



San Diego Mesa College

Academic Affairs Committee

February 22, 2021: Via Zoom (4:15PM-5:00PM)

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Draft Minutes

In attendance: Linda Hensley, Dave Odasso, Steve Sanchez, Sean Ricketts, Mary Gwin, Oscar Torres, Leslie Seiger, Jack Forman, Toni Parsons, Gabriel Adona, Amanda Johnston

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

II. Review and Approval of Draft Agenda: Committee members agreed to record the present meeting. The agenda was emailed to Committee members, Oscar V. Torres opened the agenda for edits by any member at the start of the meeting. Leslie Seiger had comments about the campus re-opening in the fall, however, these items are expected to be address during the next senate meeting. Nonetheless, the item was put forward in the roundtable discussion section. Bryan Malinis raised hand, wanted to address an update for the Academic Affairs website not being up to date with agendas and minutes. The agenda was unanimously approved with the additions.

III. Announcements:

Mesa Pathways Funds Due	Monday, March 15, 2021	\$5,000 MPC fund deadline approaching
Community Forum	Tuesday, February 23, 2021	If you can, attend the community forum
Next Senate Meeting	Monday, March 1, 2021	Constitutional changes up for vote a AS
Senate Executive	Monday, March 8, 2021	

IV. Review and Approval of Draft Minutes: 2-01-21 The committee was asked to review minutes from our 02-01-21 meeting. Toni Parsons asked that references to Guided Pathways be changed to "Mesa Pathways". Minutes passed with edits.

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

Mesa Pathways (MP): Toni talked about the \$5,000 MPC funding which is available for everyone, not just faculty, but to professional administrators, or anybody who has an idea that is pathways related. These are like mini grants, but ties into the pillars of pathways. Check out the webpage for the application and rubric. Question from Linda Hensley about an email reminding people about the funding, Toni says multiple emails have been sent out. Question from Oscar Torres about how many items can be covered by the funding, this depends on the project being proposed. Question from Adona, does the funding cover project related to high school students entering Mesa, yes. Lastly, Toni Parsons Mesa Mixers are still happening to explore Meta Majors.

VI. Reports from:

Academic Senate report from February 8th, 2021, Victoria Miller came as a guest to present on a topic called “project success at Mesa College”, a collaboration with the Department of Education and a company ECMC. Mesa to receive \$10,000 for student who might need emergency financial aid. This also comes with a web tool called “Vita Navis” which as assessments to cluster students into one of 6 different academic categories. Also, Tasha Frankie came as a guest to present on a topic called “CBE” which is an alternative model for education, whereby the amount of time as student has to complete coursework is extended. The application for the pilot study requires the endorsement of the Senate, so it will be voted on next time. Lastly, much discussion on the letter of support from the AFT to “defund police”. Faculty were split on the issue; however the letter had already been sent to the SDCCD Board last semester. Thus, our discussion was delayed.

Executive meeting: It was a short 30-minute meeting. Our Constitutional changes finally got a resolution number to be voted on the next Senate meeting.

PCAB: Guided Pathways scale of adoption for self-assessment was accepted. Comments made and thanked Tasha Frankie for her presentations on CBE across all the governance groups.

VII. Old Business:

- A. Academic Dishonesty in Online Formats, Open Forums for Spring, (Chegg Honor Shield)
Manuel sent an email describing this website called “Chegg” where students can post questions and then other students or people can potentially answer these questions. The website has a program called “honor shield” whereby professor can upload their exams to stop some the cheating. The committee discussed the issue. We voted not to support or endorse the website or professor uploading any class assessments. Then the issue of our Academic dishonesty paper came up by Brian Malinis and asked if we should add to our paper. We agreed to work on the paper, and include a section how to best address these websites from an educational perspective.
- B. Competency-Based Education Application; The committee first took a general sense of how members felt about CBE because a vote will be called at the Senate. Committee members seemed to have opposition points, as well as support for the CBE application. Academic discussion then followed where most if not all member had a chance to speak and voice their concerns and/or support. A vote was called by Linda Hensley, all in attendance voted, Oscar Torres took the vote, and the count was in favor of supporting the CBE application at Senate from Academic Affairs.

VIII. New Business:

- A. Academic Affairs Memberships; Similar Discussion as before, please encourage fellow faculty members to join our group. We are forming a list and roster to make sure we following constitutional bylaws regarding minimum membership.

- B. Academic Senate Constitutional changes and recommendations; Oscar V. Torres called for volunteers to form a sub-group to work on the next round of Constitutional changes. Bryan Malinis, Mary Gwin, Oscar Torres, and Leslie Seiger volunteered and joined the sub group. They are to meet the following week and discusses items to be edited.
- C. Academic Affairs Website; The website is out of date, with missing agendas and minutes from last semester. Oscar Torres states that we do have our records of all agendas, and most minutes. However, these have not been uploaded onto the website.

IX. Round Table Discussion/Announcements by Membership:

- A. Senate Officers with VPs - Oscar Torres asked if any committee member had topics or specific points they wanted discussed at the next senate officers meeting with school administrators.
- B. Guided Pathways Mixer; Remember to encourage your fellow faculty members to attend one of the many mixers being held in the month of March. Amazon gift cards are available as incentives.

X. Next Meeting: March 08, 2021 04:15 PM

XI. Adjournment Time: ____5:30__PM____