

**ACADEMIC SENATE COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 26, 2019**

**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:** Beth McBrien (President), John Freytag (Vice President), Kimberley Taugher (Biology/ Health Sciences), Theresa Flores-Lowery (Kinesiology), Patrick Moe (Corresponding Secretary), Carolyn Seefer (Business), Heidi Gentry-Kolen (Math/Computer Science), Lisa Smiley-Ratchford (Social Sciences), Jane Fisher (Applied and Fine Arts), Joann Denning (CE), Kris Koblik (Professional Development), Jim Blair (Part-time Faculty), Anthony Gonzales (English), Yvonne Canada (Counseling), Craig Gerken (Physical Sciences)

**ABSENT:** René Sporer (SRC), Daniel Kiely (Library)

**GUESTS:** Laurie Lema, Becky Opsata

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 26, 2019 AND MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2019.**

**It was MSC to approve the agenda of February 26, 2019. The following members all voted aye: Freytag, Taugher, Flores-Lowery, Moe, Seefer, Smiley-Ratchford, Gonzales, Fisher, Denning, Koblik, Canada, Gerken, Gentry-Kolen, and Blair voted aye. No nays. No abstentions. Approved.**

**It was MSC to approve the minutes of February 12, 2019. The following members all voted aye: Freytag, Taugher, Flores-Lowery, Moe, Seefer, Smiley-Ratchford, Gonzales, Fisher, Denning, Koblik, Canada, Gerken, Gentry-Kolen, and Blair voted aye. No nays. No abstentions. Approved.**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**3. COUNCIL COMMENT**

Moe said he wants to see some de-briefings about the hiring process from the most recent round of hiring. He said he would like to have discussions about the district office's role and what did and did not work.

Freytag said it is important that hiring committees know the administration is insisting that at least 3 finalists go forward for the final interviews.

#### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Denning announced that the DVC High School Career Academies are off to a great start. She said there are 9 academies this year from Engineering, Culinary, Business, and Art Digital Media. Enrollment does not open April 1 but there have already been 147 students that have expressed interest. It is a 1-3 unit intense one-week academy. Denning said Alison and Noel in the Career Education office are thinking about next summer already and perhaps scheduling dual sections including some at San Ramon.

Denning said the Music Industry Studies program has created new degrees in AV Technology and Commercial Music. They also have formed New Learning Partnerships with AVID and AVIXA, enabling our students to get certified in Pro Tools and as Audiovisual technicians. They have also branded our newly-constructed audio recording studio as "Viking Studios" with a music video production featuring DVC faculty, staff, alumni, students, and local artists.

Fisher said the current show in the Art Gallery, "Arrangement for a Silent Orchestra" is closing this Thursday, February 28 and there will be a reception from 11:30-12:30 that will feature a solo violin performance by the artist, Julie Comnick.

Moe said the DVC Speech and Debate Team won the Northern California regional championship tournament this past weekend. The tournament was held at the University of the Pacific in Stockton. This is the third year in a row DVC has won this tournament. He offered congratulations to coaches Robert Hawkins and Blake Longfellow.

Patton said tickets are on sale now for the Spring Dinner Theater. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, March 8. The play is Peter and the Starcatcher.

Flores-Lowery said several scheduled athletic events have been postponed because of all the rain. The swim team will be hosting time trials this Friday at 10am. Baseball is currently 7-5 and will play this Thursday at Sierra College. She our coach, Steve Ward is retiring this year so this is his last season. Softball is currently 4-6 and will play this Friday at home vs Chabot. The Women's basketball team are the Big 8 League champions for the second year in a row finishing with a 27-1 record. They will play on Saturday in the NorCal Regional Playoffs here at DVC. One player was named Northern California Player of the Year and several others were named to the All-State team.

#### **5. APPOINTMENTS**

None.

#### **6. DISTRICT WEBSITE BLOCKING POLICY**

Kiely was not present at the meeting for an update.

#### **7. RPEC CHARGE AND FUNCTION, PROCEDURE REVIEW**

Opsata reviewed the proposed charge and function for the Research, Planning and Effectiveness Committee (RPEC) She explained they did not make changes to the current charge but started over and made more of a list of their duties. She asked Council to gather feedback and this will come back for more discussion and a vote.

Opsata brought back the proposed changes to Procedures 5030.01 Mail and Communication Systems, and 6101.01 College Memorial Services. There was no discussion.

**It was MSC to approve the changes to DVC Procedures 5030.01 and 6101.01. The following members all voted aye: Freytag, Taugher, Flores-Lowery, Moe, Seefer, Smiley-Ratchford, Gonzales, Fisher, Denning, Koblik, Canada, Gerken, Gentry-Kolen, and Blair voted aye. No nays. No abstentions. Approved.**

## **8. GUIDED PATHWAYS**

Koblik shared a graphic for the concept of creating support teams for guided pathways. Council provided feedback. They said the silhouette of a Viking needs to be changed to look a little friendlier.

Seefer said the varying size of the fonts are somewhat confusing as it looks like some of the components listed are more important than others.

Canada said it should show some kind of hierarchy or flow in the order of the services

Freytag said it depicts sort of a downward trajectory. It should show a level of upward flow.

Koblik said this will be a tool to use for presentations to employees about the program components.

McBrien suggested Koblik work with the Art DM program and it could be a student project.

Canada commented that this is similar to what they do with Learning Communities and in a way this is a scaled up model.

**It was MSC to endorse the creation of support teams for Guided Pathways. The following members all voted aye: Freytag, Taugher, Flores-Lowery, Moe, Seefer, Smiley-Ratchford, Gonzales, Fisher, Denning, Koblik, Canada, Gerken, Gentry-Kolen, and Blair voted aye. No nays. No abstentions. Approved.**

## **9. COLLEGE COUNCIL CHARGE AND FUNCTION REVIEW AND PROPOSED COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Lema brought back the proposed charge and membership for the formation of a new college Communications Committee. There was no discussion.

**It was MSC to approve the formation of a college Communications Committee. The following members all voted aye: Freytag, Taugher, Flores-Lowery, Moe, Seefer, Smiley-Ratchford, Gonzales, Fisher, Denning, Koblik, Canada, Gerken, Gentry-Kolen, and Blair voted aye. No nays. No abstentions. Approved.**

Lema brought back the proposed changes to the College Council charge and function. There was no discussion.

**It was MSC to approved the proposed changes to the College Council charge and function. The following members all voted aye: Freytag, Taugher, Flores-Lowery, Moe, Seefer, Smiley-Ratchford, Gonzales, Fisher, Denning, Koblik, Canada, Gerken, Gentry-Kolen, and Blair voted aye. No nays. No abstentions. Approved.**

## **9. VPI REPORT**

Gutierrez not present at the meeting to provide a report.

## **10. TRI-SENATE MEETING**

McBrien reminded Council there is a district-wide Annual Academic Senate Plenary meeting scheduled on Monday, April 29 from 3-5 at the District office. This will be the 4<sup>th</sup> time this meeting has been held. The main topic will be around academic freedom. She asked Council if there were any other topics they would like to have addressed at the meeting.

Denning said she would like to see some discussion about CE programs in the district.

Taugher said some class sections have high numbers of DSS students and it can present classroom management issues. She would like to see discussion addressing this even if it's not at the plenary.

Taugher said programs are seeing increasing numbers of high school students in their classes. Some of them as young as 12. She said it has become problematic in classroom management for one because some of the students don't have mature social skills. Also, many parents don't understand that their students are in college classes and there are different boundaries than in high school such as parents in the classroom, and asking about their child's performance in the class. She said it is mostly in the summer and seems to be getting worse.

Blair said he would like to see part-time load increases discussed; and the need to increase the hiring of part-time into full-time positions. Also integrating part-time faculty into committee work and leadership positions.

Moe said he wants to see discussion about the hiring process and what could be done to improve it.

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

McBrien told Council Lamb was not able to attend this meeting but she will be here at the next one to provide Measure E updates. McBrien reminded Council these are just the beginning conversations about the next phase of projects and another bond measure to go out in the future ~~2022~~. Freytag added that there are conversations starting now at the Executive Steering Committee level about the Academic Complex, but there will be many/multiple opportunities to provide input as we move forward through forums and other avenues for participation in the planning. McBrien said at this time construction will be starting soon on Kinesiology and Art buildings as well as San Ramon so discussions about those plans for transition will be taking place.

McBrien told Council that at District Consultation they really liked and supported the Academic Freedom Statement that was put forward. She said CCC has approved it and FSOC has endorsed

it. LMC has not met yet but it is expected they will approve it also. Then it will get on the Board agenda for March.

Blair said he was at a State part-time faculty leadership conference the previous week and this has become a hot topic at the state level also. McBrien added that the UF is also discussing this and looking at adding language to the contract during the next round of negotiations.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Langelier-Patton  
Administrative Secretary*