

**ACADEMIC SENATE COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 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), Andy Barlow (Rep-at-large), Peter Churchill (Corresponding Secretary), Chalisse Forgette (Professional Development), Marva DeLoach (Library), Barbara Hewitt (Biology/ Health Sciences), Cheryl Carter (Counseling), Leo Bersamina (Applied and Fine Arts), Charlie Shi (Business), Wayne Larson (Physical Sciences), Theresa Flores-Lowery (Kinesiology), David Vela (English), René Sporer (SRC), Jim Blair (Part-time)

ABSENT: Open-(Social Sciences), Open- (Math/Computer Science)

GUESTS: Laurie Lema, Rachel Westlake

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 7, 2017 AND MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

It was MSC to approve the agenda of February 7, 2017. The following members all voted aye: Freytag, Barlow, Churchill, DeLoach, Hewitt, Forgette, Carter, Shi, Bersamina, Flores-Lowery, Sporer, Larson, Vela and Blair. No nays. No abstentions. Approved.

It was MSC to approve the minutes of October 18, 2016. The following members all voted aye: Freytag, Barlow, Churchill, DeLoach, Hewitt, Forgette, Carter, Shi, Bersamina, Flores-Lowery, Sporer, Larson, Vela and Blair. No nays. No abstentions. Approved.

It was MSC to approve the minutes of October 25, 2016. The following members all voted aye: Freytag, Barlow, Churchill, DeLoach, Hewitt, Forgette, Carter, Shi, Bersamina, Flores-Lowery, Sporer, Larson, Vela and Blair. No nays. No abstentions. Approved.

It was MSC to approve the minutes of November 8, 2016. The following members all voted aye: Freytag, Barlow, Churchill, DeLoach, Hewitt, Forgette, Carter, Shi, Bersamina, Flores-Lowery, Sporer, Larson, Vela and Blair. No nays. No abstentions. Approved.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Issac Norman of the Inquirer introduced himself.

3. COUNCIL COMMENT

None.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flores-Lowery said the baseball and softball teams have been on hold because of all the rain.

Men's basketball is 18-7. Women's basketball has only lost 4 games. Bath teams are playing away games in the evening today.

The track team will be in a meet in Monterey in 2 weeks.

Bersamina said the Art department is having a jewelry sale tomorrow from 11-2.

McBrien reminded Council the dinner theater event is on March 17 and the play is “You Can’t Take it With You”. She encouraged everyone to attend.

McBrien reminded Council the deadline for applications for the Faculty Lecturer is on Friday, February 16.

5. APPOINTMENTS

Budget Committee

Mohammed Eisa

College Council Visions Statement Writing Group

Troy Bennet – Art Digital Media

Lisa Smiley-Ratchford – Sociology

Ellen Beaulieu – Chemistry

Bridget Shaffer – History SRC

6. REVIEW OF UPDATED EQUIVALENCY FORM

Council viewed the current equivalency form and a proposed revision to the format of the form. There was no discussion.

It was MSC to approve the revised equivalency form. The following members all voted aye: Freytag, Barlow, Churchill, DeLoach, Hewitt, Forgette, Carter, Shi, Bersamina, Flores-Lowery, Sporer, Larson, Vela and Blair. No nays. No abstentions. Approved.

7. VP OF INSTRUCTION

Westlake told Council the application for Guided Pathways has been forwarded to the District for the Governing Board. She said there is a work group setting up a Summit on Guided Pathways on March 17.

Westlake said the Scheduling committee met and they made a recommendation for the criteria for requesting addition of sections. The criteria for adding was a fill rate greater than 90% for a discipline and greater than 80% for a department.

Larsen asked about the status of the 16-week calendar. Westlake said she has not heard the voting results yet from the Union. She said if it passes a district-wide group will come together to discuss and develop the calendar. She said they are thinking about doing a mock calendar for Fall 17 and once it looks right, it will be rolled out in Fall 2018.

Freytag asked if in the 16-week calendar they will be compressing the same amount of minutes in an 18 week semester into a 16-week semester. He said his understanding is that for state funding we don’t have to keep all the minutes assigned currently. He said particularly for labs, it would not fit into the block schedule. Westlake said to the best of her knowledge, we will need to keep the same amount of contact hours. Freytag asked if there is any wiggle room. He said he remembers when we went from 75 to 80 minutes; it was so we could qualify for a different level of funding. Westlake said we got a bump in FTES when we went to 80 minutes, so we need to keep the same amount to keep that level of FTES. Freytag said 48 hours is the minimum that is required and we have 54 so can we adjust to help fit classes into the blocks. Westlake said if we went to 48 hours from 54 is a big reduction in FTES.

8. COLLEGE VISIONING STATEMENT REVIEW

McBrien reviewed that last fall the Academic Senate had a joint meet meeting with the Classified Senate and talked about creating a vision statement for the college. She said vision statements are not mandated by the state: about 60% of California community colleges have one. The discussions to form a vision statement are important for the college. She reviewed there was a workshop on Opening Day to continue the work on developing a vision statement.

McBrien shared with Council the vision statements that came out of the opening day activity. She asked Council if they have any feedback for the College Council vision statement writing group. Lema is on the writing group and they hope to have a draft statement by the following week.

Council then broke into small groups to review the statements from the workshop and discuss which one(s) they feel is appropriate.

The first group reported they liked “Inspiring and empowering all students through excellence and opportunity”.

Another group said they like that one as well as “DVC will encourage a community of empowered, empathetic, enlightened participants in civil society, committed to a life of learning and service”.

The third group also liked the same one as the first group as well as “DVC makes dreams and goals possible, is a caring student sanctuary, serving community and students’ needs/goals and enabling them for all their possibilities for career, transfer and general knowledge/skills”

The fourth group said they like the second one the third group likes but take out the words “is a caring student sanctuary”.

The fifth group like the same as the last one but suggested adding “opportunities through knowledge”.

A sixth group liked the same as the previous three and agreed that the words “is a caring student sanctuary” should be taken out.

And another group liked the same one but wants to add language from another one about engaging as active participants in shaping the world.

Barlow said we need to keep our audience in mind. We want to convey our vision to the community as well as remind employees this is what we come to work to do every day.

Lema will take this feedback to the writing group.

9. GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION

Barlow reviewed the process of how the Governing Board resolution reaffirming support of CCCC students and employees in defense of diversity and inclusion in the district came about. He said students and faculty started a petition drive in November asking for a resolution and collected 756 signatures in just over a month. Then on December 14 the Governing Board called a special meeting to address this. There were about 80-90 students and employees from the colleges in attendance. Many students spoke very eloquently about what this means to them. He said the DACA students’ statements were especially powerful. Then it was decided to bring together students, faculty, classified the college presidents together to write a resolution. That went to the Governing Board on December 21. The governing board made a few minor changes and passed it on January 11. Barlow said we now have a commitment and need to find ways to implement it.

Freytag said at College Council the previous week they were informed the resolution has been put on posters for around campus and there are some in foreign languages. College Council is to come to their next meeting with suggestions for other things we could do.

McBrien said we need to think of ways to make all of our students feel welcome. Churchill suggested signs be place all over campus at the beginning of the semester with welcoming messages and information on where to go to get support.

Barlow said the signs should include pictures of various types of students and employees so that all students will see one they can relate to.

Carter said we could do something similar on little flags that can be place all over campus.

Freytag said it would be good to know which employees speak languages other than English and what those languages are. Then some of the signs could have that person’s picture with a statement about which language(s) they speak.

Flores-Lowery said to not forget to include student athletes that are of different ethnicities and countries of origin.

Carter said the resolution should be on faculty home pages.

Barlow said they are also going to do a hashtag campaign such as #yourwelcomehere.

Forgette said we should have our Ask Me DVC signs in various languages.

10. PRESIDENT WIEDEN'S RESPONSE TO THE U.S. PRESIDENT'S ORDER ON IMMIGRATION

This item was postponed because President Wieden could not be in attendance.

11. STUDENT SUCCESS INPUT

Council reviewed our transfer rates to CSUs and UCs broken out by ethnicity. McBrien said 39% of our transfer students are international students. If they could not come here it would impact us financially. Also a lot of them take our higher level courses and it would impact our transfer rates if they were not here. Barlow said with the elimination of the TTIP, students will lose their government grants. Lema said we also have to look at courses and scheduling if our population changes. We will have to talk about how to increase transfer rates without the students that have been contributing to it. DeLoach reminded Council informal conversations between faculty and also between students are important. Shi said he has been involved in recruiting students from China and our connection to UC Berkeley is the number one selling point. He said also student clubs are a good way to involve students and help increase transfer rates. Plus they are good for students in so many ways. Bersamina said that is also true with European students. He said one strategy to engage students is in his area about once a month they do a "coffee talk" where they sit with a group of students and talk about their college experiences and goals. He said he also makes a point of talking in class about whose transferring where. Carter said international students pay a lot to come here and they can't work so they have a lot of free time. She suggested the Student Services Committee work with the International Students office to do some outreach. ~~Cater~~ Carter said our Transfer Services Office does a great job and they are available to come talk to classes. McBrien said we have not really talked about the 4 points in the ed plan in relation to student success efforts but it is part of the Ed Plan conversation. Lema agreed and would like to bring back the Ed Plan conversation to help with focusing efforts to achieve student success.

McBrien said this is part of our conversation about our goals also. She said this year she would like to set the goals for 2017-2018 this semester so they are in place when the fall semester begins. Freytag added that the College Council will be asking the Senate for our goals to help set the college goals.

McBrien told Council Wieden has been working with district on the request to identify students' majors and where they are in their progress towards their goals. She said a SoCal school has a program that we are looking into.

Lema suggested the Senate form a work group to set up measurements we can evaluate at stages and see how we are doing.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Ann Langelier-Patton
Administrative Secretary*