



San Diego Mesa College
Academic Senate
Academic Affairs Committee
October 3, 2022
4:15PM – 5:30PM
MINUTES

Present: Chair Mary Gwin, Dean Linda Hensley, Lisa Burgert, Das Nugent-Odasso, Miriam Pacheco, Sean Ricketts, Leslie Seiger, Oscar V. Torres and Ngoc “Kim” Tran

Excused: Amanda Johnston

I. Call to Order & Attendance @ 4:18PM:

II. Review and Approval of Draft Agenda:

A. Additions to Agenda and Member Suggestions Welcomed: None

III. Review of Draft Minutes: September 19, 2022

Motion to approve with a date change:

M/S

Seiger/Burgert

UNANIMOUS

IV. Upcoming Fall 2022 Mesa College and SDCCD Meetings: Reports from Chair Mary Gwin

A. Academic Senate: September 26, 2022

1. Articulation Officer Juliette Parker and Professor Candace Katungi introduced the Application to Update the Minimum Qualifications for Ethnic Studies.
 - a. Ethnic Studies now includes Asian American/Pacific Islander Studies, Black Studies, Chicana/o Studies and American Indian Studies.
 - b. The rules were suspended to allow the Academic Senate to vote to support the application on September 26th in order to meet the September 30th submission deadline.
2. Articulation Officer Juliette Parker and Professor Candace Katungi also introduced three (3) resolutions in response to AB 928 to forward to the next Academic Senate for CA Community Colleges (ASCCC) Area D Meeting.
3. President John Crocitti introduced a resolution requesting that the district provide up to date Information Technology equipment for classrooms and Faculty offices in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA).
4. Counselor Anthony Reuss introduced a resolution to allow Students to Auto Enroll in classes with open seats without having to contact Faculty who do not respond to Students’ email messages and/or are not in their Faculty offices during their scheduled Faculty Office Hours.

B. Committee of Chairs (CoC): September 28, 2022

1. The summer 2023 and fall 2023 class schedules will be due on February 8th.
 - a. Both class schedules will be available online on April 17th.
 - b. Counselor Miriam Pacheco provided the following enrollment dates:
 - Priority enrollment begins on May 1st.
 - Open enrollment begins on May 22nd.
 - c. Students will be able to enroll in classes for both sessions at the same time.
 - d. Students can apply for financial aid for summer 2023 and fall 2023 separately, but also at the same time.
 - e. Statistically Students already enrolled in a class at Mesa College will enroll in more classes than New Students.
 - f. Dean Linda Hensley said having to develop the summer 2023 and fall 2023 class schedules at the same time and having to deal with Students enrolling for summer 2023 and fall 2023 classes at the same time will be a Herculean task for Mesa College personnel.

C. President's Cabinet: September 20, 2022

1. Vice President of Instruction (VPI) Isabel O'Connor will serve on the AB 1111 (Common Course Numbering) State Task Force.
2. The Mesa College Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) will have to process all the course number changes.

D. Senate Executive Committee: October 3, 2022

1. The Chemistry Department will introduce a Resolution to Remove the Indoor Mask Mandate during the October 10, 2022 Academic Senate meeting.
 - a. There was a lack of agreement regarding the resolution during the last Senate Exec meeting.

E. Senate Executive Officers Meeting with President Hands and the Mesa College Vice Presidents: Upcoming Meeting - October 12, 2022

F. Board of Trustees Meeting (BOT): September 29, 2022

1. Mesa College Chemistry Department Chair Donna Budzynski read the Chemistry Department's statement to remove the Indoor Mask Mandate during the last BOT meeting.

VII. Old Business:

A. Change to Academic Affairs Committee Leadership Structure: Gwin (Tabled)

B. Enrollment Management Taskforce Updates: Gwin

1. Chair Mary Gwin currently serves on the Marketing Workgroup and reported the group has many good ideas.

VIII. New Business:

A. Academic Senate Resolutions: Gwin

1. Articulation Officer Juliette Parker introduced three (3) Academic Senate Resolutions on September 26th in response to AB 928 that we will forward to the next ASCCC Area D meeting.
 - a. Resolution 2022.9.1 - ASSERTING CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE (CCC) FACULTY PRIMACY OVER COURSES PROPOSED FOR CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION BREADTH (CSUGE-B) ETHNIC STUDIES AREA F INCLUSION:
 - b. Resolution 2022.9.2 - ESTABLISH AN EQUITABLE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION BREADTH (CSUGE-B) ETHNIC STUDIES AREA F REVIEW PROCESS:
 - c. 2022.9.3 - RETAIN OPTION FOR STUDENTS TO TAKE LIFELONG LEARNING AND SELF-DEVELOPMENT AS A LOWER DIVISION COURSE:
 - d. Chair Mary Gwin reported everyone in the CA Community Colleges (CCC) System is nervous about the possible impacts of AB 928.
 - e. The Academic Affairs Committee supports all three (3) resolutions.
2. Resolution 2022.9.4 – Information Technology Updates Needed for Mesa College Classrooms and Faculty Offices and Adherence to the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) Requirements:
 - a. The resolution asks the college and district to expedite updating Information Technology equipment.
 - b. Leslie Seiger reported she currently does not have up to date computer equipment necessary to be able to work in her Faculty office and she has to use her own computer, paper, printer, toner and WIFI at home.
 - c. Dean Linda Hensley reported the Vice President of Administrative Services (VPA) informed her that Mesa College will replace our computers over the next one and a half year.
 - d. The Academic Affairs Committee supports the resolution.

3. Resolution 2022.9.5 – Auto Enrollment would allow Students to enroll in classes with open seats during the first two week of the semester without having to get permission from Faculty.
 - a. Faculty are not returning Students' email messages and they are not in their offices during their posted office hours.
 - b. Kim Tran asked how passing the resolution will impact the practice of Students Crashing Classes.
 - c. Dean Linda Hensley said we still have to be work out all the details.
 - Auto Enrollment will help increase enrollment and help keep us from cancelling classes.
 - d. The Academic Affairs Committee supports this resolution.
4. 2022.10.1 - Mask Mandate Removal (Chemistry Department): Gwin
 - a. New Business item for October 10, 2022 Academic Senate meeting.
 - b. Mesa College Chemistry Department Chair Donna Budzynski read the Mesa College Chemistry Department's statement during the last BOT meeting.
 - c. Senator Rob Fremland read the statement during the September 26th Academic Senate meeting.
 - d. Passage of the resolution by the Mesa College Academic Senate would not change the current district policy.
 - The BOT would have to vote to change the policy.
 - e. Dean Linda Hensley reported English Department Faculty supports the Mask Mandate since our Students do not have to adhere to a vaccine mandate at this time.
 - f. Chair Mary Gwin reported the Department Chairs reported they have Faculty who would not want to teach on campus if the district removes the Indoor Mask Mandate during the last Committee of Chairs meeting.
 - g. Leslie Seiger said we should look to what other local institutions are doing.
 - SDSU requires Covid 19 vaccinations and boosters.
 - h. Mary Gwin reported USD does not have a mask mandate and leaves the requirement to individual Faculty.
 - Mary Gwin suggested that the Mask Mandate Removal be limited to the Chemistry Department.
 - i. Das Nugent-Odasso suggested allowing people to wear a mask if they want to and not wear a mask if they do not want to.
 - j. Kim Tran asked what happens if the mask mandate is removed, which changes the working conditions and Faculty becomes infected with Covid 19
 - k. Mary Gwin asked the committee to send any friendly amendments for the resolution to Rob Fremland.
 - l. Oscar V. Torres recommends that Chair Mary Gwin vote down the resolution as it is and submit a friendly amendment to reinstate the vaccine and booster requirement for our Students.
 - m. Sean Rickett does not support reinstating a vaccine and booster mandate for Students.
 - n. The Academic Affairs Committee is inclined to vote against the resolution.

C. Impacts to Courses: Early Posting of Class Schedules, Automatic ADT Enrollment and Staggered

Schedules: Gwin

1. All three issues will impact Mesa College's enrollment.
2. Early Posting of Summer 2023 and Fall 2023 Class Schedules:
 - a. Mesa College will post our summer 2023 and fall 2023 class schedules early and Students will be able to enroll starting on May 1, 2023.
3. Automatic Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT) Enrollment:
 - a. Comments from Miriam Pacheco.
As reported by Miriam Pacheco:

"If students will manually be added to an ADT pathway, it helps them because at least they are not under "undeclared status" and even if they don't follow the major prep classes that will appear for them on their portal, they can follow GE courses shown, however, Counseling faculty, we can change this in an instant if students want to after they meet with us and we explain the correct transfer pathway for them."

2. Staggered Schedules:
 - a. The committee will discuss Staggered Schedules during a future meeting.

D. Review of the Academic Affairs Committee's Purpose: Gwin

1. Dean Linda Hensley reported Institutional Effectiveness Dean Bridget Herrin said this is a good time for committees to review their mission during the last Academic Affairs Committee meeting.
2. The Academic Committee can review our current mission in the Mesa College Academic Senate Constitution. [LINK](#)

IX. Round Table Discussion/Announcements by Membership: None

X. Next Academic Affairs Committee Meeting: October 17, 2022

A. Fall 2022 Academic Affairs Meeting Schedule:

XI. Adjournment @ 5:32PM:

Submitted by Sue Saetia:

Approved by the Academic Affairs Committee: October 17, 2022