

ACADEMIC SENATE COUNCIL MEETING

January 29, 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), Patrick Moe (Corresponding Secretary), Carolyn Seefer (Business), Heidi Gentry-Kolen (Math/Computer Science), René Sporer (SRC), Lisa Smiley-Ratchford (Social Sciences), Theresa Flores-Lowery (Kinesiology), Craig Gerken (Physical Sciences) Jane Fisher (Applied and Fine Arts), Joann Denning (CE), Daniel Kiely (Library), Yvonne Canada (Counseling), Kimberley Taugher (Biology/ Health Sciences), Kris Koblik (Professional Development), Jim Blair (Part-time Faculty)

ABSENT: Anthony Gonzales (English)

GUESTS: Mary Gutierrez, Cheryl Carter, Alan Haslam, Susan Lamb

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF JANUARY 29, 2019 AND MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2019.

It was MSC to approve the agenda of January 24, 2019. The following members all voted aye: Freytag, Moe, Seefer, Smiley-Ratchford, Sporer, Gerken, Fisher, Flores-Lowery, Denning, Kiely, Canada, Taugher, Koblik, Gentry-Kolen, and Blair voted aye. No nays. No abstentions. Approved.

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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. COUNCIL COMMENT

Taughner said she has not heard of any issues with there being multiple version of wait lists. But, she did notice that the priority order on some lists was changed overnight. Freytag said that happened when they were updating lists and has been corrected.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

McBrien told Council the dates and times for the faculty lecture have been announced. Shelly Pierson will present her lecture on Tuesday, April 9 from 12:45-1:45 and again on Wednesday April 10 at 6:30 pm with a reception following. Both presentations will take place in the Diablo Room.

McBrien reminded Council the Dinner Theater is on Friday March 15 for the opening night production of Peter and the Starcatcher. It is a play about Peter Pan and is family friendly.

Flores-Lowery announced the following:

Softball plays it first game on Friday at home vs Chabot

Baseball played their first two games and are 2-0. They play next this afternoon at home vs Ohlone

Men's and Women's basketball have a few more games through February.

Men's and Women's tennis start their season today at 2pm at Cabrillo.

And Swimming starts its season this Friday at home.

5. APPOINTMENTS

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Heidi Gentry-Kolen

Part-time Faculty Academic Senate Council Representative

Jim Blair

It was MSC to approve the faculty appointments listed above. The following members all voted aye: Freytag, Moe, Seefer, Smiley-Ratchford, Sporer, Gerken, Fisher, Flores-Lowery, Denning, Kiely, Canada, Taughner, Koblik, Gentry-Kolen and Blair voted aye. No nays. No abstentions. Approved.

6. BOARD POLICY 20.10

McBrien said a proposed change to Board Policy 20.01 on Parking and Traffic Regulations was introduced at the November DGC meeting. The proposed change would require a parking permit for all the campuses 24/7. Freytag said at the December DGC meeting they were told it was partly to deter people from parking campers and such in the lots and not for revenue.

McBrien said as it stands now, a request can be made to Police Services to not ticket in lots where events are taking place such as performing arts and sporting events but these requests are not made very often. She said there is no official process for this. She said also when there are large events is it not possible to know how many or where attendees would be parking. She said another issue is accessibility such as for older people that play in a production by the music department.

Gerken said he understands the ability to enforce the eviction of squatters. But, he asked, if someone is ticketed and they are not a student, what would a ticket matter to them if it's a debt to the college that cannot be enforced.

Flores-Lowery said they often have big sporting events where people come in RVs and campers and stay in the lots over a few days including many friend and family members of the athletes. She commented that the proposed language says it "will" be enforced when the language regarding bikes, scooters etc. says it "may" be enforced.

Moe said Communications have large events over 3 days (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) and it would be a logistical nightmare to ensure everyone attending had a parking permit.

Freytag said Horticulture has plant sales that are open to the public. It would not be practical to ask attendees to track down a parking permit machine before parking outside the nursery. The plant sales raise money for the program and this could impact the income from the sales. He said if this does pass, there needs to be a very simple process for attendees to all events to get permits.

Moe said if the goal is preventing squatters, why not just have a 72-hour parking limit.

7. VPI REPORT

Gutierrez said enrollment is relatively flat in comparison to this time last year. FTES is up only.01%. However, SRC is up about 5.4% in FTES. They are up 5.7% in head count.

Gutierrez said she received an email at 2:11 today that the problem with rosters that Taugher mentioned earlier in the meeting has been corrected. She said it is important to stay in touch with Beth Hauscarriague as soon as anyone sees any problems with rosters or wait lists arise.

8. STUDENT SUCCESS AND THE NEW FUNDING FORMULA

Lamb reviewed the proposed new funding formula that is being phased in by the State Chancellor's Office. She reminded Council that this year we are on hold harmless status so our funding allocation calculations remain the same.

Lamb said there has been a lot of pushback against the formula and the way it is being implemented but the Chancellors office has taken the feedback and said thank you but is moving ahead.

Lamb said the formula for supplemental allocation awards points for each Pell grant, College Promise or AB540 student at a college. In regions where they have a high population of these students, they will get a disproportionment allocation. In areas with low numbers of these students that have higher than average incomes, they will get a disproportinmenet reduction in their allocation. In our region, we have a mixed average of incomes so it would have a negative impact on our allocation. We could be looking at a \$9.5 million reduction in apportionment.

Lamb said that since Newsom came into the Governor's office, he has not only proposed increases in budgets for schools at all levels but has signaled he want to slow down the implementation of the funding formula and look more closely at the impacts to the colleges.

Lamb said in some areas we don't have a lot of room to raise our numbers such as degree and certificates awarded. But there are some areas we could look at to improve our numbers. She said ideas include building certificate career ladders that could then lead to a degree. But she cautioned we have to be careful about the impact on financial aid eligibility. In some cases, once a student receives a certificate, they could be cut off from further financial aid. Another idea is to automatically award degrees if a student has met all the requirements but they have not applied

for one. We can also look at onboarding and connecting with students including more tutoring. We should look ahead at how we can expand tutoring knowing there may be funding reductions in some areas that support tutoring.

Lamb explained the concept of non-credit tutoring. The apportionment for this falls outside of this funding model so we would the current level of funding for that. Non-credit tutoring is free to the student.

Another idea is to explore expanding credit recovery. This would involve reaching out to junior and senior high school students who have not passed the requirements to graduate. So they either don't graduate or they get their degree later so their entry to college would not happen or be delayed. We could offer courses over the summer perhaps to help them to pass those courses and get back on track and think about college.

Lamb said at CCSF they did this and they used a combination of high school and college faculty to teach the courses depending on what worked best for each school they were working with.

Lamb said we will look at evolving into these ideas and what areas they would make sense for. Some areas it may not make sense. She believes in starting small and seeing how things work before expanding on initiatives. This is just the beginning of these conversations.

Lamb said with these ideas, we want to make it as easy as possible for students to take advantage of them but, we also want to make sure students understand that they are working towards their academic goals and need to have some accountability.

Lamb said the Chancellor's office has not budged on implementing this formula exactly as they have proposed but with Newsom in office now, this is the first time we've seen any opening to mitigate the negative impacts. We have about 6 more months of state budget development so we don't know what changes may come.

9. NEW EV CHARGING STATIONS

Lamb explained we have been given two grants that would help us build more electrical vehicle charging stations on campus. One is from PG&E to install the infrastructure needed to add the stations. A second grant from a Bay Area agency would cover the actual installation of the charging stations. However, PG&E stipulates that we need to install the infrastructure where they have designated or they will not pay for it. And the other grant would fund some stations but not all that we could ultimately install. PG&E stipulated that we would have to install at least 16 stations to fulfill the grant requirements.

Lamb shared a diagram of where on the campus PG&E has said they would install the connection to a bank of stations. It is from Stubbs Rd just across from the Family Life Complex and the stations would take up 16 parking spots in front of the complex. She said some of the drawbacks are that it is in faculty/staff parking so those spaces would not be available to non-electric vehicles. Also, it is where the drop-off for the children's center is which could be hazardous. And, it is on the opposite side of campus from Police Services which makes oversight and enforcement more difficult. She said also we would maybe have to enforce time limits in those spots and decide if they would be available to students. She said she has observed that this lot is always full and could impact many classified that work in that part of campus. Lamb said we do need to be thoughtful about this and be responsible stewards of our environment for the future but at what standard. We do need to consider the long-term impact as well as the short-term.

Taughner wondered about the cost of running the stations as we don't charge a fee to use them. Koblak said there are apps that show all EV charging stations in an area and they could potentially be taken up by the public instead of employees and students.

Lamb said we also need to consider that PG&E rates are going to be increasing and that would impact our cost for running the stations. She said we have been looking at adding more photovoltaic sources of energy on the campus and that actually brings us a return on our energy costs. She said this is going to all the governance groups and will come back to Senate for further discussion.

10. ASC PRESIDENT REPORT

McBrien told Council Vickie Gordon is the Governing Board president this year and she as well as another new board member are part of a state group to talk about upcoming budget issues.

McBrien said she needs two people to serve on the Administrative Program Review Validation team. It does not require a lot of time but it is important work.

McBrien told Council just prior to this meeting she was informed that the valet parking program is going very well and 454 cars were parked in the overflow lot today. They have worked out the glitches that happened at the beginning of last semester and also that the hours when people can pick up their keys at the lot and not have to go to Police services have been extended.

11. FINAL EXAM FEEDBACK

McBrien asked Council if they had any more feedback on the schedule for final exams week.

Freytag said the sciences had a joint division meeting and took a vote on what they prefer. He said an overwhelming majority was in favor of keeping it like it is but to allow for flexibility for instructors on when they present their final materials and which class session in which they give their finals.

Gentry-Kolen had forwarded an email from a math colleague to the Council that addressed many of the math and computer science division's concerns. The negative impacts were mostly observed among STEM students who had to take several intense finals often several on the same day. The students were offered alternate times to take exams but because of their packed schedules could not take advantage of that. It was also pointed out that the passing time was only 10 minutes and it resulted in disruptions by students coming into classrooms for the following class period and disturbing the students still talking their exams. The instructor said that in three of their four class sections, she had the lowest final exam scores she has ever had.

Canada said she observed that online course had no issues as they can be much more flexible with their exam schedules.

Blair said Business liked the flexibility it allowed.

Smiley-Ratchford said they discussed the possibility of adding a week for finals. McBrien responded that is a solution that could be looked at down the road as the it is a negotiated issue and the UF would have to be involved.

Koblik said the AFA faculty she spoke with said it went fine for them.

Alan, said on behalf of English, because their regular representative was not present at the meeting, that there is not consensus in English. He said that although many of their classes have adaptable curriculum it still presented some challenges. However, he said there are merits to stay with this schedule for now and not make too many changes too quickly.

Freytag added that we should give it a couple years to evaluate all the impacts and reminded Council we had a glitch in the fall with the shutdown due to the fires.

Seefer echoed Blair's statement that Business is good with continuing with the same schedule. She said also, students like that the schedule stays the same the last week and don't have to figure out a different day or time for their finals.

Sporer said the responses she got were all over the place as their division includes all disciplines, but they did correspond with each discipline division at the Pleasant Hill campus.

McBrien said we will bring this back at the next meeting and will vote on a recommendation at the following meeting on the 12th.

12. SPRING 2019 GOALS

McBrien continued polling the division representatives on things they would like the Senate to address this year.

Taughner said her area has been struggling with how to best partner with DSS to address those students needs in their classes. She said DSS does a great job of providing support for those students but issues arise when a class has a large number of DSS students that need to be accommodated. She said it can present safety issues in labs as well as impact non-DSS students in those classes. She asked if perhaps the number of DSS students in a class could be limited.

McBrien said she will bring this discussion to Consultation with lamb.

Alan added that with AB 705 the number of developmental ed classes are being reduced and many DSS students are in those classes. He asked how it would be handled if those classes end up with 100% DSS students.

Koblik said the new Professional Development Strategic Plan is going to be written and will need Senate input. Also, the District will be rolling out a new professional development software that make it easier to find workshops and highlight them to faculty and staff. The software also includes an alternative to using email list serves for conversations

Smiley-Ratchford said her division would like to see better communications about what is going on for example with the implementation of AB 705. Also, they were frustrated that instructions on the new way of getting rosters was sent out very late. They said it is frustrating that communications on so many different things go out all at once.

Gentry-Kolen, Canada, Moe and Freytag will provide their input on this at the next meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Ann Langelier-Patton
Administrative Secretary*

