



**San Diego Mesa College
Academic Senate
Academic Affairs Committee
Meeting Date: April 6th, 2020
Draft Minutes**

Present: Chair: Oscar V. Torres, Dean: Danene Brown, Jack Forman, Mary Gwin, Amanda Johnston, Bryan Malinis, Rebecca Nieman, Miriam Pacheco, Leslie Seiger, Sean Ricketts, Steve Sanchez

Absent: None

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

II. Review and Approval of Draft Agenda: The agenda was emailed to Committee members for their approval and additions.

Motion to approve:

Malinis/Foman

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III. Review and Approval of Draft Minutes: The previous Academic Affairs committee, on March 16 was cancelled

IV. Report from the Academic Senate:

A. From Academic Senate:

OER update initiative for zero cost materials, District can apply for additional funding if colleges adopt support of OER.

MIC – Changes were proposed to this council with an increase in faculty membership.

Facilities – Buildings between SB and MS have been demolished and cleared. Should look nice when we return.

Curriculum – at the CIC meeting, it was discussed that credit by exam and by past work experience can be adopted and implemented.

B. From PCAB: cancelled.

C. From Exec:

The Executive Committee had an emergency meeting and discussed policies and procedures for remote teaching. The fall semester is in effect going online, and campus is closed.

- V. Guest(s):** The Committee discussed the possibility of having Rob Fremland as a guest to discuss Text book affordability initiatives at the District Level. This was suggested due to the resolution brought forward to the senate executive team.

VI. Old Business:

Discussion on MIC – The committee wanted to know the progress on the creation of this council. Inquiries were sent forward to the VPI and Senate president. Further discussion on the council was postponed until the fall semester of 2020.

Two Academic Affairs Websites- A report was given by the chair of Affairs regarding the two websites and updates regarding the resolution.

Senate Exec “Online course design rubric” Presentation- Previously, the Executive team received a course outline with suggestions for constructing online classes. The chair of Affairs thought it was a good idea to review the suggestions in relation to the current remote modality teaching because of COVID-19 pandemic.

Speak Task Force- Bryan Malinis reports that the “Speak Task Force” will be operating during District closure because of COVID-19. Students can still call and receive counseling.

VI. New Business:

- A. Academic Senate Election Results- The Affairs committee consulted the Constitution regarding election policies and reviewed their results. Specific sections reviewed were Article IV, Section 3E, as well as Article IV, Section 3H, and Article 1 Section 3 (Under Title V).
- B. VCER new Mesa Appointment- The executive team gave a call out for faculty members to serve on a District search committee for a new Vice chancellor.
- C. List of Events cancelled- Because of the COVID-19 situation, each member provided information regarding cancelled events across the SDCCD.

- D. Academic Senate conversion to Zoom meeting- The affairs committee discussed the new modality to continue their regularly scheduled meetings via Zoom. All members were in agreement.
- E. Online/Remote Teaching: Curriculum and Instructional concerns- Members gave their accounts of concerns and problems with swiftly changing their teaching methodologies to remote instruction. Questions were noted and compiled for future inquiries with Dr. Isabel O'Connor (Vice President, Instruction).

VII. Round Table/Announcements:

IX. Next Meeting: 4-20-2020

X. Adjournment @ 5:00PM.