



**San Diego Mesa College
Academic Affairs Committee**

March 08, 2021: Via Zoom (4:15PM-5:00PM)

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Draft Minutes

In attendance: Linda Hensley, Bryan Malinis, Miriam Pacheco, Steve Sanchez, Sean Ricketts, Mary Gwin, Oscar Torres, Leslie Seiger, Jack Forman, Toni Parsons; Amanda Johnston; Dave Odasso

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

II. Review and Approval of Draft Agenda: Oscar V. Torres asked Committee members if he could record the meeting. Committee members were emailed the agenda and this was opened for edits by any member. No additions were requested. Note: some members were late to the meeting as there was some confusion regarding the Zoom ID.

III. Announcements:

Mesa Pathways Funding	Due March 15 th , good chance for funding
Next Senate Officers with VPs	MCRS virtual this year, Due March 26 th , good change for students
Next Academic Senate	Any comments or additional agenda items should be forwarded
Next PCAB	If possible, please attend PCA Tuesday, March 16, 2021 as guest

IV. Review and Approval of Draft Minutes: Committee members were asked to read over our last meeting minutes from 03-08-21. Jack Forma asked that committee members present or absent be noted on the minutes. Members agree. Minutes passed.

V.

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

Mesa Pathways: Nothing new to report. The Mesa Mixers are on-going with about 25 – 30 participants per session. The Mesa Pathways Funding is still open, with 10 grants available. At this point they have only received 3 application, so it isn't highly competitive, but this is expected to increase as the deadline approaches. Oscar V. Torres asks Committee members if they have any further questions about Mesa Pathways that Toni can answer. No questions were brought forward.

VII. Reports from:

Academic Senate:

Classified Senate plans for spring fundraisers and professional development opportunities. Academic Senate Elections begin on Monday, March 8th—please vote.

AP 5104 - Contract Education (Andrew Hoffman; CRC) The District may contract for instructional classes to be offered at the request of public or private agencies or groups. This includes instructional classes or services for business, nonprofit organizations, public agencies, or other groups. These contracted activities shall be self-supporting and independent of the unrestricted general funds. The contract shall not violate any collective bargaining agreement with employees. ***Motion passes**

Competency Based Education - (Tasha Frankie): Some Senate members supported this as an opportunity for us to help shape what CBE really could look like. Other Senate members expressed concerns that we won't be able to shape this, and that this "pilot" is an implementation plan with undefined expectations. ***Motion Failed**

Resolution 2021.2.1 (Oscar V. Torres; AA) Presented constitutional changes from fall 2020, these are designed to address ambiguity in our Senate constitution. Opened for discussion, there was one request to add adjunct representation to Executive committee, this will be address at our next round of changes. ***Motion passes**

Zoom Meeting security; much discussion surrounding this and the incidents that occurred during the past few weeks. Professors detailed their recent experiences. Systematic hate "crimes". No direct action plan was decided, but will continue to discuss it at next Senate meeting 3-15-21. In the meantime: the Senate Committee: Faculty/Staff Advisory Committee on Threats (FACT) will be reactivated and would hopefully begin meeting by the end of the month.

PCAB:

Dr. Luster not in session, Dr. Ashanti Hands hosted, mentioned Luster's email to DL about "action plans" about moving forward regarding Zoom Meeting security. VPI O'Connor has invited a group of faculty, administrators and staff to create protocols for how to handle negative Zoom incidents, before, during and after they happen. Dr. Hands is also working with student support programs to connect and support students, faculty and staff. Legaspi is working with our technology team both at the college and district to find ways to make our online environment more secure. Administrators are sending a call for ideas from faculty, staff, students and anyone or group from campus on how to handle negative Zoom events. Associated students, Taylor discussed Zoom bombings. Classified Senate also discussed Zoom bombings to develop ideas. They will send these forward. The Academic Senate discussed CBE, and took a vote on CEB, after they voted, senate decided not to support the CBE application.

Executive meeting:

Discussed CTE committee and how to active this group. At the Executive committee, there must be a CTE representative. Dr. Isabel O'Connor will come to Senate on Monday for Q:A on transition to Fall face-to-face classes during fall semester. The Committee on Elections came up as this is currently a one-man committee, but in reality, there should be at least 4 members, including a chair. The Executive committee charged the Academic Affairs committee to discussion the issue, and amend the Senate Constitution if required. The role of the senate parliamentarian on participation in Executive committee was discussed. The Executive committee again charged the Academic Affairs committee to examine the issue, and amend the Senate Constitution based on their conclusions.

VII. Old Business:

A. Academic Dishonesty Paper

Bryan Malinis agreed to receive our last draft of the Academic Affairs Dishonesty in Education position paper. He will add edits and then send the latest copy to everyone for comments and a vote.

VIII. New Business:

A. New set of Constitutional changes and recommendations

The Executive Committee wants the Academic Affairs committee to explore the composition of the Committee on Elections, there must be a way to include other members onto this committee. Members agreed to examine the issue. Also, the Executive Committee wants the Academic Affairs committee to examine role of the parliamentarian within our Senate structure. Members also agreed to examine this additional issue. Our sub-committee decided to meet on Thursday at 4:00 pm to read the constitution and develop possible edits.

B. New Guest requested

Veronica Gerace, our current senate parliamentarian and senator for communications studies, has asked to speak at our next Academic Affairs committee meeting. Topics included civility and committee participation. Members discussed and welcomed the idea of hearing any suggestions or comments provided by our parliamentarian at the next meeting.

C. Zoom Disruption and negative instances

Negative Zoom incidents have continued to occur within virtual classrooms and various events hosted by staff. However, no one is talking about how this is a bi-product of online teaching at mass.

IX. Round Table Discussion/Announcements by Membership:

A. Officers with VPs: Please forward any comments, inquiries or topics for discussion by 3-15-21.

B. Guided Pathways Mixer- Please attend if you have the time.

X. Next Meeting: March 22, 2021 04:15 PM

XI. Adjournment Time: _____5:30__pm_____