

**Senators Present**

Denise Bailey  
Cari Cannon  
Phillip Crabill  
Shawn Cummins  
Steve Deeley  
Leah Freidenrich  
Alicia Frost  
Scott Howell  
Eric Hovanitz  
Scott James  
Melinda Lorton  
Eden Quimzon  
Andrew Salcido  
Mike Taylor  
Melinda Womack

**Absent**

Leonor Aguilera

Nena Baldizon-Rios  
Evangeline Matthews  
Christine Umali Kopp

**Senate Executive Board**

President Corinna Evett  
Vice President Mary Mettler  
CIC Chair Joyce Wagner  
Sec/Treas. Michael DeCarbo

**ASG Representative**

Tamara Nabulsi

**Guests**

Elizabeth Baez  
Bill Jeffery  
Ethel Jordan  
Randy Scott  
Jolene Shields

**I Welcome**

**II Approval of Minutes**

October 20, 2015 (Womack/Hovanitz) approved without dissent pending two corrections to attendance and security officers will be certified three times a year.

**III Public Comments**

- 1 Professor Scott spoke to the possibility of a weeklong break during Thanksgiving. His experience from CSU Fullerton indicates that students do not do any work during the break and are at significant disadvantage when finals occurs two weeks later.

**IV AS Executive Board Reports**

**A President**

- 1 When asked, the Senate agreed that the following new members of SCC should be invited to speak to the Senate: Vice President of Administrative Services Arleen Satele, Dean of Business, & Career Technical Education Von Lawson, and District Safety Officer Manny Pacheco
- 2 Faculty Hiring:  
The four Adult Education Block Grant hires will be tenure-track positions.  
Political Science, Library, and EOPS-CARE Counselor will be added to the list of hires this year.  
The Mathematics 2 position was skipped as the EOPS position is categorically funded.

- 3 The California Community Colleges Board of Governors on Monday unanimously directed the state Chancellor's Office to develop a new model for accrediting the system's colleges and to report back in March 2016 on details and a timeline for implementing the changes.
- 4 The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges unanimously approved the Workforce Task Force recommendations.  
CIC Chair Wagner cautioned that this may have future funding implications.
- 5 The RSCCD Board acknowledged:  
Coach Woodhead and the SCC Women's Soccer team for their current State ranking.  
Professor Rabii and the SCC Model United Nations team for their 9 medals won in D.C.
- 6 Unity Middle school has found a site near the noncredit Chapman site.  
A memorandum of understanding is being drafted by the administration and will come to the Senate for support.
- 8 Faculty were encouraged to attend the Faculty Excellence Presentation November 19, 2015.
- 9 Faculty were encouraged to attend the Holiday Diversity Showcase, "Searching for the Perfect Present" November 21, 2015.

***B Vice President***

**1 Orange Education Center**

In 2010 the District looked into whether the building violated portions of the Field Act and in 2012 classes were relocated.

Testing has indicated that significant retrofitting must occur, essentially a tear down and rebuild. The Center was purchased for 7.4 million and renovation brought the cost to 20 million. Currently designs have been approved for a slightly smaller interior space but will add 84 parking slots.

The current estimated cost for all work will be \$36.1 million

The District is currently trying to reconcile with the design firm; if no settlement is reached then a lawsuit may ensue.

Vice President Jose Vargas spoke to the vital need the current location meets, particularly as transportation to the current multiple sites is challenging for most of the attending students.

The Trustees asked many questions and postponed many discussions.

The Chancellor reported that the OEC project "landed in their laps" and must be solved.

In addition to money already designated, another 14.5 million in one-time funds from the State this year will be used, leaving the project 5 million dollars short.

The Chancellor has stated that he intends to repair OEC and sees the need it serves. President Evett asked the Senate whether the OEC site remained a priority for the faculty and was assured unanimously that this was so.

Secretary/Treasurer DeCarbo reported that at the previous SAC Academic Senate meeting he attended, that past SAC AS Presidents Zarske and Hicks expressed their opinion that SCC/OEC is not to blame for the problem, that it the cause of the problem can be traced directly to the District and that OEC plays a vital role in the neighboring community.

***C Secretary/Treasurer***

Congratulations and gratitude to retiring noncredit faculty member Ethel Jordan.

***D CIC***

No report

**V ASG Report – Senator at Large Tamara Nabulsi**

1 Student surveys will be forth coming.

**VI Action**

*First Reading:*

None

*Second Reading:*

**A Resolution F2015.8: Support for Splitting the Department of Social Sciences**  
(Howell/Bailey)

Discussion

President Evett discussed the numerous 10+1 issues at hand, including: SLO reporting & assessments, curriculum, program review, DPP, program development, and minimum qualifications.

President Evett discussed past practice and how departments split:

First, the decision emerges from within the department and/or division and is documented in minutes.

Second, the administration weighs in on the decision.

Finally, it comes to the Senate for discussion.

Some asked what exactly was meant by the resolved, what would the course of action be and who were the actors?

It was suggested that there should also be a method for merging departments as well.

The Senate agreed that a formalized process needs to be in place for future splits and merges.

**B Approval of Spring 2016 FLEX Calendar**

Professor Bailey asked whether the emergency training should occur during mandatory meetings rather than as an optional meeting and was told that this process is being developed.

It was expressed that any formal emergency process that is developed should be provided as mandatory training for all Faculty, Staff and Administration.

It was moved to suspend the rule (Freidenrich/Cummins) to vote upon the calendar.

The motion to accept the Flex calendar (Womack/Canon) pending clarification on the safety training passed without dissent

**VII Summary Reports Discussion**

None

**VIII Discussion Items**

**A Discussion of Faculty Identified SCC “Signature Programs”**

CIC Chair Professor Wagner summarized the comments into unique, attractive, enriching, beneficial, and successful/recognized.

Faculty voiced concern that signature program status may lead to divisiveness.

Faculty asked why is it necessary to highlight the programs that are already highlighted.

Faculty said the value of this program would primarily be for marketing.

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Faculty said that there should be a limited number as too many would lose its meaning.

Faculty seemed to be in agreement that uniqueness is a prime criteria.

Faculty suggested that there should be a period of re-evaluation.

Faculty suggested that perhaps there could be categories to choose from.

The Senate was charged to have constituents examine the categories.

Determine which should stay, which should be removed and needed

Then filter the programs we currently have through the categories

***B Discussion of ASCCC Fall Plenary***

Professor Taylor shared his experience; he found it very welcoming and informative.

He enjoyed meeting authors of *Rostrum* articles and found a pleasurable level of levity.

He expressed that seeing the resolution process in person validated our local process.

**IX Moved to adjourn** (Deeley/Cummins) passed without dissent.