



ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

Thursday, March 3rd, 2016 1:00 p.m. Board Room

<u>Senators</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u> <u>Visitors</u>
Eyob Wallano	Ruth Roach
Jerome Evans	Jessie Mills
Holly Schumacher	Hoa Pham
Mandeda Uch	Shemiran Lazar
Thomas Norton	David McPatchell
Nikki Williams	Eckko Blake
Paul Flor	Katherine Marsh
Kent Schwitkis	Axa Maradiaga
Christopher Halligan	
Jose Villalobos	
Annaruth Garcia	
Michael Odanaka	
Mahbub Khan	
Vanessa Haynes	
Kendahl Radcliffe	
Essie French-Preston	

I. CALL TO ORDER – 1:05 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Norton/Schwitkis with Mytha correction of spelling-Approved

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Schwitkis/Norton with correction of Tom to Norton- Approved

IV. REPORTS

President's Report- Paul Flor reporting.

- **El Camino Academic Senate-** Allison Carr, chair of curriculum committee, made a call out to all faculty to bring in as many other faculty that are interested in being part of curriculum.
- Barb- Should I send out a blanket email to all faculty who are interested in attending the meetings. Flor stated that this would be a good idea.
- **Spring Plenary-** April 20-23 in Sacramento. If there are other faculty who are interested in attending please let Flor know so that you can register.
- **Academic Academy-**Being held in Sacramento this year for anyone interested.
- **Career Technical Institute-** May 6-7 in Anaheim.
- **Mount SAC- March 4th-** Included in the packet as item 6 in the reports. Discussion will be held on multiple measures and common assessments in math.

Board Representative – Jerome Evans reporting

- **No report**

Accreditation: Amber Gillis not present. Nikki Williams reporting.

- Most evaluation reports have been received. We are moving along at a good pace with our self-study.

V. ACTION ITEMS-UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Curriculum Advisory Committee-** Perez will send out an email to all faculty that are interested in participating in the curriculum process. They should plan on attending the March 31st meeting at 1:00pm in the Board Room.
- **Educational Task Force-** Senate and Union have been asked to identify faculty to serve on this task force. Names have been provided to Perez and a meeting is being planned for March 30th at 1pm in the Board Room.
- **RFP from CA College Textbook Affordability Program-** Flor did not get any responses from faculty interested in spearheading this. This is an open call to spearhead this and maybe get this going.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- **Common Assessment Initiative-** Villalobos and Norton
 - Villalobos- Common Assessment Initiative was created by the state to come up with a common assessment. There are three groups: Math, English, and ESL. The faculty is there to validate the test. There are 30 schools that are piloting the test currently. This is being designed to allow students to take their scores to other schools more readily.
 - Norton- Accuplacer gives you a score and this new test gives you a range to help place students. This will allow for multiple measures. The cut scores will be locally developed. The test is about 1.5 hours long but it is not a timed test. We have come across a problem that native speakers may end up testing into ESL with the new wording of some of the test. This is currently being worked out with the group.
 - Halligan- How will the computer grade the writing sample? Norton- This has not been determined yet. More than likely it will be looking for key elements.
 - Villalobos- At our meeting tomorrow we will have a better understanding of what is going on. We can come back to the next meeting to give an update.
 - Halligan- It's an important issue because one our biggest challenges is having accurate placement. We need to be careful with having a state mandated cookie cutter test. The concern is to ensure that the tests are faculty driven.
 - Villalobos- There is about 30 schools that are piloting this test.
 - Perez- Ed Codes states that you cannot place based on a single score. Research shows that past behavior is the best predictor of success. The test will be a function of placement but there will be other measures that will be looked at to help determine where they will be placed.
 - Schwitkis- How were people selected to be part of this and where are meetings taking place?
 - Flor- Senate identified people that were interested and names were forwarded to state academic senate and this is how the group was formed. ECC feedback is that they are happy with the idea of common assessment.
- **Planning and Budget Committee-** Villalobos stated that 2 vendors came to the meeting and are trying to get a contract to manage the extra funds of money that will be received from the

increase in PERS. We do not know who will be making the final investment decision. Flor asked Lopez to present at Senate to give us a breakdown on the proposals.

- A budget update has been included in the packet and an update was given by Lopez about money that will be disappearing. Future STRS and PERS cost will be increasing over the next few years. We need to be aware of the rising costs of the district contributions in each of these retirement systems. Also included in the packet is what we are contributing to each of these funds. If you have any questions, you will be able to ask them to Lopez when he comes.
- **Introduction of New Faculty-** New EOPS counselor and Biology instructor.
 - On the back of the first page of the packet there is information on the 10+1 areas of academic senate. These are the areas where we have input. For anyone who would like to learn more about the academic senate, the Faculty Leadership Institute is being held at the Mission Inn.
- **Attendance of Senators-** One of the items in the bylaws is addressing the attendance of senators at meetings. 3 absences is the cutoff per term. 2 areas have not had proper representation because the senators are on leave. The deans and division chairs have been asked to bring it up to the faculty at the next meetings for individuals who are interested in running for the vacancy. We need to ensure where the vacancy representatives are coming from to make sure that the newly elected individuals are coming from the right area. McPatchell- was informally elected. Schwitkis- will ensure that the elections within his division have proper elections for the department. Odanaka- stated that the elections happen within the senate and not the division.
 - **Roles of the officers-** Flor discussed what each of the executive board members roles are. President: Flor, Vice President: Halligan, Secretary: Williams, Curriculum: French-Preston, Board Rep and Liaison: Evans. Flor encouraged us to attend ECC Academic Senate meetings so that we can see how we fit in with ECC. Our Compton faculty needs to be heard as well.
 - **We have 6 senate positons with the limit up this year-** Math, Counseling, Health and Human Services, At Large, Adjunct, and Science
 - We have standing committees at the center that are comprised of different people on campus from different areas.
 - Discussed the different standing committees on campus. Copies of the committees and membership were made available at the meeting. There are some vacancies.

VII. Information- Discussion Items

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VIII. Events/Meetings

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MOTION TO ADJOURN – 2:15 Approved Evans/Halligan–2:15p.m.