



**San Diego Mesa College
Academic Senate
Academic Affairs Committee**

October 12, 2020: Via Zoom (4:15PM-5:00PM)

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Draft Minutes

I. Call to Order by Chair: Oscar V. Torres, 4:15 PM

II. Review and Approval of Draft Agenda: 10-12-2020

Torres asks if members have any suggestions/comments to change the current agenda.

Committee members who attended: Oscar V. Torres, Mary Gwin, Leslie Seiger, Amanda Johnston, Miriam Pacheco, Danene Brown, Bryan Malinis, Jack Forman, Steve Sanchez, Rebecca Nieman, Sue Saetia, Sean Ricketts

Comments: Pacheco – since Toni is absent, I can speak about the deadline of October 15th, for programs and departments to submit outlined pathways to counseling. Counseling has to sign off on the documentation. Faculty or department chairs should be in contact with their counseling liaison. Brown – I have a question, our counseling liaison says there is an 8 day turn around? Pacheco – correct, there might be corrections to consider, counseling is working with departments via Zoom to finish the outlined pathways, together. Johnston – our department already sent in the pathways to counseling, but they said it would take some time to review them. Pacheco – Yes, we are getting many pathway maps in, so it is taking some time. Torres – my program also turned in the map this week. Pacheco – I will ask Marisa Alioto for more information, and sent this out to the group once I hear back.

III. Announcements:

Next Academic Senate 10-19-20, Monday, 2:20 pm to 2:30 pm

Next PCAB 10-20-20, Tuesday, 2:15 pm to 3:45 pm

Next Campus Forum 10-13-20, Tuesday, 2:15 pm to 3:30 pm

Next Officer's Meeting 10-19-20, Monday, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

IV. Review and Approval of Draft Minutes: 9-28-20

V. Special Guest(s): Toni Parsons (Rep. for the Guided Pathways) was not present at this meeting.

VI. Reports from Chair:

- A. Academic Senate: October 5th, 2020, Monday. Torres - There were many faculty in attendance, not just senators. Taylor Carpenter (from Associated Students) – mentioned developing fund raiser for students, is also assigning student reps. to various committees. Catherine C. (from Classified Senate) – Working on an official statement to support Taylor Carpenter because of the PCAB incident. Manuel Vélez (from Academic Senate) - suggested hold off on minutes form the September 21st meeting. The discussion was about whether or not it is appropriate to include all

public comments in quotes. A vote passed to table the minutes. Dean Crakes (Guests) - “athletic retention technicians” an initiative mostly part-time coaches are serving to keep athletes on track, funding comes from any different places including CARES. [Sanchez adds that many “athletic retention technicians” are helping athlete students understand the educational portion of their academics, not just the sports. So student athletes are divided into “pods” which vary in size, whereby coaches/technicians review grades and offer guidance to students when reaching out to faculty or counseling]. [Sean Ricketts adds that this is all correct, and it has been a great help for providing student services to our athletes]. Terry (Chair of Chairs) – Guided majors discussion occurred at Chairs Committee, Toni Parsons led the discussion. Andrew (Curriculum) – busy approving courses for distance learning for spring. New Resolution 2020.10.1 Condemning Sexist and Misogynistic Language – accepted into new business.

B. PCAB: October 6th, 2020, Tuesday. President Luster Discussed the “event” that took place on September 15th, 2020. She apologies to members of the audience, she said she should have asked Kim to leave the PCAB meeting after her words were broadcasted, then states her actions in response to those events. Introduced Laura Kass-Moreno from the National Conflict Resolution Center. Kass-Moreno has vast experience includes civil litigation, representing both plaintiffs and defendants in complex business, employment and real estate matters, as well as handling a conflict resolutions. Taylor Carpenter (Associated Students) - Suggested contacting her if your committee does not have a student representative. Asked if other committees want to make any presentations at Associated Students meeting. Charlie Lieu (Classified Senate) – Launched their professional learning initiative “working from home efficiently”. Manuel Vélez (Academic Senate) – Velez will now serve as the Mesa Rep. for the SDCCD chancellor search. Mentioned two resolutions: Credit for prior learning, and Ethnic studies requirement. Also, senate to hold an Open Forum to discuss Examity and professors who used Proctorio. Dean Leavitt (co-Chair of the Environmental Sustainability Committee) - wanted PCAB to examine their changes in policy: they discuss waste reduction, and environmental conservation, changes accepted, to be reviewed by Luster for final approval. Laura Kass-Moreno – began to lead the discussion on the “incident”, attendees were sent to breakout rooms and discussed these three questions:

- 1) *What do we need, and how do we move forward to ensure that this cabinet and other spaces on the campus are safe and inclusive for everyone?*
- 2) *How we expect the leading College of equity and excellence to respond to issues like this in the future?*
- 3) *How do we turn our emotions into actions that will allow us to collectively create a positive and trusting environment?*

C. Senate Open Forum, October 9th, 2020, Friday - Manuel Vélez lead the discussed cross examining Examity and Proctorio. The main issue was which software would be best for potential future purchase.

D. Executive meeting: October 12th, 2020, Monday. The committee met and discussed a potential Resolution condemning hateful and abusive language. Seiger – adds that a discussion followed focused on Senate President eligibility, elections, term limitations, and how can the constitution

be more clear or specific. We had to interpret the text which states “active faculty” and what this actually means, faculty with senate experience? Or simply not on sabbatical leave?

VII. Old Business:

- A. Academic Senate Constitutional changes and/or recommendations. Torres – The Executive team did not support our definition of “active faculty” member and other suggestions. Thus, we must go back and re-address the questions given to us by the Executive team. They want changes to the constitution as a resolution. Our work group will have to meet again during the week to re-examine our proposed amendments.
- B. Resolution – Condemning Hateful and Abusive Language. Torres reviewed the proposed resolution and raised awareness of Media reports highlighted below.
- C. Media Reports
<https://www.mesapress.com/news/2020/10/07/professor-uses-misogynistic-slur-against-student-during-meeting/>
<https://www.cbs8.com/article/news/local/controversial-word-used-by-faculty-during-mesa-college-student-government-meeting-leads-to-investigation/509-d5c0f172-6f5a-4746-a41c-234843009fca>
- D. Resolution – Ethnic Studies Requirements, October 8th, 2020, Thursday, Board of Trustees gave their support for the Mesa College Academic Senate’s resolution for incorporating the new California State University requirement for ethnic studies classes. Emphasized that this consideration falls within the purview of the faculty. *The bill, AB 1460, requires all CSU undergraduates to take at least one three-unit course in ethnic studies, defined as having a focus on African Americans, Asian Americans, Latino Americans and Native Americans. AB 3310 commencing with the 2021–22 academic year, requires each community college district to offer courses in ethnic studies at each of their campuses.* Pacheco – further explained the impact these policy changes might have for students.

VIII. New Business: Open Discussion Points

- A. Academic Dishonesty in Online Formats – Paper. Torres – Send out a first draft of our paper as an attachment to all members. The 3 page paper was discussed and summarized. Gwin – thanked for the summary, and agreed that providing potential reasons for academic dishonesty is good. Seiger – I do think it is a good idea to think about why dishonesty might happen, instead of concentrating on punitive actions, so focusing on education is best. Malinis – In the overview, we might also include equity perspectives in our paper. Torres – yes, if you want to add this portion, please feel free.
- B. Questions for Administrative Leadership during Next Officer’s Meeting 10-19-20. Torres - As always, please send me your questions, comments or concerns so that I can bring these up to campus leadership.

IX. Round Table Discussion/Announcements by Membership:

Associated Student Representative?

X. Next Meeting: ____ October 26, 2020__at__4:15 pm____

XI. Adjournment Time: _____5:11__pm_____

Mesa Campus Forum

Tuesday, 10-13-20, 2:15 pm to 3:30 pm at www.youtube.com/sdmesacollege

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Mesa PCAB

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