

**ACADEMIC SENATE COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 28, 2017  
APPROVED**

*In accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and SB 751, minutes of the DVC Faculty 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:** Beth McBrien (President), John Freytag (Vice President), Peter Churchill (Corresponding Secretary), Kris Koblik (Professional Development), Marva DeLoach (Library), Barbara Hewitt (Biology/ Health Sciences), Cheryl Carter (Counseling), Leo Bersamina (Applied and Fine Arts), Theresa Flores-Lowery (Kinesiology), Charlie Shi (Business), Heidi Gentry-Kolen (Math/Computer Science), Wayne Larson (Physical Sciences), David Vela (English), René Sporer (SRC), Chalisse Fogette (Professional Development), Jim Blair (Part-time)

**ABSENT:** OPEN (Social Sciences), Andy Barlow (Rep-at-large), Kristen Koblik, (Professional Development)

**GUESTS:** Laurie Lema

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 28, 2017 AND MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.**

**It was MSC to approve the agenda of February 28, 2017. The following members all voted aye: Freytag, Churchill, DeLoach, Hewitt, Fogette, Carter, Shi, Bersamina, Sporer, Gentry-Kolen, Larson, and Vela. No nays. No abstentions. Approved.**

**It was MSC to approve the agenda of November 29, 2016 with corrections. The following members all voted aye: Freytag, Churchill, DeLoach, Hewitt, Fogette, Carter, Shi, Bersamina, Sporer, Gentry-Kolen, Larson, and Vela. No nays. No abstentions. Approved.**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**3. COUNCIL COMMENT**

Churchill said he attended College Council the previous week over a live stream. He said he was able to watch it from home while grading papers. He was very impressed. He said the college should do this more and more people could “attend” and participate in meetings. He said his online course is streamed and that way the students can see him and he can see them.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Carter said the Majors Expo is scheduled on May 3 in the quad. She said it will be set-up like last year with tables for information and snapshot presentations.

Freytag told Council to check out the workshops and seminars offered by the State Academic Senate. The web address is [asccc.org](http://asccc.org) and all their events are listed there. They cover state academic institute workshops and sessions on many topics including curriculum, CTE, leadership, minimum qualifications and equivalencies, SLOs, and accreditation. He said they also have a Plenary session in the Spring and the fall. He will be attending the Spring Plenary on April 18-20. He will attend the Area B meeting prior and will bring the resolutions to Council before the voting at Plenary.

McBrien said at the District Plenary on April 10, Beth Goehring, CCC Senate President will be making a presentation on equivalencies.

McBrien announced the dates, times and location for the Faculty Lecture has been confirmed. The lecture will be presented once on Monday April 17 from 12:30-1:30, and again on Tuesday, April 18 at 6:00pm with a reception following. Both will take place in the Diablo Room.

McBrien reminded Council tickets for the Dinner Theater are on sale now. The dinner is on Friday, March 17 and the production is a funny play called “You Can’t Take It With You”.

Flores-Lowery said the men’s basketball team is done for the season. Women’s basketball is in the sweet sixteen at this time. The softball team is 3 and 1. The baseball team is struggling a little. The tennis team is 2 and 1.

## 5. APPOINTMENTS

### **Syllabus Guidelines Workgroup**

Kris Koblik, Art History/Faculty Development

Ian Thomas-Bignami, English

Chris Capozzo, Social Science

Julia Willsie, Life Sciences

**It was MSC to approve the appointments listed above. The following members all voted aye: Freytag, Churchill, DeLoach, Hewitt, Fogette, Carter, Shi, Bersamina, Sporer, Gentry-Kolen, Larson, and Vela. No nays. No abstentions. Approved.**

## 6. 10 + 1

McBrien reviewed with Council a summary paper Barbara Hewitt wrote up on the 10+1 items as designated in the California Education Code and some information about the faculty and Senate’s role.

Hewitt suggested agenda topics reference the 10+1 item(s) they fall under.

DeLoach said when she first came on the Senate Council they were given binders with relevant information about the Senate and it was very helpful. She said we need to develop some training for new representatives.

Lema said we need to know how to best educate colleagues on the faculty roles and college governance. It is important that the knowledge and history are maintained.

Freytag said it is very important new faculty are also educated on college governance. He said there is also a need to constantly remind representatives that not only do they speak for areas but they also need to bring information from their areas to the senate. He pointed out that the word “processes” occurs a lot in the 10+1 and to keep that in mind whenever processes are being developed or revised.

Carter said there should be information given about 10+1 and upcoming senate matters at the All College Day.

Lema said to be sure to use 10+1 language when addressing matters that fall under them at college discussions and meeting.

## 7. VISION STATEMENT FEEDBACK

Lema presented three versions of a vision statement put together by a College Council workgroup with feedback from all constituencies. Council discussed the statements and which one they prefer. They suggested some wording changes to them including combining parts of a couple of them.

Lema said she will bring this feedback to College Council for them to put together a final draft that will come back to Senate.

**It was MSC to endorse the draft statements and for College Council to make a final recommendation with consideration of the feedback they receive. The following members all voted aye: Freytag, Churchill, DeLoach, Hewitt, Fogette, Carter, Shi, Bersamina, Sporer, Gentry-Kolen, Larson, and Vela. No nays. No abstentions. Approved.**

## **8. TOY NOMINATION AND PROCESS**

McBrien explained the process for selection of the Teacher of the Year. She said the County Board of Education looks at nominees from the area's K-12 schools. Of those nominees, one is selected to be the Teacher of the Year. For our District, one is nominated and attends an awards banquet but does not go on to the state. The District nominees are rotated through the 3 colleges every year. This year it is DVC's turn to make a selection.

McBrien said she was left out of the original email announcement so she got it late and now we are on a tight timeline. She said the requirements for the K-12 nominees are extensive but she talked to someone at the County office and was told the CC nominee just has to submit the cover page and 4 letters of recognition.

DeLoach, Sporer, and Cater volunteered to work on making a recommendation to Council.

McBrien said we will use this process this time but work on a better process for next time for this as well as the selection for the Faculty Lecturer. She said if anyone knows someone from their division they think would be deserving of this to forward their name to the work group.

## **9. VP OF INSTRUCTION REPORT**

This item was pulled due to the absence of Rachel Westlake.

## **10. AS PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

McBrien reminded Council the new Chancellor; Dr. Wood will be at the next Senate Council meeting. Freytag said the chancellor will be here for an hour and asked if there are any topics Council would like to address with him. The new chancellor will be at the next meeting.

McBrien said at the President's cabinet meeting they went around the room and everyone shared some good that was happening in their areas. She said this was informative and inspiring.

Hewitt suggested we talk about our search for our next president. McBrien responded that the district has hired a consultant to help with the search.

McBrien told Council to ask their divisions for suggestions.

Carter said she would like to get the Chancellor's view on a one-size-fits-all philosophy for all three district colleges when we each have very different populations.

McBrien said she wants to have time for a question and answer period.

McBrien told Council Ted Wieden said he will not be staying on after December 2017. She said the timeline will be similar to the chancellor hiring process. The job announcement will be done by the end of the semester and there will be a search in the fall so the candidate can start in January 2018.

McBrien said faculty hiring is going on right now but we don't know yet what hiring looks like for next year. She said she frequently brings up the hiring of full-time instructors in consultation.

McBrien said Becky Opsata is just about done with the Mid-term Report. She will bring it to Senate soon.

McBrien said there are a lot of initiatives happening in Student Services at this time and she will have someone come to Senate to talk about them.

McBrien reminded Council about the District-wide Plenary Session for all three colleges on Monday, April 10 from 3-5 at the District Office. She said those who want to attend need to RSVP to Ann Patton by April 3.

Freytag said the Accreditation Advisory Group met the previous Friday. They reviewed the draft mid-term report and have started working on the timeline to prepare for the 2020 visit. They will start putting together the standards workgroup in the fall.

Freytag said people are starting to put in their retirement notices to take advantage of the tentative agreement for a retirement incentive. We won't know how many for a while but we want to make sure we don't just replace retirement positions but keep increasing our ratio of full-time faculty.

McBrien said she will wait to talk about our enrollment numbers until Westlake can be in attendance since she does not have all the information. Freytag told Council Westlake will be giving an enrollment report at the College Council the following day.

## **11. COLLEGE COUNCIL FORUM AND DISTRICT RESOLUTION**

Freytag shared the PowerPoint that was put together for the College Council Forum on the Governing Board Resolution on Reaffirming support for the CCCCD Students and Employees In Defense of Diversity and Inclusion in the CCCCD (Resolution: 1-S).

Council broke out into small groups to discuss college and district activities to carry out the GB resolution. Council was asked to talk about what would be needed for each activity as well as how it would be done, by whom, and resources that might be needed.

Freytag said the comments from these discussions will be added to the feedback gathered at the Forum.

The groups reported out on some of their ideas including:

The need to be clear about where transgender bathrooms are located

The need for more sensitivity training. Maybe a flex activity on changes we are trying to make.

Linking with outside legal organization to stay updated on what we can and cannot do and perhaps someone students could be referred to.

Carter suggested we have a legal fair with tables that each focus on what kind of help is available for students. There is a need to get information out to students in a formalized way.

We need to make sure we all know the processes to support students and implement activities.

A need to foster an open environment for all and agree to disagree.

Training on implicit bias.

Discussion on where is the line between expressing an opinion and being inappropriate for the environment.

Rosa Armendariz said students have been talking about activism and leadership.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Langelier-Patton  
Administrative Secretary*