Melissa Williams suggested that the Asian Pacific Islanders Committee contacts Dean Larry Maxey (Student Success & Equity) regarding funding.
 - * The committee cannot apply for Asian Pacific Islander Studies grants until Mesa College has an official Asian Pacific Islanders Studies Program.
2. Asian Pacific Islanders Heritage Committee:
 - a. Chair Jennifer Derillo will attend the October 14, 2019 Academic Affairs meeting.
 3. Humanities Institute: [LINK](#) Last report to the Academic Affairs Committee
 - a. Dean Linda Hensley reported she serves on the Humanities Institute.
 - b. D. Rogers and G. Ye provided their last update to the Academic Affairs Committee on **October 10, 2016:**
The Mesa College Events that the Humanities Institute Helps Support:
 - Black History Month
 - Chicano/Chicana Heritage Events
 - Constitution Day
 - Faculty Professional Development
 - Festival of Colors
 - International Education Week
 - Language Conference
 - Mesa Visions
 - Project-Based Learning
 - Science/Technology/Engineering/Arts/Mathematics (STEAM) Initiative Development
 - Social Science Speakers Series
 - Sustainability Week
 - Terra Mesa
 - Women's History Month Events
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 4. Women's Studies Advisory Committee: [LINK](#)
 - a. Denise Rogers provided their last update to the Academic Affairs Committee on **October 10, 2016:**
(10 Members/40 Person Email List)
 - We are developing a Women's Studies certificate for other disciplines.
 - We are also developing an Associate's Degree.
 - Sacramento City College offers an Associate Degree of Arts in Women's Studies.
 - We are working on a Student survey for a Women's Resources Center on campus.
 - Women's History Month:
 - We would like to increase Faculty and Student participation in the event.
 - * History of Women in San Diego
 - * International Women's Day
 - * Learning Resources Center (LRC) Exhibitions
 - * Local Female Politicians
 - * Mesa College Women Hall of Fame
 - * Panel Discussions
 - * Women in Science Club
 - * Women's Shelters and Other Resources

B. Mesa Guided Pathways: Chair Oscar V. Torres

1. Faculty Co-Coordinator Toni Parsons provided a report during the September 23rd Academic Senate meeting and Mesa Guided Pathways was also the Round Table Topic.

C. List of Committees at Mesa (Finish List): Chair Oscar V. Torres

1. Chair Oscar V. Torres reported the September 30th updates have been posted to the Academic Affairs Committee Canvas Shell.
2. Oscar V. Torres also reported he added a "No Longer Active" column to the document.

D. Develop a Plan for Increasing Membership: Chair Oscar V. Torres

1. The spring 2020 Academic Senate Faculty Orientation may be a good place to recruit new Academic Senate dues paying Faculty members.

VII. New Business:

A. President's Cabinet (PCab) Report: No Report

B. Academic Senate Executive Report: Chair Oscar V. Torres

1. Oscar V. Torres said the Academic Affairs Committee needs to know our purview.
2. Oscar V. Torres reported the Academic Affairs Committee is the research arm of the Academic Senate.
 - a. Leslie Seiger asked if Academic Affairs will develop a Position Paper on the benefits Online Education Resources (OER).
 - Oscar V. Torres said yes.
 - Dean Linda Hensley said we should make sure we do not duplicate the work of the OER Committee.
2. The Exec may ask Academic Affairs to interpret the Academic Senate Constitution.
 - a. Academic Senate President Manuel Vélez discussed the possibility with Oscar V. Torres at the last Exec meeting.
 - b. Oscar V. Torres has added the Academic Senate Constitution to the Academic Affairs Canvas shell.
3. Oscar V. Torres reported Academic Senate President Manuel Vélez and Parliamentarian Veronica Gerace discussed the possibility of holding an Academic Senate Orientation regarding Parliamentary Procedures with the Senate Executive Committee members.

C. Academic Senate President's Report: Chair Oscar V. Torres

1. Time was not available during the September 23rd meeting for Academic Senate President Manuel Vélez to provide a report.

VIII. Round Table/Announcements:

A. Chair Oscar V. Torres reported he was a Researcher prior to becoming a Mesa College Faculty Member.

1. He will be summarizing the findings from ten of his research papers on Smoking on October 18th in I400-213 from 12:00PM-2:00PM. (Oscar will send a flier to the Academic Affairs Committee members)

B. Miriam Pacheco reported the Raza Grad Car Exhibition Fundraiser is October 5th from 10:00AM-5:00PM. (Parking Lot above Douglas Stadium)

1. We will be selling drinks and pizza to raise funds for Raza Grad Students.
2. There will be vendors and food trucks.

C. Mary Gwin reported we will hold the first Mesa College LGBTQ Celebration Week in October 14th – October 18th.

IX. Next Meeting: November 18, 2019

X. Adjournment @ 5:33PM.

Motion to adjourn:

M/S

Gwin/Malinis

UNANIMOUS

Submitted by Sue Saetia:

Approved by the Academic Affairs Committee: November 18, 2019