

DVC
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ACADEMIC SENATE COUNCIL MEETING

April 6, 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: Kyle Whitmore, Becky Opsata, Mark Akiyama, Dorian Eidhien, Bret Peppo, Gerardo De La Torre, Todd Farr, Griffin Sharp, Kyle Whitmore, Robert Hawkins, Paul Villa, Jason Mayfield, Anne Kingsley

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF APRIL 6, 2021.

It was MSC to approve the agenda of April 6, 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.

It was MSC to approve the minutes of February 9, 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

Dorian Eidhein he is asking the Senate to consider a resolution supporting and affirming transgender people. He said even as President Biden takes measures to acknowledge trans-rights, at least 28 States have introduced anti-trans legislation. Some bills attempt to bar trans-girls and women from participating in sports and others seek to limit trans-teens access to timely gender affirming healthcare. He said physical violence against trans-people is a serious threat. Additionally, a lot of the hatred has been carried out legislatively. DVC has supported other groups that have been singled out for discrimination and hatred. He hopes the Senate will keep our values in mind and pass a resolution affirming the rights of trans-people on our campus, in our Community and across the country. Freytag said he will follow up with the Senate officers to determine a path forward for a possible resolution.

Brett Peppo commented that as we start returning to campus, he has noticed a lot of the landscaping around campus has been neglected. He would like to organize a day or two to invite faculty, staff and students to participate in a campus clean up and do things such as pulling weeds and spreading mulch. He recognizes there may be issues with the maintenance departments but he would like to help the

college community feel proud of our campus grounds. Freytag said he will bring up the suggestion at the next College Council meeting.

Gerardo De La Torre, the Environmental Affairs officer for ASDVC, presented on behalf of the Sustainability Committee about Earth Day events that will take place from April 19th to April 22. He said they have been collaborating with different departments and reaching out to our sister colleges. All employees and students are invited.

The events include a presentation on Sustainable Eating by Marci Cole-Ekberg, Squire Davidson, and John Matthesen; a discussion with professionals in environmental issues and professional development activities related to them; a presentation on making your household's energy consumption more renewable; there will be pre-recorded performances from DVC's music, drama, and dance departments exploring the way art intersects the environment; DVC Horticulture will do a brief demonstration after the performances; and Vic Vong from the Greenlining Institute will give a presentation about environmental justice with a focus on local issues and action plans, and after there will be breakout rooms to expand on the discussion led by interested students and faculty.

3. COUNCIL COMMENT

Gonzales commented that he supports Eithin's request for a resolution and would like to see a discussion about it on a Senate agenda. He said he is willing to help in any way possible.

Seefer said she was on campus the previous week for her Covid vaccine. She said a couple women that were from Contra Costa Health Services were talking about what was for lunch that day. She asked them if DVC culinary students were preparing the meals. The women said they were and they raved about the quality of the food. They said they were disappointed the previous week when the students were on spring break.

Freytag said now that a faculty lecturer has been selected, the presentations have been scheduled on Tuesday, April 27 from 12:45-2 and again on Wednesday, April 28 at 6:00pm. They will be presented on Zoom.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Freytag announced that the 2021 DVC Faculty Lecturer is Eric Moss.

Niyogi said the Social Justice group has partnered with Journalism for the next Social Justice speaker, Sonali Kolhatkar of the *Rising Up With Sonali* will speak about "The Role of Independent Journalism in Today's Social Justice Movements" on Thursday, April 15, at 2:30 P.M. on Zoom. Mickey Huff, Journalism Chair, will host.

Patton announced the results of the Senate officer election. The positions of Senate president and vice president were on the ballot and were uncontested. 100% of the votes cast endorsed John Freytag for senate president for another term and Lisa Smiley-Ratchford for the next term.

Schaffer Mike Madrid, who spoke at the San Ramon campus last semester, is speaking again this Thursday from 6-7pm via Zoom. He has written about Supergirls in Comics and will be discussing the Shifting Role of Female Superheroes in American Culture.

5. APPOINTMENTS

None.

6. TIMELYMD TELEHEALTH SERVICES

Todd Farr and Griffin Sharp presented information about TimelyMD Telehealth Services.

Farr said our student government has been advocating for student health services on campus for a while. Now DVC has committed to cover 60% of the cost to bring this service to the college.

Griffin Sharp of TimelyMD Telehealth Services presented information about their CA Students Kit for DVC students. Sharp shared the website for the program and reviewed the various features. The program provides 24/7 to their services. Students create an account and get connected with either a licensed medical professional or a licensed mental health professional in as little as five minutes. They can upload some medical history. The providers can write prescriptions for minor/routine things if needed. The app for the services can be downloaded to all mobile devices. The services are provided at no cost to students and they will not be asked for insurance information. Although they will have to pay for prescriptions but they do have a discount program and they are trained to first prescribe generics to help reduce costs. The providers can refer students to any needed follow-up services that need to be provided in person.

Sharp said they work exclusively with colleges and universities so their providers are trained in focusing on students and all the needs of various student populations. If a student is out of the region, they will be referred to in-person services in their area if needed.

Sharp shared a video to demonstrate a student's experience when they log in to this service. Students can choose whether or not they want to have a video consultation. They can also invite up to 3 people to the session. Medical sessions typically last about 10 minutes while mental health sessions typically last 30 minutes. They can also add dependents to their account at no cost.

Sharp shared some examples of needs students have used the service for. He said they encourage all students to create an account so if any need arises they can easily access the service. He said they also encourage faculty to inform students of this service.

Parkinson asked about privacy assurances. Are medical records generated as a result of these visits and what happens to that data? Sharp said they are a HIPPA compliant company and they take security and privacy very seriously. When a student record has been created it is sent back to the student.

7. DISTRICT FACULTY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Freytag said Kyle Whitmore, Robert Hawkins and Paul Villa will present information on the District Faculty Internship Program that they initially conceived during a the fall 2020 USC Equity Institute.

Kyle Whitmore said they are making the rounds to create awareness about this program. They are working to revitalize the program and make sure all DVC faculty are informed about it and know how to bring people into the program. Interns who are completing their master's degree and are in subject areas where they are or can work as part-time instructors can be eligible for the program. They want to let departments this is a viable option to diversify their faculty hires. He added that the Communications department has taken advantage of this program to hire Paul Villa and Robert Hawkins who have become exceptional faculty in the Forensics program.

8. STATUS OF INTEREST AREA STUDENT SUCCESS CENTERS DISCUSSIONS, APPROVAL SCHEDULE

Becky Opsata and Mark Akiyama provided updates about the interest area success centers. He said

Phase 1 is looking at the opening of the success centers for math and engineering, health sciences, arts, language and communications. The phase 2 rollout will include social sciences, business, computer science, and culinary arts. They have been working with the deans and faculty of these interest areas to address their concerns. They will be forming work groups of faculty also. He said there are many layers to these discussions so they have a flexible timeline for them. He said they will come back to provide updates on those discussions.

Opsata said we have some new technology tools to consider using as we roll out the success centers. She said we have been able to make changes in the CCC apply process, so now when a student registers they can identify an area of study. But if they if they have not yet decided specifically, they can choose an interest area to begin. We can generate reports to pull out data on things such as a list of all the applicants that are interested in the sciences. She said we need to make decisions about how to use this data. For example, events for particular interest areas, getting messaging out about those areas, or webpages for the groups. She said the Culinary program has radically restructured their curriculum and this will help them as they figure out with the previous catalog years what courses students need to still take to complete their programs.

Akiyama said we're often trying to figure out what are the courses that we need to really be offering students based upon their course taking patterns. This will help us develop student centered scheduling. Opsata said however we cannot search for an individual student with this program at this time.

Mayfield asked about tracking student's progress in certificate and degree programs in light of the student centered funding formula impacts. Opsata said we cannot measure progress with this program yet. Akiyama said the data we can currently access is more predictive analytics.

Anne Kingsley asked about data on the modalities students have been choosing such as if a student has completed a degree or certificate completely online. Opsata said we do not have that capability yet.

Canada asked if this is linked with the My Progress tool that counselors can access but don't find very useful. They hope it will get updated next.

Schaffer asked for clarification if this tool will show if a student has taken classes outside the district. Opsata said the data is pulled from our Colleague system so it will not show that information.

9. RETURN TO CAMPUS FALL '21

Freytag said he would like Council to continue discussions about questions, concerns and suggestions about returning to the campuses in FA21. He said the third draft of the fall schedule is currently being worked on. There is also an evaluation of our HVAC systems being done by a consultant to make sure there is adequate air circulation in our buildings according to CDC guidelines.

Moe said there is some confusion about setting class maximums for F2F classes especially as the health guidelines keep changing. Mayfield said the idea is to lower them down to whatever the room cap is. He said there is a distinction between the room cap and class maximums. He said as the CDC relaxes guidelines the class maximums will gradually increase. However, we will not change those too close to the start date of classes and certainly not mid-semester.

Schaffer said the SRC division has discussed pulling together faculty that will be teaching F2F or hybrid classes and discuss the information they should tell students about guidelines. Also any suggestions to help faculty and students make the adjustment to return to campus.

Gerken said his division has expressed some frustration that the deadlines for setting the FA21 schedule has not been extended. He said the information about this went out just before spring break shortened the timeline even more.

Freytag agreed that the timing of the notice was problematic. He said there have been discussions about whether to change scheduling timelines and ultimately registration timelines. There are pros and cons on both sides and there is reluctance from our instruction office to change the timelines for a number of reasons including maximizing enrollment.

Parkinson said she agrees with the frustration over scheduling timelines. She said her division is also concerned because they have a lot of impacted classes and the consequences for students of lower class maximums.

Gomez asked about the timing to shift modalities if we see that F2F classes are not filling. Mayfield said if we see that trend in May or June, we can put some classes online if that is what is indicated. He reminded Council the District has allocated funds to support low enrolled classes during this transitional time.

Sefer asked about ensuring online classes continue for students who cannot physically come to campus for various reasons so they can complete their programs. Freytag said he understands the concern and these conversations need to happen at the programmatic and department level. He commented that as all of us in the District have devoted time and money to develop our online classes and teaching skills and we now have the ability to continue offering online classes into the future. However, no one will be forced to teach or take an online class. He said the Academic Senate can facilitate those discussions as we move forward. He said there have been discussions about continuing to offer students opportunities to complete certificates and degrees online. He added that there are also discussions about offering some sort of consistent scheduling, even semester to semester to help students with things such as scheduling work, transportation and daycare

Canada said the Counseling department has concerns with coming back to campus and the physical setup of their offices. They have adapted well to serving students online. They actually have a lower no show rate with students for online appointments.

Mayfield said the idea is to accommodate those employees who do want to come back to campus and the UF understands the concerns about physical spaces and COVID safety guidelines. He said there have even been suggestions about using outdoor spaces on campus to accommodate some F2F services.

Freytag said there are conversations in contract negotiations about situations such as whether or not to require F2F office hours.

10. ASCCC SPRING PLENARY DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

Freytag said the State Academic Senate Plenary is the following week. He will allot time on the next Senate agenda to hear feedback on the proposed resolutions.

11. ACADEMIC SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This item was postponed due to time constraints.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:36p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Ann Langelier-Patton
Academic Senate Administrative Secretary*