



**San Diego Mesa College
Academic Affairs Committee**

November 1, 2021: Via Zoom (4:15PM-5:00PM)

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Minutes

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

II. Review and Approval of Draft Agenda:

Member suggestions welcomed – No additional items added to the agenda by any member present.

Roll of attendance – Bryan Malinis, Jennifer Sime, Miriam Pacheco, Mary Gwin, Das Nugent-Odasso, Amanda Johnston, Oscar V. Torres, Leslie Seiger, Linda Hensley, Sean Ricketts. Guests: Marisa Alioto (Mesa Pathways). Absent: Steve Sanchez.

III. Review of Draft Minutes: 10-18-21; Approved by members present.

IV. Reports from:

Academic Senate

Monday, October 25, 2021

At Senate, our Mesa president Dr. Pam Luster attended as a special guest. President Luster reported that she asked Campus Technology Director David Fierro for an overarching technology plan. The president also reported that extra funding will most likely not be available for more faculty positions (more than 6 already stated). Many questions came up regarding the hiring process and submittals for new faculty hires under the updated rubric. Professional advancements states that sabbatical applications are now available on their website. Chairs were updated regarding changes to vaccine requirements for the spring 2022 semester. Chairs are also concerned regarding technology needs for spring 2022 and the lack of an overarching technology plan. Regarding the Mesa Pathways grants, awardees will be notified by November 15, 2021. Resolution 2021.10.1 – Remove Professional Advancement Committee (PAC) and Tenure and Promotion Review (TPRC) Committees from the List of Standing Committees (Passed). Mesa Pathways representatives added the Scale of Adoption Assessment (SOAA) for Guided Pathways onto new business, senators please review the document.

Chairs Committee

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

At Chairs, there was a lengthy discussion regarding vaccination requirements for students who are enrolled onto face to face (F2F) courses during the spring 2022. Overall enrollments are expected to be low again this upcoming semester. Chairs committee also discussed the Red/Green Pass for Student Testing Clearance using the "Clear4" app. Faculty many not feel comfortable turning students away

from class who do not meet the criteria. Many questions/concerns had been raised relating to technology requests/issues for faculty offices as chairs reported their faculty are bringing their own personal laptops to campus when working in the offices. The Chairs committee also reviewed the District Survey of Students Preference for course Modality data whereby discussions centered around F2F courses in comparison to remote modalities. The “Vision of College Equity & Modality Memo/Resolution” was re-directed towards the Academic Affairs committee.

Executive Team

Monday, November 1, 2021

At the Executive committee, the Scale of Adoption Self-Assessment for Guided Pathways was reviewed and members were asked if any issues, please bring forward. It was also stated that VPI Isabel O’Connor will visit the Senate on December 13th, as a special meeting, where she is the only guest to discuss course modality offering and length. Torres/Paula request that topics be specified, maybe questions can be formulated beforehand, to guide the conversation. From Chairs, what faculty want is to feel that they are steering the conversation regarding course modality and duration for upcoming semesters. John and Isabel met and discussed the topic. Faculty are also concerned about the “Cleared4” app and how exemptions will be handled. It was suggested that student privately email professors via Pronto or Canvas. May faculty computers within their offices are still being update and outfitted with cameras.

V. Special Guest(s): *Mesa Pathways*: Marisa Alioto

The Mesa Pathways committee is still reviewing grant applications, and processing the data generated from their student success teams.

VI. General Updates from Campus and SDCCD

Student COVID-19 Vaccine and Testing Process

The Academic Affairs also discussed the Cleared4 application. It was noted that the software can will look different depending on cell phone, tablet or laptop. In addition, there were reported delays in reporting time depending on the testing center or 3rd party site.

Onsite Work and Vaccination Requirement Timelines

The committee reviewed documentation put forward by the SDCCD outlining timelines for employees to received COVID-19 vaccination requirements. Employees who meet exemptions are to notify the HR department and contact their deans or supervisors.

VII. Old Business:

- A. Providing support for CoC – The Academic Affairs committee discussed the “Vision of College academic excellence & course modality” for CoC, however the drafted resolution was tabled in consultation with our senate president and chair of chairs. Instead, drafting discussion topics and question for the VIP, as well as asking members of the CoC to attend this special senate meeting was recommended.

- B. Assessment of testing/proctoring center on campus – Many Academic Affairs committee members provided input regarding the online survey. Suggestions were done via email during the previous week. The survey was further discussed at this meeting, and it was determined that there were too many questions. Questions should be simplified and shortened to generate as many responses as possible. Seiger emailed Torres correspondence she had with John regarding the survey and a request to contact Erika Higgenbotham for advice.

VIII. New Business:

- A. Mesa Library Advisory Committee – The executive committee had another request for the Academic Affairs committee. Another standing committee is to be added to our Senate constitution. Our Committee was tasked with making the appropriate changes to the constitution and returning these changes to the Executive team for their approval. Then the document would be sent to Senate for a vote.
- B. Associated Student visit November 15th – The Academic Affairs committee will have 2 or 3 associated student representatives attend our November 15th meeting. The committee hopes to gain student input onto our proctoring center survey and proposal.

IX. Round Table Discussion/Announcements by Membership:

- A. Open item for discussion: faculty campus return (flex workshops) (The item not discussed due to time limitations)
- B. Sub-committee composition of Academic Affairs – No subcommittee answered emails sent out regarding their reporting and governance structure within the Senate.
- C. Open item for discussion: Academic Affairs in Spring 2022/ meeting modality (The item not discussed due to time limitations)

X. Next Meeting: November 15th, 2021

XI. Adjournment Time: ____5:30__PM____

Academic Senate

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