



**San Diego Mesa College
Academic Senate**

Committee of Chairs

Hyflex Meeting
Room MC 211 A/B & Zoom
September 28, 2022
MEETING MINUTES

Present:

Chair of Chairs Jill Moreno Ikari, Valerie Abe, Sandy Belew, Anar Brahmabhatt, Donna Budzynski, John Crocitti, Nellie Dougherty, Ian Duckles, Christie Dupraw, Helen Greenbergs, Alison Gurganus, Michael Harrison, Erika Higginbotham, Paula Hjorth-Gustin, Ken Kuniyuki, Bryan Malinis, Dina Miyoshi, Alison Primoza, Connie Renda, Nathan Resch, Cynthia Rico, N. Scott Robinson, Jennifer Snyder, Leslie Styles, Oscar V. Torres, Todd White, Robert Wong, George Ye and Guests Tasha Frankie, Mary Gwin and Rob Meyers

Excused Absences:

Bruce Naschak and Jennifer Sime

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOM by Chair of Chairs Jill Moreno Ikari @ 2:31PM.

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA:

Motion to approve without changes:

M/S

Abe/Gurganus

UNANIMOUS

III. GUEST(s):

A. Mesa College Bookstore Supervisor Rob Meyers – Equitable Book Access:

1. Students can purchase access to digital course materials.
2. One option allows Students to purchase access to digital course materials that is available on the first day of class.
3. The second option allows Students to opt in within a certain number of days and agree to pay a fee for access.
4. The opt-out option is probably the most equitable option for Students.
 - a. However, there are examples of publishers making it very difficult for Students to opt-out with multiple steps required to opt-out.
5. The district is in the process of providing our Students with district email accounts, which will assist with our Students' abilities to purchase digital course materials.
6. Institutions like SDSU can tie fees for digital course materials access to the same account as the Student Health Services fees.
 - a. Our district does not have the option to do.
7. We have printed out digital textbook access codes and placed them in envelopes to sell to our Students.
8. The Bookstore has worked with Languages Department Assistant Chair Michael Harrison and his Department Faculty to provide products that allow our Students to have instant access to digital course materials.
9. Students can use their financial aid funds to purchase codes to access digital course materials.
10. We are working to make more digital course materials available to our Students.

IV. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES: September 14, 2022

Motion to approve without changes:

M/S

Harrison/Rico

25 Approve

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Spring 2023 Schedule: Moreno Ikari

1. We talked about the spring 2023 class schedule during our last meeting.
2. We are still on track to unveil the spring 2023 class schedule online on October 17th.
3. I have not received any changes.
4. I hope things are going well for your Schedulers and the people who are entering your class schedules into the system.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Platinum V Updates: Gustin

As reported by Paula Gustin:

"The group met Sept 7th.

Faculty and Deans attended from Communications Studies, English, Physics, Math, Chemistry, Biology, and Counseling

Two (2) English classes with STEM emphasis filled – hybrid and synchronous

Meeting between English and STEM Faculty with occur to assess how the contextualized learning is working

Project may be extended to English 205 in Spring 2023

Communication's Chair-Bryan Malinis is assessing modality to offer COMMS 135 to pair with Biology 160

Next goal: General Education course offerings for the same areas across schools will be analyzed to determine if courses are being offered at the same times. Goal is to decrease competition among courses and allow for more options for students.

Any faculty interested in joining the project, please contact Dean Carmichael or Paula Gustin"

VII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None

VIII. PLANNING/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Academic Affairs: Gwin/Torres

As reported by Mary Gwin:

"The Academic Affairs committee met on 9/19/22. We discussion potential Senate Constitutional changes. No actions were taken."

B. Academic Senate: Crocitti

1. As reported by John Crocitti:

"I explained the mask mandate is supported by VC Greg Smith and AFT President Jim Mahler. I suggested writing to Mahler if people wanted the mandate lifted. I also advised people to make public comments at Thursday's Board meeting."

- a. Statement from the Mesa College Chemistry Department as reported by Paula Gustin:

"The District Policy described by Greg Smith in his communication on Jun 14, 2022 stated, "Face coverings will continue to be required for all individuals onsite at District facilities during periods of high transmission of COVID-19 in San Diego County."

Currently San Diego County is under low COVID-19 transmission with wastewater and other data showing this decline.

Our department was expecting that District had ample time to develop a mechanism to alert the Colleges of low transmission and change the mask policy to "optional". This has not occurred, and it is not acceptable.

Many STEM students and faculty spend many hours in laboratory courses (6 hours of lab for just one class) in full Personal Protection gear (goggles, laboratory coats). The airflow in chemistry labs due to strong fume hoods makes it similar to outside ventilation.

Requiring STEM students and faculty to continue wearing masks during low transmission is not sensible. An optional mask policy would allow students and staff that want to continue wearing masks to wear them without any issues.

In addition, continuing the required mask policy in the building does NOT reflect the greater San Diego community's masking policies. We are adhering to strict mask policies that only healthcare settings are currently requiring.

It will also allow a reprieve during low transmissions to avoid mask fatigue

The "Masks required" policy can be reinstated when and if the County reaches high transmission category.

The District Policy was set and should be followed."

Sincerely,

Mesa Chemistry Department"

b. Statement from Connie Renda as reported by Connie Renda:

"The mask mandate should change to "mask recommended" for faculty and students. It poses a tremendous burden on student learning. The students cannot hear and understand faculty clearly and completely when they are speaking through a mask. Additionally, students for whom English is not their first language already have challenges with communication and adding a mask exacerbates this problem in the classroom, in office hours, and with their classmates. For students and faculty who want to wear masks, they are welcome to do so but it should not be mandatory for those of us who chose to be vaccinated and want to teach our students fully."

2. As reported by John Crocitti:

"I warned people to be careful when turning left into Mesa College Drive from the intersection between Allied Health and the Parking Garage. Drivers in the middle lane have been illegally making a left turn. A pedestrian was nearly hit by a driver making the illegal turn and other accidents have narrowly been avoided."

C. Curriculum Review Committee (CRC): Resch

As reported by Nathan Resch:

"As announced in President Hand's Weekly Update VPI Isabel O'Connor has been appointed as a Chief Instructional Officer representative on the The Common Course Numbering Task Force. VPI O'Connor mentioned at the last CRC meeting that the district also has begun formulating a plan and work group who look to implement the mandated common course numbering across California Community colleges specified in AB1111.

-A reminder that the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges has two surveys available for providing feedback to AB 928 and AB1111. The feedback for AB928 has a deadline of October 1st, so if you have been thinking of jumping on that one in particular now is the time. Although there is no posted timeline for AB1111 feedback October 1st is probably a good deadline to also look to meet. Thankfully I have some suggested comments from Juliette Parker that can be modified for AB 928 which I will pass along after the meeting to the Chairs DL along with the survey links. For those who wish to respond and forward to any colleagues who may be interested:

AB 928: Feedback on AB 928 https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AB928_GE_Survey

OR

<https://asccc.org/content/submit-input-ab-928>

AB 1111: Feedback on AB 1111 <https://asccc.org/content/submit-input-common-course-numbering-implementation>

Information on the two Assembly Bills:

AB 928: Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act of 2021 <https://www.calstate.edu/impact-of-the-csu/student-success/AB-928/>

AB 1111: Common Course Numbering <https://www.asccc.org/content/get-411-course-identification-numbering-system-c-id-and-ab-1111-berman-2021-common-course>

There are proposed title 5 Associate Degree Changes that clarify existing language in Article 6 regarding the creation of associate degrees, ge standards, and student requirements for the completion and award of associate degrees. The amendments also align with goals of the Vision for Success, Equitable Placement and Completion (AB705), innovation in curriculum development, and the strategic framework for advancing diversity, equity and inclusion within the system.

Details on the changes for review as well as comments are available through the following link:

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6812374/Associate-Degree-title-5-Comments>

During my exploration on some online AB 1111 (what is a CIO?) related information I discovered this link to commonly used CCC acronyms which some may find useful:

<https://cccio.org/documents/glossarycios.doc> "

D. Student Services: Rico

As reported by Cynthia Rico:

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"The following are the graduation deadlines for an AS/AA/ADT degree

For FALL 2022- November 15, 2022

There will be LIMITED Services at the General Counseling Department on Friday 9/30/2022 as District Educational Services is offering an ALL Counselor workshop

Please encourage students to see a counselor to assist with spring 2023 enrollment, specifically before October 14, 2022 as the spring 2023 class schedule is online by October 17, 2022.

October 1 to November 30, 2022 is transfer season. Transfer Center and General Counseling is prepared to assist student with their applications via application open labs or in person. And, October 13, 2022 is transfer Day at Sunrise Plaza at Mesa Commons. Please check out Transfer Center Webpage for more information."

E. Mesa College Facilities Committee/District Review of Services Committee: No Report

F. Enrollment Management and Instructional Strategic Planning Workgroup: Gustin/Moreno Ikari

G. Planning & Institutional Effectiveness (PIE) Committee: Crocitti/Moreno Ikari

As reported by John Crocitti:

"I reported that the discussion about accreditation appeared much more complicated than what I learned at an ACCJC town hall meeting on Tuesday. The new ACCJC should be greatly simplified. It seemed that PIE is unaware of the changes."

H. President's Cabinet: Crocitti/Moreno Ikari (No Report)

I. Program Review Committee (PRC): Miyoshi

As reported by Dina Miyoshi:

"The Program Review platform build continues with some hands-on access to the Nuventive workspace. This practice access will continue in order to identify areas that need modifications/adjustments. No set timelines yet but will provide this info when it is determined. The Program Review template and questions are included in President Hand's weekly update this week, if you want to begin the conversations in your programs this semester to get a head start for when the Nuventive space is ready to go."

J. Mesa Pathways Committee: Alioto/Eskew (No Report)

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ROUND TABLE/FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: None

X. NEXT COC MEETING: October 12, 2022 **(Location Change to LRC 435)** ([Fall 2022 CoC Meeting Schedule](#))

XI. ADJOURNMENT @ 3:57PM.

Submitted by Sue Saetia:

Approved by the Committee of Chairs (CoC): October 12, 2022