

**SCC Academic Senate Retreat Minutes – FINAL (Approved 2020-09-01)**  
**August 19, 2020, 9:00-12:00, ConferZoom**

**Senators Present**

Aguilera, Leonor  
Castellanos, Ralph  
Crabill, Phil  
Cummins, Shawn  
Danova, Veselka  
Dela-Cusack, Lisa  
Gates, Alana  
Gonzalez, Sara  
Govea, Melissa  
Graham, Song  
Henry, Amanda  
James, Scott  
Johnson, Kim  
Kramer, Jessica  
Murphy, Ryan  
Oase, Daniel  
Salcido, Andrew  
Umali Kopp, Christine  
Valdos, Yanina  
VanDyke-Kao, Rita

**SCC-AS Executive Board Present**

Rutan, Craig, President  
Taylor, Mike, Vice President  
Scott, Randy, Secretary/Treasurer  
Evet, Corinna, CIC Chair

**Senators Absent**

Chavez, Ricardo

**ASG Representative**

Memon, Umaimah

**Guests**

Fajardo, Lourdes  
Howell, Scott  
Manoushan, Sadaf  
Martin, Linda  
Nguyen, William  
Null, Christopher  
Pecenkovic, Nidzara  
Roe, Maureen  
Smith, Mark  
Tamariz, Santiago  
Vargas, Jose  
Wagner, Joyce  
Wilson, Jeremy

I. Welcome from SCC Senate President

SCC Academic Senate President Craig Rutan opened the Fall 2020 Academic Retreat at 9:00 am.

II. Welcome from SCC Interim President

SCC Interim President Jose Vargas introduced himself to the SCC-AS and gave a short biography highlighted by his personal history as a young immigrant to the United States, service in the U.S. Army, and a long career in education in various positions at the community college.

### III. Introductions

President Rutan led the SCC-AS in individual introductions. The 2020-21 SCC-AS is a group diverse in interests both on and off campus.

### IV. Senate President's Update

President Rutan updated the Senate on (a) remote instruction, (b) budget and enrollment, (c) the Board of Trustees, and (d) RSCCD's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Program.

- a. The RSCCD Board of Trustees (BoT) approved Return-to-Work requirements for instructional and student services spaces. These include a continuance of permission required from the deans to come onto campus, a face mask requirement for anyone on campus, and coordination with the County of Orange as further phases of reopening are scheduled.

Thirteen sections will have some on-campus meetings at SCC for Fall 2020. Additional late start classes may be scheduled for in-person instruction, including some sections to be held outdoors.

Planning for Spring 2021 is ongoing, but it is likely that most class will remain in remote modalities through Spring 2021.

- b. The budget of the State of California and consequently the budget of RSCCD is facing some dire challenges. Enrollment at SCC is down about 10% from a year ago. In response to an emergency funding exception in Title 5, enrollment numbers from 2019-20 will be used to compute the FTES apportionment for 2020-21.

RSCCD currently exceeds its faculty obligation number, so any new hires are unlikely. The 2019-20 SCC-AS passed resolution S2020.05 affirming that we follow the 2019 faculty hiring prioritization if any positions open for the 2021-22 academic year.

RSCCD has prepared a supplemental retirement program. Faculty, staff, and administration wishing to enroll must do so by August 28, 2020.

- c. RSCCD BoT members Mendoza, Alvarez, and Barrios will be leaving for other political pastures.

The BoT is forming a new Institutional Effectiveness committee.

The board policy on student conduct is being revised to reflect new federal

requirements establishing a hearing process for Title IX investigations.

- d. The BoT has approved a new administrative position: Chief Advisor for Academic and Diversity Programs. Narges Rabii-Rakin was selected to serve as the interim chief for one year, overseeing the district's new Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Program.

#### V. Role and Responsibilities of Academic Senates

CIC Chair Corinna Evett led the Senate in a review of the rights and responsibilities of Academic Senates in the California Community College system., including the history and growth of the role of the Academic Senate in guiding policy decisions as described in the 10+1 agreement spelled out in Board Policy 2410.

Evett's power point presentation will be available on the SCC-AS website.

#### VI. Senate Priorities for 2020-21

Vice President Taylor led the Senate in a discussion of priorities/concerns for consideration in the 2020-21 Senate.

- a. Christine Umali Kopp brought up concerns about courses being cut or in jeopardy of being cut with minimal faculty input. The role of the Enrollment Management Committee was reviewed.
- b. Scott James presented concerns about satisfying the Online Educational Initiative (OEI) requirements: courses must follow the OEI course design rubric, we must have at least 20% of our online course that align with the OEI rubric, and the relationship between equity issues and open educational resources (OER).
- c. Ralph Castellanos introduced concerns about enrollment management and unpaid work expected of department chairs over the summer break.
- d. Christine Umali Kopp presented concerns about the formation of committees for administrative hiring.
- e. Veselka Danova raised concerns about faculty burn-out in response to the ever-shifting landscape of CoVid.
- f. Leonor Aguilera introduced Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)

Discussion of these and additional topics will continue through the 2020-21 academic year.

Meeting adjourned, 12:05 pm.

Submitted by Randy Scott, SCC-AS Secretary/Treasurer