

**ACADEMIC SENATE COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2018  
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), Kris Koblik (Professional Development), Lisa Smiley-Ratchford (Social Sciences), René Sporer (SRC) Theresa Flores-Lowery (Kinesiology, Yvonne Canada (Counseling), Jim Blair (Part-time), Kimberley Taugher (Biology/ Health Sciences), Kris Koblik (Professional Development), Craig Gerken (Physical Sciences) Anthony Gonzales (English), Jane Fisher (Applied and Fine Arts), Joann Denning (CE)

**ABSENT:** Heidi Gentry-Kolen (Math) Carolyn Seefer (Business), Rep-at-large, Daniel Kiely (Library)

**GUESTS:** Sam Needham, Katy Agnost, Laurie Lema, Mary-Gutierrez, Becky Opsata, Susan Lamb

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 AND MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2018.**

McBrien said Kiely cannot attend the meeting so item 7 is postponed.

**It was MSC to approve the agenda of August 28, 2018 as amended. The following members all voted aye: Freytag, Moe, Taugher, Flores-Lowry, Smiley-Ratchford, Sporer, Canada, Blair, Gerken, Fisher, Denning, and Gonzales voted aye. No nays. No abstentions. Approved.**

**It was MSC to approve the minutes of August 22, 2018. The following members all voted aye: Freytag, Moe, Taugher, Flores-Lowry, Smiley-Ratchford, Sporer, Canada, Blair, Gerken, Fisher, Denning, and Gonzales voted aye. No nays. No abstentions. Approved.**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**3. COUNCIL COMMENT**

Blair said he attended a lawyer's conference and a young woman spoke about cyber civil rights that include things like revenge porn. She said this issue is about to explode nation-wide but we don't really have a lot of laws about this and we should be addressing that. He said something like that happened to him last week. He had done an interview and a meme accusing the interviewer went viral. Blair said the speaker outlined a 10-point attack to stop these sorts of things from happening. She also shared a story of a young woman who broke up with her boyfriend who then started sending out derogatory and defaming pictures and other information about her. When he was at trial he was asked why he did it and he said he wanted to make her commit suicide.

#### 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Canada announced 23 HBCU's will have representatives at a regional Transfer Fair on October 31 in the Bistro. The event is open to all students.

Patton told Council she has packets available of updated materials for the senate binders that were distributed to council representatives last year.

McBrien said tickets for the Fall Dinner Theater on October 19 will be on sale soon. The drama production is "Footloose: The Musical".

Flores-Lowery said the Big 8 Cross Country preview took place over the weekend here at DVC. DVC had the #1 female individual runner and the men's team took first. She said soccer, football and volleyball did not do well in their last games however, they have more games coming up. Water Polo will play Cabrillo at home this Friday and Saturday.

Freytag said the Fall Area B meeting takes place on October 12 at DeAnza College a couple weeks before the Fall Plenary at which they review and write resolutions and discuss strategies to implement those resolutions. He said Council members are welcome to attend.

Fisher said there is a reception scheduled this Thursday in the Art Gallery from 11:30-12:30 for the Art and Digital Media Faculty Show.

#### 5. APPOINTMENTS

##### Program Review Committee

Carmina Quirate, History –Social Science

**It was MSC to approve the appointments listed above. The following members all voted aye: Freytag, Moe, Taugher, Flores-Lowry, Smiley-Ratchford, Sporer, Canada, Blair, Gerken, Fisher, Denning, and Gonzales voted aye. No nays. No abstentions. Approved.**

#### 6. TAC REPORT (TUTORING ADVISORY COMMITTEE)

Katy Agnost presented a PowerPoint updating Council on the Tutoring Advisory Committee. She reviewed the committee's charge that includes providing support and advocacy for tutoring services; to investigate develop and implement valid research; to provide communication and sharing of best practices; and to monitor and recommend improvements to tutoring programs. and promote dialogue to increase graduation rates, transfer success, persistence and retention of DVC students. She reviewed the current TAC members that include representatives from English, Economics, Social Science, Physics, Communication studies, Math, Athletics and also 3 tutoring lab coordinators and a dean.

She reviewed the committee's accomplishments in 2017 that include implementing online tutoring, wrote tutoring Learning Outcomes, did a tutoring survey, installed a faculty tutoring coordinator, got a tutoring website up, and did outreach through coordinators meetings and a Flex workshop.

Agnost said the 2018 Goal for the TAC include accreditation work, data collection, advocating for funding for tutoring, continued outreach, how to address tutoring needs under AB 705, in class surveys, how to help students have better access, and continued tutor training.

Agnost explained the need to address curricular and cultural changes to address AB 705 and the new state funding model. She said the immediate challenges for tutoring are how to support students in the First Time/Full-Time/ Free program, the need to address the achievement gap while programs and funding are changing, how to address the inequality of funding for tutoring services in different areas, and working on improving the Program review process and resource allocation to better address tutoring needs.

Agnost said ASC can help clarify the role of Program Review and resource requests, clarify access to other sources of funding, and advocate for tutoring interventions to prepare for changes that directly impact student success.

McBrien said they have been discussing tutoring funding in Consultation.

Koblik commented that this is also part of the larger conversation about implementing guided pathways. She asked if we build tutoring, will money be there for student support? She said it will cost more but it's shown students do better with having tutoring available. But we could increase our funding under the new state funding formula by increasing student success.

Moe said in the past, when requests were made to fund tutoring for a semester, they would get it. But since we have institutionalized tutoring, we are told we don't have enough for sustained funding.

Agnost said we have a little time to adjust to the new funding formula but they are to start preparing now.

## **7. IT SERVICE AGREEMENT**

This item was postponed.

## **8. VPI REPORT**

Gutierrez said she is following up on a suggestion from Freytag about using PR info for Box 2A to help reduce the amount of various forms that basically request the same information. She said at this time they are talking about ranking up to 35 positions. They will not know how many will actually be funded until they know how many retirements there will be, as well as other impacting factors.

## **9. COLLEGE WIDE TOPICS**

McBrien opened the meeting up to feedback on college-wide topics the Senate could address.

Flores-Lowery said Kinesiology would like to talk about putting the requirement for 2 units of Kinesiology back into GE. She said it was taken out a few years ago partly on concerns about students in high unit majors having two more units that are not necessarily related to their major. However, research shows there are many mind and body benefits to physical activity that can help students stay healthy and succeed. She said with the implementation of Guided Pathways there should be a place for 2 units of kinesiology.

Canada said we recently had a student who committed suicide. This was the fourth student this year. She said for several years now we have had a part-time resource person assigned by the county for student mental health needs. However, the county has decided to eliminate that position. She said we need to talk about creating a position ourselves.

Blair said the new Veterans' counselor was in a Marine unit with one of the highest rates of suicide so he is very knowledgeable about it and could be a resource.

Taugher she has had students come to her in crises but she is not trained to handle much of it. She said she had one student who was having a psychotic break and knew she had to help her right away so she walked her down to the Counseling office and stayed with her. She said it was very valuable to have a counselor available for these situations. She said however, it is often hard to get a student to accept the help.

Blair said his church is presenting a Mental Health First Aid training workshop and maybe we could look into something like that.

Canada said with the loss of the county mental health resource person, all we have is 511 to refer students to resources. . She said they do have lists of numbers for resources and often they will make the call with the student. She said the appointments for mental health and wellness fill up fast but if a student comes in in crises, they are given priority.

Freytag said what if Taugher had been in class or otherwise unable to personally help the student at that time. He said we have the emergency buttons that summon the Police but often that does not go well.

Canada said some colleges have a psychologist on staff and some charge a health fee. Moe said he has students express disappointment and surprise that we don't have a student health center.

Fisher said AFA still has an issue with noise in the PAC classrooms. Moe said it interrupts classes. He said there are often students who have to give speeches and not only does it make it hard to hear but for nervous students, the noise interruptions add to their anxiety. He said they have been asking for insulation for years.

Gonzalez said English has a lot of concerns with making the adjustments needed for AB 705. He said previously about 70% of their students were placed in pre-transfer level classes. But now they will all be placed in transfer level classes and instructors will have to adapt to various levels of preparedness in their classes. He said they have discussed things such as increasing some classes to 5 units to include some remedial instruction. However, with the First-time/Full-time/Free program, many incoming students will be taking more classes to fulfill the criteria and units above the requirements could be a burden. Also the 16-week calendar could be a challenge for some students who are unprepared to begin with. He said another concern is instructors that currently teach pre-transfer courses will now have to teach transfer level while still supporting the students in those classes who are unprepared. Koblik said this also impacts equitable access in terms of equitable access for students in the Full-time/First-Time/Free program since they will need to be taking more classes and the impacts on their need to work and other needs outside of school.

Needham said Math has been looking at the same issues as English with AB 705. Canada said students that start math earlier in their college career, tend to be more successful. She said often they advise students to start Math and English in their first semester, but if some of these classes increase to 5 or 6 units, she might hesitate to recommend that. It depends on their life situation.

Freytag said there is concern about textbook costs. He said some of the textbooks in his discipline can cost around \$200. He said we can work with publishers to help lower those costs if they want our business. He said some publishers have given access codes for online books to schools for students in need. For other students, access codes are much less expensive than a hard copy. Sporer said she has had publishers provide with her free textbooks for a semester to let them see if they like it. She said also loose leaf publications still are somewhat costly but it works out because when a student buys a \$200 book they get about 40% at buyback. Loose leaf publications cannot be bought back but they are lower cost to begin with so the student may not lose as much.

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

McBrien told Council corrected information about the Scheduling Committee criteria for disciplines who want to add classes; disciplines with a fill rate of 90% or greater, and a department fill rate of 80% or greater can typically add to the first draft. Areas that want to add load even if they do not meet that criteria should check with their scheduling committee rep and department chair for information on non-criteria adds. She said it is on a case by case basis.

She said the Scheduling Committee will be putting together another 4-week online cybersession with classes that focus on transfer requirements. She said last year they went from 3 weeks to 4 and they saw better success rates. The committee will finalize the non-criteria add requests at their next meeting.

Koblik suggested we develop a checklist to help faculty market their classes as none of us are experts.

McBrien said the committee has discussed this but we need to have institutional support.

Gerken asked if the intersession is part of the fall, could a student who needs to be full-time take 6 units in the fall semester and 3 units in the winter intersession to fulfill their full-time obligation? Canada said they should be able to. McBrien cautioned that we should consult with the UF about this.

McBrien said the last Consultation agenda was full but she will bring the issue about the No Smoking signs that only list tobacco to the next consultation.

McBrien said no nominations for a part-time representative on the Council were received. She said Blair's term has ended and he is attending this meeting on behalf of Seefer. She will look into appointing one in the spring as the constitution allows her to do.

McBrien thanked Blair for his service and contribution on the Senate Council. She would like him to come back and talk more on the topic of cyber civil rights he commented on earlier. She said we will miss his participation, contributions as a Senate Council member, and legal advice.

Blair said this has been a tremendous opportunity and thanked the Council. He said he jumps right in when he wants to be involved in something and he has many things he is involved in so he needs to pull back some. He wants to work more with Veteran's services.

## **11. STATE FUNDING FORMULA**

Susan Lamb presented a PowerPoint on the new state funding formula. She said there is still a lot we don't know this year and things keep changing every week.

Lamb commented that under AB 705 students are to complete transfer-level coursework in English and math within a one-year timeframe. However, the year is the fall and spring semester. If they start in the spring they will only have one semester to complete transfer-level coursework in English and math.

Lamb explained we are on hold harmless through 2020-2021, then we will implement the new funding model. She shared a graph showing in 2018-2019 while we are on hold harmless, the funding model is based on 70% FTES, 20% for supplemental factors, and 10% on student success rates. She said we can work on improving FTES but we have less control over supplemental factors and student success.

Lamb said areas with high cost of living are not reflected in the model since many of the costs associated with achieving these benchmarks vary across the state.

Lamb explained we can "borrow" by pulling summer numbers into fall, and next summer into the previous spring. We are told we may still be able to borrow but we don't know exactly how it will work. She said right now the District is working on lining up our funding model with the new state one. Since we are on hold harmless, for now we are staying on the old district funding model.

Then Lamb showed a graph showing how the amount we receive per FTES will gradually decrease and the funding we receive in the other two categories may not make up for the decrease.

Lamb said college CEOs and other administrators as well as senates are pushing back on the implementation of this model but the State Chancellor has not moved his position.

Lamb explained on the current funding model, DVC took about half the district budget. However, the supplemental and student success number could theoretically increase the other two colleges share of the budget.

Lamb said many colleges on hold harmless are in high cost of living areas. And there are some colleges on basic aid and those colleges are in areas where they have high tax revenue so the state funding does not have as big of an impact on their budgets.

Lamb said there will continue to be pushback but we are doing well in our student success numbers, and there are things we can do to increase student success. One idea is to not have students have to apply for a degree but award one when we see they are eligible. They can opt out if they choose.

Sporer asked if we can double dip, such as when a student gets two degrees or certificates. Lamb said as far as she knows we can but there are still uncertainties about the formula like they may put a cap on how many degrees and certificates we can count per student.

Dunning asked what does attainment of a regional wage mean under the student success allocation. Lamb said we don't really know that yet.

Moe asked what would be the worst case scenario for us. Lamb said at this time the district is looking at the impact on the colleges with where we currently stand but as we move along there will be scenarios worked out for several different levels of funding we could end up with.

McBrien said the State Chancellor will be at CCC on October 31 and for one hour he will meet with about 30 faculty. She said FSCC has talked about planning to coordinate and how to best use that time.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Langelier-Patton  
Administrative Secretary*