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## ACADEMIC SENATE COUNCIL MEETING

January 21, 2021

APPROVED

*In accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and SB 751, minutes of the DVC Academic Senate Council record the votes of all committee members as follows: Members in attendance will have their votes recorded including names of members voting in the minority or abstaining is recorded.*

**PRESENT:** John Freytag (President), Patrick Moe (Vice President), Lisa Smiley-Ratchford (Corresponding Secretary), Alan Haslam (Representative-at-large), Bridgitte Schaffer (SRC), Susan Parkinson (Biology/ Health Sciences), Yvonne Canada (Counseling), Craig Gerken (Physical Sciences), Carolyn Seefer (Business), Joann Denning (CE), Anthony Gonzales (English), Kris Koblik (Professional Development), Rick Millington (Kinesiology), Daniel Kiely (Library) Sangha Niyogi (Social Sciences), Leo Bersamina (Applied and Fine Arts), Concha Gomez (Math/Computer Science) Liz Mayorga (Part-time Faculty), Maya Yamato (Part-time Faculty)

**ABSENT:**

**GUESTS:** Becky Opsata, Mary Gutierrez, Anne Kingsley, Kat King

### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF January 21, 2021.

**It was MSC to approve the agenda of January 21, 2021. The following members all voted aye: Moe, Parkinson, Canada, Gerken, Seefer, Kiely, Denning, Gonzales, Koblik, Millington, Niyogi Bersamina, Gomez, Mayorga, and Yamato. No abstentions. No nays. Approved.**

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### 3. COUNCIL COMMENT

Yamato said she has been receiving a lot of emails from adjuncts who are not teaching this semester but still need to access their emails and other 4CD accounts but they are being terminated at the 10<sup>th</sup> week of the semester. Freytag said he has been in contact with the UF about this and they are talking to the district about it.

Kiely said the library is helping instructors to get licenses for feature length films that can be streamed through Canvas of a link. However, the departments need to pay for them for about \$250 per film for a year. He said they are looking at possible accessing some CARE funds at this time.

### 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seefer announced that the link for DVC Scholarship application is up on the DVC website. There are many scholarships available for various majors and student populations. She asked faculty to be sure to let their students know about this. She said also they may be asked to write letters of recommendations and those are greatly appreciated.

Koblik announced the Pedagogy Inquiry team is continuing its work this semester and they are soliciting participation in our communities of practice. This semester they are focusing on culturally relevant pedagogy, equity, assessment feedback as well as equity and inclusivity in the STEM programs. She shared a link to a PowerPoint



DVC Pedagogy Communities of Practice SP21 Interest Sign-Up.htm

Freytag said the registration for the Achieving the Dream conference is now available. He said a link was sent out although we have missed early registration. You can use your PD funds for this. Also the ASCCC is offering a few scholarships.

Freytag said we will need to select a graduation speaker this semester so please forward names of any interested faculty to him. We also need to select a faculty lecturer. And we will be having an election for DVC Senate offices of President and Vice-president. One more thing we need is people for the hiring committee for Vice Chancellor CFO by January 26.

## **5. APPOINTMENTS**

None.

## **6. VPI REPORT**

Gutierrez said the Achieving the Dream conference is a wonderful chance to learn about data informed changes we can make to address equity gaps. She encourage people to attend if they can.

Gutierrez said there has been a lot of work to develop processes to help students access their textbooks.

Gutierrez said enrollment was down last week by 14.7% compared to last year. This week we are down 13.3%. However when the PH and SR campuses are broken out, SR was actually up by 15% and this week by 11.5%. She said they have been strategically using the trends and data to schedule courses that will fill and meet students' needs and goals. She said there is a lot of marketing going on as part of the efforts to increase enrollment. They are also looking at different ways to offer class activities that really need to be F2F and what is needed for that. They are also looking helping faculty schedule their classes in modalities and days and times so they are not putting in more time than necessary while keeping students' needs in mind. She said this decision making should be discussed and made at the lowest possible level in departments and programs.

## **7. CHECKING IN**

Sefer said she is so inspired that our new First Lady is a community college professor and will continue teaching. Jill Biden is also the first First Lady to ever work full-time.

Gonzales Said he would like to know where our students, staff and faculty are on the priority list for vaccines. Freytag said at this time it is up to the state and counties. Council members agreed they would all like this information clarified. They also want to know where they can go for vaccinations.

Schaffer said she wants clear information on how to make decisions on what modalities to schedule their classes in.

## 8. IEBC CARING CAMPUS UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS

This item was postponed.

## 9. RPEC PROJECT FOR COLLECTION OF COLLEGE GOALS AND ACTIVITIES



Goals-Activities-Evaluation AS Presentation 2021.1.21.pdf

Becky Opsata said she is making the rounds about a goals activities evaluation project. She reviewed a PowerPoint presentation explaining the project.

## 10. DISTANCE ED TEAM UPDATES AND Q&A

Ann Kingsley and Kat King shared updates on DE resources and tools.

The updated resources include a First Week Instructor guide, an Online Semester Guide, DE Flex Workshops and recordings, a DE Online Newsletter, Accessibility Newsletters, and Canvas Online Learning Website Resources.

The Online Success badges have been up for about a year now. We are up to 740 Online Success Badges and over 2000 Canvas Expert Badges. They reminded faculty to keep letting students know about these.

They said faculty need to remind students of their office hours. Let them know how you will be conducting your hours, make sure they know how to access them, and check with students about what works for them and what does not.

They shared some tool updates that include Faculty Guides on Online Teaching Tools, student guides to prepare for online learning, and Zoom guides for Instructors and students. They are also looking at other tools to pilot.

They told Council there are ongoing one-on-one trainings and BEOI offerings on January 4, February 8, and June 7. They reminded them that you must have regular and effective contact with students. They have guidance on Camera optional recommendations as well as on online proctoring.

Here are links to the resources they presented to you. Be sure to share any guidelines and resources for your students.

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1OZnXhB\\_HcgivEjmPwBRhONNaPGf2CihykF1nNckJft4/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1OZnXhB_HcgivEjmPwBRhONNaPGf2CihykF1nNckJft4/edit?usp=sharing)

<https://www.dvc.edu/online-education/online-teaching-materials.html>

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jFqz9skCSay08JO16vHN0Og-qitmjKsEU9S5AbJpPql/edit?usp=sharing>

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bYHiO9iixUjJ87\\_SiwouSckhsmjM1mdlRnE0RzgEoTY/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bYHiO9iixUjJ87_SiwouSckhsmjM1mdlRnE0RzgEoTY/edit?usp=sharing)

## 11. ASCCC ANTI-RACISM PLEDGE AND CCCCD JOINT ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING AND RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PLEDGE



CCCCD Joint Academic Senate Resolution In Support The ASCCC Anti-Racism Pledge 1-19-21.pdf



Fall 2020 Adopted Resolutions 11.9.2020 FINAL\_0.pdf

Freytag shared the Joint resolution written by the three CCCCDCD Senate presidents. He explained at the last Plenary there was a resolution passed asking local senates to ask faculty to take the anti-racism pledge. Our three senate presidents agreed to jointly ask all faculty, staff and managers to take the pledge. The pledge can be from an individual or it can be taken collectively by everyone in a program or department. They also want to have a short joint senate meeting to discuss the pledge and our CCCCDCD resolution on February 1 at 4:00pm. He anticipates the meeting will be about 15 minutes. He put this on our agenda today as a first read.

Council members discussed concerns about the potential public and searchable nature of these pledges and want clarity on how these will be shared and whether names will be attached. Freytag reminded Council the pledge is voluntary. He has noted the concerns and they will be discussed further. Council agreed there needs to be an education element about what the pledge is before people sign it. Freytag said we do have a lot of PD opportunities on this topic but he agrees we need to make sure the information gets out to everyone. Council further discussed the issue of putting your name on it or not. Several members pointed out that when you take a pledge it implies accountability. The language needs to be more concise so it's clear what people are actually signing on to and what metrics for success would be. Also to ensure it is understood what we mean by anti-racism.

Smiley Ratchford commented that just the conversations that are coming out of this we are very important. She said we need to make sure we have safe spaces to have these conversations among various groups of people.

Moe commented that anti-racism is a practice, not an end point.

Canada commented that ultimately this is a collective commitment to continue to talk about these issues and work together to make our colleges more inclusive. She said we will never be perfect and we may make missteps but we will continue to make a conscientious commitment and make it something that is explicit rather than implicit that we will continue to work at it.

Freytag said there will be time on the agenda to continue this discussion.

## **12. ASCCC STANBACK-STROUD AWARD NOMINATION**



2021 Stanback-Stroud Diversity Award ASCCC.htm

Freytag said the nomination period for the Stanback-Stroud Diversity Award is open. He said we can nominate an individual or a group of individuals that have worked together on a project or initiative. He asked Council to review the application and criteria and we will discuss it at our next meeting.

## **13. SENATE COUNCIL GOALS FOR SP'21**



Ac. Sen. Goals, 20-21 Final.pdf

This item was postponed due to time constraints.

## **14. ACADEMIC SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

This item was postponed due to time constraints.

## **15. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:54p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Langelier-Patton*

