



San Diego Mesa College
Academic Senate
Academic Affairs Committee
October 28, 2019: Room BT 218 (4:15PM-5:30PM)
MINUTES
Draft

Present: Chair Oscar V. Torres, Jack Forman, Mary Gwin, Amanda Johnston, Bryan Malinis, Rebecca Nieman, Miriam Pacheco, Steve Sanchez, Leslie Seiger and guests Vice President of Instruction (VPI) Isabel O'Connor, Academic Senate President Manuel Vélez and Professor Jennifer Derillo

Absent: Dean Linda Hensley and Sean Ricketts (Excused)

I. Call to Order by Chair Oscar V. Torres @ 4:25PM.

II. Review and Approval of Draft Agenda: Approved without changes.

III. Review and Approval of Draft Minutes: October 14, 2019 (Please send additional changes to Sue Saetia)
Motion to approve with a change from Leslie Seiger:
M/S Gwin/Malinis **UNANIMOUS**

IV. Report from Academic Senate Meeting: October 21, 2019

A. Mesa Guided Pathways: Chair Oscar V. Torres

1. Guided Pathways Scale of Adoption Self-Assessment Form:
 - a. The Academic Senate has asked the Mesa Pathways Committee for more time to review the document.
 - b. The Academic Senate will vote on the document in December 2019.

V. Guests:

A. Vice President of Instruction (VPI) Isabel O'Connor:

1. Guided Pathways is tied to all categorical funding.
2. We have to show that we are making progress including awarding more degrees, which is part of the state's "Vision for Success."
3. We need to move our Key Performance Indicators (KPI).
4. Funding for Student Services is also tied to making progress.
5. The state legislators do not understand our student population or what we need to do to help our students to matriculate.
6. We need to advocate for ourselves in order receive more funding to support our students.
7. Community Colleges need to advertise ourselves more.
8. Our students start at different points/places.
 - a. Our students need to meet with our Counselors.
 - The map is not a substitute for meeting with Mesa College Counselors.
9. Maps are not set in stone. (They only depict the ideal situation.)
10. Strong Workforce funding are based on the following:
 - a. The number of associate degrees and certificates that are awarded.
 - b. How long does it take our students to earn a degree or a certificate?
 - Acting Dean of Institutional Effectiveness Bridget Herrin has reported that it takes Mesa College students on average four and half (4.5) years to earn a two-year degree.
 - c. Are our students able to earn a living wage after they receive an associate's degree or a certificate?
11. It is not just the numbers or the efficiency.
 - a. We were chasing growth at any cost before.
 - b. The Deans are given target numbers they have to meet, but we are also having conversations.
 - c. We need to schedule our classes during the time and semester our students need to take the classes.
 - d. We are still offering a variety of courses.
 - e. We will need to review low demand/low efficiency courses.
 - f. We need to know who our majors are in order to plan.
 - g. We can leave our course list entirely open.

B. Academic Senate President Manuel Vélez:

1. Manuel asked the Academic Affairs Committee to develop specific constitutional language for the following:
 - a. Departmental Process for Electing Senators.
 - Rebecca Nieman will develop the constitutional language.
 - b. Notification Process to the Academic Senate when a department does not elect a Senator.
 - Leslie Seiger will develop the constitutional language.

C. Jennifer Derillo: Asian Pacific Islander American Committee

1. The committee met last Friday.
2. Jay Van Kirk will provide the list of Asian Studies courses to Counseling. ([List of Asian American Studies Courses](#))
3. There is one Asian American Studies Learning Community (LCOM) with Jennifer Derillo's English class and Counselor Amber Alatorre's Personal Growth class
4. Jennifer reported she tried to work with History Professor Gloria Kim to create an Asian American Studies Honors course.
5. The goal is to have an Asian American Studies program at Mesa College.
6. Oscar V. Torres said the Academic Affairs Committee can mobilize to support the Asian Pacific Islander American Committee.
7. Oscar V. Torres also said the Asian Pacific Islander American Committee needs to find funding to support their initiatives.

D. Old Business:

A. Academic Affairs Sub-Committee Reassignment: Chair Oscar V. Torres

1. Leslie Seiger will develop the Academic Affairs Committee's resolution to update our changes to the Academic Senate constitution.

B. Mesa Guided Pathways (MGP): Chair Oscar V. Torres

1. Faculty Co-Coordinator Howard Eskew and Toni Parsons are continuing to provide updates to the Academic Senate and the Committee of Chairs.
2. An Academic Senate Open Forum on Mesa Guided Pathways is scheduled for November 22nd in MC 211 A/B from 12:00PM-2:00PM.

C. List of Committees at Mesa (Finish List): Chair Oscar V. Torres

1. Oscar V. Torres reported he forwarded the Academic Affairs Committee's list to Chair of Chairs Terry Kohlenberg.
2. Bryan Malinis will verify each committee's designation as a "Shared Governance" or an "Operational" committee.

E. New Business:

A. President's Cabinet (PCAB) Report: Chair Oscar V. Torres (No Report)

B. Academic Senate Executive Report: Chair Oscar V. Torres (No Report)

C. Mesa Guided Pathways Scale of Adoption Self-Assessment Form Review: Chair Oscar V. Torres

1. Please add your proposed changes to the Academic Affairs Committee's Canvas shell.
 - a. Please give your changes to Oscar.
 - * Multiple people have reviewed the document and the same proposed changes have been submitted multiple times.

D. Open Discussion Points: None

VIII. Round Table/Announcements: None

IX. Next Meeting: November 18, 2019

X. Adjournment @ 5:34PM.