



San Diego Mesa College

Academic Senate

Academic Affairs Committee

October 26, 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

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

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

II. Review and Approval of Draft Agenda: 10-26-2020

III. Announcements:

Community Forum	10-27-20, Tuesday, 2:15 pm to 3:30 pm
Next Academic Senate	11-02-20, Monday, 2:20 pm to 3:30 pm
Next PCAB	11-03-20, Tuesday, 2:15 pm to 3:45 pm
Next Senate Executive	11-09-20, Tuesday, 2:15 pm to 3:30 pm
Pres. Cabinet Retreat	12-1-20, Monday, 2:15 pm to 5:00 pm

IV. Review and Approval of Draft Minutes: 10-12-20

V. Special Guest(s): Toni Parsons (Rep. for the Guided Pathways)

Tony discussed Ian Duckles' reports on the Guided Pathways work. This is in regards to Meta Majors, they want to "categorize" students based on the reason they have for enrolling at Mesa College. Based on the category, students will be directed to the different student specific services on campus such as tutoring, counseling, stem center, or the Puente program.

VI. Reports from:

- A. Academic Senate: October 19th, 2020, Monday There were many faculty in attendance. There was a Public Comment by a student Katya Azzam, she states concerns about media coverage on the "PCAB incident". She states that the Senate may reconsider the Resolution Condemning Hateful and Abusive Language. President Velez: Minutes from September 21st meeting approved; these included many summaries and not direct quotes of the public outcry against the PCAB incident. Ian Duckles reported on the Guided Pathways work. There was no report from associated student government. Professional Advancement, Janna – webpage has been updated for upcoming sabbatical schedule – make sure applications are to deans/managers by Feb. 12 and final deadline for application submission is March 3 at 5pm. Curriculum, Andrew – catalog deadline is Nov 19 and chairs need to make sure all scheduled spring classes are DE approved; Cesar Lopez has joined CRC Program Review, Dina – trying to complete some restructuring of the committee to increase faculty representation hoping the proposal at the next P-Cab is approved – no program review this year because of COVID CDAIE, Judy – did not have a

meeting – committee supports resolution condemning sexist and misogynist language – they are working on their own potential resolution/statement.

- B. PCAB: October 20th, 2020, Tuesday President Luster – Discuss the “OK” for hiring 2 Instructional Deans, one for Social and Behavioral Sciences, and another for Math and Sciences. The hiring committees are scheduled for spring 2021, start date for new employees would be around July 1st 2021. Luster thanked all who participated on the NCRC break out room exercise in relation to the September 15th PCAB incident. Next step is to have LOFT develop workshops addressing “Bystander effect”, plus other workshops. She asked leaders to call out for representatives from Admin. Faculty, and Students to develop these. The workshops are going to be open to all. Associated Student President Taylor Carpenter - having a Halloween costume contents. She also thanks the Senate for their resolution. Classified Senate Charlie Lieu – Thanked everyone. Drafting their own resolution regarding the “event” and bringing it to PCAB. Launched their professional learning initiative “working from home efficiently. Academic Senate president Manuel Vélez – Read the Resolution 2020.10.1 Condemning Sexist and Misogynistic Language. This was accepted and approved by members of the PCAB. Lorenz – BARC, reviewed. CARES act funding: 2.4 M for students only, 1.75 M need to spend by May 2021 Institutional (student, staff, faculty), + addition 426 K for HSI which is ½ spend already. Covid-19 Block grand 518 K almost done, State Bloc, 791 K are for teaching and operations.
- C. Leadership Meeting: October 19th, 2020, Friday
- D. Executive meeting: October 26th, 2020, Monday Questions were raised about CARES funding and how this money is being spent on faculty. It was also discussed that PCAB wants all of its documents in one virtual place. Questions were raised if student kits being sent out again next semester? Still trying to asses who much USD left from CARES, but kits not that expensive, we should not worry, and most material will be re-used anyway. Ethnic Task force created to support resolutions presented at “ARREA D” meeting. Regarding our Academic Senate Constitutional changes and recommendations, Manuel forward our document to the Executive team. Torres discussed our changes at the meeting, and told the Executive members that we could move forward.

VII. Old Business:

- A. Academic Senate Constitutional changes and recommendations. Torres – our work group meet during last week. We med changes to SECTION 4 - RULES FOR COMMITTEE FORMATION, SECTION 5 – OPERATION OF SENATE COMMITTEES, SECTION 6 - COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES, SECTION 5 – OPERATION OF SENATE COMMITTEES, SECTION 3 – ELECTIONS, and SECTION 1 – PARLIMENTARIAN. The committee reviewed all the proposed changes and agreed on them.
- B. Resolution – Ethnic Studies Requirement AB 1460. Torres – reviewed the resolution. Pacheco – explained why this was important and expressed support from the counseling perspective. Committee members agree.

VIII. New Business: Open Discussion Points

- A. Associated Student Representative. Torres – brought up the idea of having an associated student representative attend the academic affairs committee. Open discussion followed. Members expressed, in respect the current environment, caution. The issue was tabled for next semester.
- B. Academic Dishonesty in Online Formats – The affairs committee paper on upholding academic integrity was reviewed. The committee liked the paper, but thought that a portion on restorative justices should be included. Everyone agreed. Tony also mentioned that a main reason for “cheating”

is the variability faculty employ when teaching. While some faculty allow notes, and/or promote the use of online resources to research answers, other faculty prohibit these practices and only prescribe to textbook definition. Everyone thought that was good point.

IX. Round Table Discussion/Announcements by Membership:

A. Member Reported on respective Senate Standing Committees

X. Next Meeting: November 9, 2020 at 4:15 pm

XI. Adjournment Time: ____5:30__pm____

Mesa Campus Forum

Tuesday, 10-27-20, 2:15 pm to 3:30 pm

<https://www.youtube.com/sdmesacollege>

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Mesa PCAB

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