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SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
ACADEMIC SENATE
Virtual Meeting
April 19, 2021: 2:20PM – 4:20PM
MINUTES

Present:

Academic Senate President M. Vélez, C. Allbee, I. Arguelles-Ibarra, J. Braun, M. Brewer, J. Crocitti, N. Dougherty, H. Eskew, R. Fremland, V. Gerace, L. A. Gibson, M. Gwin, B. Hofer, A. Hoffman, S. Hughes, C. Huynh, H. Jagielinski, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, I. Kanevsky, C. Katungi, J. Keller, G. Kim, T. Kohlenberg, K. Lacher, D. Miyoshi, K. Naimark, R. Nichols, A. Primoza, A. Reuss, R. Sanchez, J. Sardo, K. Secor, L. Seiger, S. Shi, I. Stojimirovic, J. Sundayo, G. Svoboda, O. V. Torres, K. Wait and **Guests** E. Evans, T. Mayasa

Absent:

E. Adelson, H. Browne, R. Escamilla (Proxy to R. Rodrigo) A. Gurganus (Excused), C. López (Excused) and W. Wesley

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME by Academic Senate President Manuel Vélez @ 2:22PM.
Parliamentarian – Veronica Gerace/Speaker Coordinator & Timekeeper – Veronica Gerace

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA:

Motion to approve:

M/S

Crocitti/Primoza

UNANIMOUS

III. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

A. Associated Student Government (ASG) Representative: Senator Natalia Trinh

As reported by Natalia Trinh

"The Associated Student Government will be voting on the Roadmap to Mesa 2030, Response to student anti-equity communication and disruption, and the 13 point CDAIE Strategic Action Plan on April 21. The student body would like to see more emphasis on Climate change and would like faculty to push forward more indications of actions towards environmental sustainability. Lastly, the recent art competition has ended."

B. Classified Senate Representative: President Charlie Lieu/Vice President Eva Parill/Catherine Cannock (No Report)

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

V. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES: April 3, 2021

Motion to approve:

M/S

G. Johnson/Gibson

3 ABSTAINED

VI. GUEST:

A. Acting Dean Bridget Herrin – Draft Mesa 2030 Plan: [LINK](#)

1. The plan includes goals for Mesa College for the next five (5) years.
2. The plan includes an environmental component.
3. The plan proposes the removal and replacement of Mesa College's oldest buildings.
4. We have updated the draft plan based on feedback from the Mesa College community.
 - a. We will close the feedback link at the end of the week. (Please try to send your feedback by April 19th.)
5. Geoffrey Johnson said the plan is great and ambitious.
 - a. When will Adjuncts be a part of planning process?
 - Acting Dean Bridget Herrin said Adjunct participation in the process is absolutely worth noting.
 - b. When will the bus stops for Mesa College Students be brought closer to campus?
 - Acting Dean Bridget Herrin reported changes to the bus stops have been discussed and the plan does include updating Mesa College pedestrian and vehicular pathways.

6. Judy Sundayo said the plan is an excellent illustration of the Mesa College Community working together as a campus team.
 - a. There is a donor who wants to fund the creation of a Lesbian/Bisexual/Gay/Transgender/Queer+ (LBGTQ+) Student Center.
 - Our Students are willing to share the same space for an LBGTQ and Women's Center.
 - b. Mesa College needs to install electrical charging stations for multiple makes of electric vehicles.
7. Carlynne Allbee said she does not see a Veterans Students Center in the plan.
8. Carlynne Allbee also said it is too far for people with mobility issues to have to walk to campus from the current bus stops on Genesee Avenue and the Armory on Mesa College Drive.
9. Terry Kohlenberg thanked Vice President of Administrative Services Lorenze Legaspi, Acting Dean Bridget Herrin and the consultants for their work of the Draft Mesa 2030 Plan.
10. Alison Primoza said the plan is facilities centered, but we also have a climate emergency that is impacting our Students.
 - a. There should be a transportation plan with the City of San Diego that de-emphasizes vehicles.
 - b. We also need to use eco-friendly building materials.

Motion to add the item as New Business and move the item to the May 3rd agenda as Old Business for discussion and potential vote:

M/S

Allbee/Jagielinski

3 ABSTAINED

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Senate Executive Committees:

1. Academic Affairs Committee: Chair Oscar V. Torres
 - a. The committee met on April 12th.
 - b. We will forward the completed paper on Academic Integrity in the Distance Learning Environment to the Senate Executive Committee for review.
 - Faculty can use very unique essay style questions for remote learning.
 - * Irena Stojimirovic said not all disciplines can conduct tests with essay questions and it is a huge challenge for STEMS disciplines.
 - * Oscar V. Torres agreed that a single solution does not work for all disciplines.
 - Administration needs to uphold Academic Integrity.
 - c. It is good practice to continue to review the Academic Senate Constitution.
 - The second reading of the Academic Affairs Committee's proposed constitutional changes for the Committee on Elections is on the agenda today.
 - d. Please make sure you talk to your School Dean if you need assistance.
 - e. Student Athletes returning to campus for training is a test case for returning other Students to campus.
 - f. Resources - San Diego Community College District (sdccd) links:
 - <https://www.sdccd.edu/docs/District/employee/COVID.Cleaning.pdf>
 - <https://www.sdccd.edu/docs/District/employee/OfficeSafety.Return.pdf>
 - <https://www.sdccd.edu/docs/District/employee/Diagnosis.Safely.Return.pdf>
 - http://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/Mesa_College_HEERF_Draft_3.16.21.pdf
2. Professional Advancement Committee (PAC): Chair Janna Braun
 - a. Congratulations to the 2021-2022 Sabbatical Recipients:
 - Brian Benfer (Art) First Adjunct Recipient
 - Rob Fremland (Chemistry)
 - Michelle Rodriguez (Political Science)
 - N. Scott Robinson (Music)
 - Wendy Smith (English)
 - Tonya Whitfield (Culinary Arts)

The SDCCD Board of Trustees will approve the list of district sabbatical recipients in June 2021.

The number of sabbatical applications the PAC receives each year is confidential and cannot be disclosed.

3. Committee of Chairs (COC): Chair of Chairs Terry Kohlenberg
 - a. How do we make it possible to proctor tests on campus?
 - b. We held the second spring 2021 Chairs Academy FLEX workshop.
 - Thank you to Academic Senate President Manuel Vélez for your help at the beginning of the workshop!
 - Thank you to Lou Ann Gibson and Claudia Perkins for their presentation on Conflict Resolution.
 - We went over the important terms that new Department Chairs need to know.
 - c. We will hold one additional spring 2021 FLEX workshop on the "Difficulties of being a Department Chair".
4. Curriculum Review Committee (CRC): Faculty Co-Chair Andrew Hoffman
 - a. Curriculum activity for spring 2021 is winding down.
 - b. I encourage Faculty to follow established curriculum procedures.
 - Change requests are getting stalled because Faculty are not following the correct process.
 - Please contact Andrew, Chris Kinney and Juliette Parker to make sure you are following the correct process.
 - c. We are trying to broaden the previous educational and employment experiences that Students can use to receive credit for prior experience including military work experience.
5. Program Review Committee (PRC): Acting Faculty Co-Chair Dina Miyoshi
 - a. We are preparing for the return to Program Review work in fall 2021, which has been on hiatus.
 - We are working to streamline the process to make it as easy as possible.

B. Other Committees:

1. The Committee for Diversity Action, Inclusion & Equity (CDAIE): Chair Judy Sundayo
As reported by Judy Sundayo:
 - CDAIE collaborated with Dr. Denise Rogers for Virtual Unity Week 2021! Great events, including the Gracia Molina de Pick Feminist Lecture Series, discussion of the Wilkerson Book, "Caste," discussion in context with A Focus on Social Justice, enjoying a look at Fashion Across Cultures, viewing the film, Through Deaf Eyes, open discussion in the event, They Can't Burn Us All looking at violence against Asian/Pacific Islander Americans, viewing the film, Autism Goes to College, a comprehensive look at disabilities in Approach Me: Discussing Disabilities with the award-winning Crip Camp Film, documentary film, The Queens of the Stories looking at storytelling in both the drag and Latinx culture, viewing interactive Student Displays in Intercultural Communication, and a Restorative Justice Training. Thanks to Dr. Denise Rogers for the Success of the fantastic Cultural Unity Week 2021!
 - CDAIE is planning a follow up to the Restorative Justice Training, which will be a practical Restorative Circle focused on Expression and Healing from the Sept. 15th PCAB incident. Attendance will be limited. It will be held on Friday, April 30, 2021 from 12 Noon until 2 pm. Flyer and information coming soon!
 - The 13 Point Strategic Action Plan for Racial and Social Justice at Mesa College was presented to the Classified Senate on April 8th and received great feedback, which was included.
 - CDAIE is co-sponsoring a Propelled by Protests event on Thursday, April 22nd at 11 am on "Protecting Your Rights."
 - CDAIE is also co-sponsoring a Propelled By Protests FLEX on-going workgroup this spring on "Best Practices in Developing and Delivering Intentional Equity-Minded Assignments and Effective Student -Faculty Interactions"
 - Propelled by Protests will be featured at the Mesa College Campus Forum on Tuesday, May 11th from 2:15 - 3:30 pm
 - CDAIE will meet on Friday, April 23rd, from 11 am - 1 pm, mainly to discuss the 13 Pt. Plan with President Luster. Anyone wanting to attend as a guest may send an e-mail to jsundayo@sdccd.edu for the Zoom link

2. Mesa Pathways Committee (MPC): Co-Coordinators Marisa Alioto/Howard Eskew/Toni Parsons
 - a. We shared the result of our Meta-Majors work during the virtual Mesa College Community Forum Last Tuesday.
 - b. Thank you to Ian Duckles and Cynthia Rico and their work groups!
 - c. We received 98 votes since last Tuesday including 66 Faculty votes for the general framework.
 - Please send an email to Mesa Pathways if your discipline information is listed incorrectly.
 - d. Mesa Pathways is really talking about technology now.
 - The Academic Senate for CA Community Colleges (ASCCC) will work with the State Chancellor's Office and the Board of Governors to provide funding for Pathways work.
3. Other Committee Reports
 - a. Ethnic Studies Task Force: Candace Katungi
 - The Ethnic Studies Task Force will submit our final report to the Academic Senate on May 3, 2021.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. **Draft Five (5) Year Planning Institutional Effectiveness (PIE) Strategic Plan:** Jagielinski (Second Reading)

[LINK](#)

(Postponed until the next Academic Senate meeting in order to review feedback from the college community.)

B. **Resolution 2021.3.1 – Proposed Constitutional Changes for the Committee on Elections:** Torres (Second Reading)

1. The Academic Affairs Committee reviewed the Academic Senate Constitution at the request of Senate Executive Committee.
 - a. The duties of the Committee on Elections are not currently delineated.
 - b. We updated the committee membership to include the Committee Chair and two (2) Faculty Members to ensure committee votes do not end in a tie.
 - c. Committee members must recuse themselves from committee service for the semester when they run for an Academic Senate Executive Officer position.
 - d. We added language that the Academic Senate Parliamentarian can provide assistance to any Academic Senate Standing Committee.

Motion to approve:

M/S

Braun/Sundayo

**31 APPROVED
2 OPPOSED
1 ABSTAINED**

C. **Resolution 2021.3.3 – Academic Senate Support for Including the Green Revolving Fund in the Mesa 2030 Plan and Mesa College Campus Initiatives:** Mary Gwin/Eric Hagstrom/Joelle Schumacher (Second Reading)

1. Friendly amendment from Holly Jagielinski to include the Green Revolving in all Mesa College Campus Initiatives.

Motion to approve with the friendly amendment from Holly Jagielinski:

M/S

Primoza/Lacher

**34 APPROVED
1 ABSTAINED**

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Resolution 2021.4.1 – Condemning Anti-Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Racism and Affirming Faculty Defense of the Mesa College's AAPI Community:** John Crocitti/Black Lives Matter Task Force (First Reading)

1. The resolution was written in response to the dramatic increase in verbal and physical attacks on members of the AAPI community largely in response to the anti-Asian rhetoric of U.S. politicians in response to the Covid 19 pandemic.
2. There have been weekly attacks on the AAPI community.
 - a. Four of the Indianapolis shooting victims were Asian.
3. John will develop a document to support all under-represented groups.

4. Janna Braun said she wanted to remind people that a female Asian American CNN Journalist was attacked by Minneapolis Police over the weekend.
5. Geoff Johnson reminded the Senators that AAPI attacks are widespread and they have a historical context.
 - a. Chinese immigrants were the subject of the U.S. Alien Exclusion Act.

Motion to approve:

M/S

Nichols/Braun

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B. Resolution 2021.4.2 – Academic Senate Support for Immediate Help for the San Diego Community College District Evaluations Office: Anthony Reuss (First Reading)

1. The District Evaluation Office lost another staff member since the last Academic Senate meeting.
2. Things are even worse now.
3. The issues addressed in the resolution need immediate Academic Senate action.
4. The vote cannot wait since it impacts spring 2021 graduation applications.

Motion to move the item to New Business:

M/S

Reuss/Sundayo

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Motion to suspend the rules in order to vote on the New Business item today:

M/S

G. Johnson/Sundayo

UNANIMOUS

Motion to approve with a friendly amendment from Candace Katungi to combine the first three (3) whereas:

M/S

Primoza/G. Johnson

UNANIMOUS

C. Academic Senate Support for a Unified Responses to Students Who Feel Discriminated by Signature Tags Supporting Marginalized Communities: Alison Primoza/Mary Gwin (First Reading)

1. Alison Primoza reported there are three (3) main ideas.
2. The Signature Tags were created by the San Diego Mesa College Office of Communications.
3. Faculty should be able to express pro-equity ideals in support of historically marginalized communities.
4. We need potential unified responses to Students who disrupt classes to bring up anti-equity ideology during official class meetings that violate the Student Code of Conduct.
5. The draft unified responses were approved by Student Rights and Responsibilities Coordinator Claudia Perkins.
 - a. The district's attorney said it would be more powerful if support for the unified responses comes from San Diego Mesa College Faculty.
 - b. The district's attorney also said draft unified responses do not violate any rules.
6. We are presenting the draft unified responses to the Academic Senate, Committee of Chairs and the Learning Opportunities for Transformation.
7. Chair of Chairs Terry Kohlenberg reported we will get a sense of the Department Chairs to support the document during our next meeting.
8. Candace Katungi said the document is a great tool!
9. Mary Gwin reported the Academic Affairs Committee supports the document and Dean Linda Hensley made a suggestion that we include the document in the Faculty Handbook.
10. Geoff Johnson said the document should be part of the New Faculty Orientation.
11. Judy Sundayo said the document is great and Faculty could include a one sentence statement under their signature and above the signature tag stating why Mesa College has the Signature Tag.

Motion to move:

M/S

Primoza/G. Johnson

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X. SENATE EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

A. President Elect: John Crocitti (No Report)

B. Vice President: Howard Eskew

1. Faculty Assessment Committee on Threats (FACT):

a. The Committee on Committees met to select the committee members.

- Faculty Members Karen Geida, Paula Gustin and Denise Rogers will serve on the committee.
- Student Rights and Responsibilities Coordinator Claudia Perkins will serve on the committee.
- Academic Senate President Manuel Vélez reported we are looking for a Classified Professionals member.

C. Secretary: Holly Jagielinski (No Report)

D. Treasurer:

1. The Senate Executive Committee approved the donation of \$150.00 to support the Classified Senate's 2021 ClassiCon retreat.

E. Senator at Large (1): Alison Gurganus (No Report)

F. Senator at Large (2): Leslie Seiger (No Report)

G. President: Manuel Vélez

1. Virtual Spring 2021 Academic Senate for CA Community Colleges (ASCCC) Plenary Session:

a. Manuel is proud that San Diego Mesa College always makes a big statewide impact.

- We made a big impact again during this session.
- Thank you to Howard Eskew for playing a prominent role!

b. Resolutions:

- Resolution 3.4 establishes local Equity Diversity.
- Judy Sundayo asked the Senate Executive Committee to review Assembly Bill 928 which calls for all community colleges and universities to develop one Transfer Model Curriculum (TMC) for each discipline statewide.
 - * There is a lot of statewide opposition to AB 928.
 - * Community Colleges would have to opt out.
 - * The process doesn't account for quarter systems and some of our community colleges currently work on a quarter system.
 - * ASCCC Resolution 6.07 opposes AB928 and the resolution passed.
- Baccalaureate Degrees:
 - * The resolution that supports the legislative bill that will remove the temporary status from bachelor degrees for CA Community Colleges (CCCs) and allows CCCs to pursue more bachelor degrees was also approved.
- Resolution 9.1 authorizes the ASCCC to create a set of resources to help establish Ethnic Studies Programs in CCCs also passed.
 - * Manuel Vélez helped develop the resolution.
- Resolution 9.02 calls for a Rubric for Ethnic Studies courses.
 - * It was probably the most controversial of all of the resolutions because it called for either a Rubric or Core Competencies for Ethnic Studies courses.
 - * There was some concerns that it was broadening the Ethnic Studies requirement too much.
 - * There was an amendment to remove the Core Competencies.
 - * The resolution passed with a Rubric specifically for Ethnic Studies.
 - * Resolution 906 that specifically deals with Area F of the CA State University (CSU) Graduation Requirements also passed.

- * Resolution 907 was written by the San Diego Mesa College Black Studies Department and several other programs to clearly define Black Studies as a Discipline passed as well.
- Andrew Hoffman made changes to the resolution to update the PCAH documentation requirement for non-substantial program changes and it was approved by the ASCCC. _
- * Resolution 909 calls for reinstatement of the Non-Substantive Revision Category.
- * The Mesa College Academic Senate approved the resolution during our last meeting.
- * We met with the City and Miramar Academic Senate Presidents and Curriculum Chairs after our Senate meeting to bring the resolution forward from all three SDCCD colleges.
- I worked with the ASCCC Transfer Articulation committee to pass a resolution to ensure transparency in the CCC process by requiring that statewide changes must include Faculty input.
- San Diego Mesa College Faculty were directly involved in the overwhelming passage of five or six resolutions during this session.

XI. ROUND TABLE TOPIC: None

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A.** The next Academic Senate meeting is May 3, 2021 from 2:20PM – 4:20PM.
- B.** The next Academic Affairs meeting is April 26, 2021 from 4:15PM – 5:30PM.
- C.** The next Committee of Chairs (CoC) meeting is April 28, 2021 from 2:30PM – 4:00PM.
- D.** The next Professional Advancement meeting is May 5, 2021 @ 2:30PM.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT @ 4:24PM

Motion to approve:

M/S

Hoffman/Eskew

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Submitted by Sue Saetia:

Approved by the Academic Senate: September 13, 2021

