

**SCC Academic Senate Business Meeting Minutes – Final (Approved 2020-10-20)
October 6, 2020, 1:30-3:15 pm, ConferZoom**

Senators Present

Aguilera, Leonor
Castellanos, Ralph
Chavez, Ricardo
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

Senators Absent

ASG Representative

Li, Nathan

Guests

El Said, Nahla
Frost, Alicia
Guevara, Angela
Hamamura, Stacey
Martino, Danny
Perry, Janis
Saucedo-Daniel, Jorge
Salazar de la Torre, Rosa
Smith, Mark
Stringer, Martin
Wagner, Joyce

SCC-AS Executive Board Present

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

I. Welcome

Santiago Canyon College Academic Senate (SCC-AS) President Craig Rutan called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm on Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

II. Public Comments

Professor Danny Martino spoke to the need for all faculty to show support for all faculty organizations; in particular SCC-AS and FARSCCD. Professor Martino expressed the view that we all would like a return to face-to-face instruction but reiterated the need for faculty support as SCC-AS and FARSCCD work with the administration and district to set parameters for return-to-work. Professor Martino asked if it were possible to ascertain faculty interest for face-to-face, including how many faculty are willing to return to face-to-face for Spring 2021.

Professor Janis Perry discussed the email sent to all faculty from FARSCCD President Mark Smith describing the SCC Town Hall held on Thursday, October 1, 2020. Professor Perry shared her disappointment that the FARSCCD President was censored during

discussions. In addition, Professor Perry shared support for Professor Martino's comments, encouraging all faculty to support the SCC-AS and FARSCCD because "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore!"

CIC Chair Corrina Evett pointed out that members of the RSCCD Board of Trustees needs to hear the individual voices of the faculty; SCC-AS President Rutan speaks for the faculty at every Board of Trustees meeting, but it becomes too easy for the Trustees to believe Rutan is speaking for himself without the addition support of faculty members. CIC Chair Evett encouraged SCC faculty to attend the Board of Trustees meetings and to make public comments. SCC-AS President Rutan added that if faculty live in the RSCCD voting area, then their voice is especially appreciated by the Trustees.

III. Approval of the Minutes

29 September 2020 approved with addition of Valdós as mover for 15 September 2020 (moved by Aguilara, seconded by Castellanos.)

IV. SCC-AS Executive Board Reports

SCC-AS President Rutan

SCC-AS President Rutan discussed face-to-face instruction for Spring 2021 with RSCCD Chancellor Martinez. There have been no further decisions on return-to-work since the 29 September 2020 SCC-AS meeting.

President Rutan also reported on COVID-19 testing at SCC. Discussions are ongoing for ways to fund testing of students returning to campus for face-to-face classes. Orange County remains in the red tier for COVID-19 infection/transmission, limiting in-person capacity to 25%.

President Rutan attended the SCC Town Hall on 1 October 2020. President Rutan reported to the SCC-AS faculty concerns about face-to-face protocols expressed during the Town Hall and that SCC-AS is fully cooperating with FARSCCD to ensure the two primary faculty organizations are working in their respective purviews.

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for 12 October 2020 and will be held at Santa Ana College with public comments through Zoom. The Board of Trustees meeting for 26 October 2020 will be held at SCC, again with public comments through Zoom.

SCC-AS Vice President Taylor

No report.

SCC-AS Secretary/Treasurer Scott

No report.

CIC Chair Evett

CIC Chair Evett reported that the CIC did a first read of BP 4235 & AR 4235, Credit for Prior Learning (CPL). The CIC members suggested some small consistency changes and were pleased that the proposed regulations follow the Palomar College outline for CPL.

In addition, CIC Chair Evett thanked the faculty for their outstanding work in submitting Distance Education Addendums, and thanked Senator James for his work helping to review these new DEAs.

CIC Chair Evett again described the positive and productive working relationship with SAC CIC Chair Brian Sos.

V. ASG Report

ASG VP Nathan Li delivered the ASG report.

ASG had a full day of ASG 101 training for members. Training discussed the Brown Act as it applies to ASG and issues with student representation.

ASG discussed how to increase student polling and decided to pursue shorter, more focused email polls with fewer topics but more detailed questions pertaining to the queried topics.

ASG is supporting [National Voter Education Week](#) will be held October 5-9, 2020.

ASG VP Li shared ASG's support for SCC's faculty as the faculty works toward ensuring a safe reopening of the campus.

VI. Action Items

Second Reading

A. Resolution F2020.04 – Endorsement of the Revised 7 September 2020 “SCC Equity Statement.”

Moved by Evett, second by Gates.

Discussion centered on equality of opportunity vs equality of outcomes. Senators discussed possible changes and leaving the statement as written.

A motion was made to replace “unique ideas” with “different ideas”; moved by Gonzalez, seconded by Crabill. Motion passed with Cummins opposed with no abstentions.

A motion was made to replace “proud to provide” with “committed to providing”; moved by Scott, seconded by Cummins. Motion failed with majority of voting members opposed and no abstentions.

Resolution F2020.04 approved unanimously with no abstentions.

B. Resolution F2020.05 – Adoption for the Standard Syllabus Statement for Face-to-Face Instruction During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Moved by Gates, second by Taylor.

No further discussion.

Resolution F2020.05 approved unanimously with no abstentions.

VIII. Discussion Items

A. Consideration for Face-to-Face Instruction and Critical Support Services

President Rutan thanked the faculty that sent feedback on the original (SAC produced) document and was especially grateful for the input from colleagues in Counseling concerning the return of critical support services. President Rutan also made clear that some of the topics on the current SCC-centric document are under the purview of FARSCCD contract/MOU negotiations with the District.

CIC Chair Evett appreciates the alignment of the revised SCC document with issues presented by various faculty during the SCC Town Hall.

FARSCCD President Mark Smith is working closely with SCC-AS President Rutan to be sure these issues are covered in all relevant meetings with the SCC administration and the District.

CIC Chair Evett highlighted the last bullet point—Address any possible environmental factors, such as extreme weather, wind, and air quality that could directly impact any course or critical support service that is offered in an outdoor environment.—as closely capturing the faculty comments from the Town Hall and from the previous SCC-AS meeting of 29 September 2020.

B. Remote Blended

Further discussion was held about the Remote Blended (RB) modality. In response to a question from the 29 September 2020 SCC-AS meeting, President Rutan conferred with SCC VP Stringer and confirmed that the funding model for RB and Hybrid is the same. Consequently, SCC funding will not decrease if we were to eliminate the RB designation in favor of the Hybrid designation.

FARSCCD President Mark Smith confirmed that extension of the approved MOU through Spring 2021 would allow professors who've received the 30-hr training to cover remote live and remote blended courses, but not hybrid or online courses.

Senator James reiterated his view that SCC's 30-hr training is insufficient to ensure the asynchronous portion of a remote blended course does not become a correspondence course. Senator James reiterated that RB does not follow our legal obligations for an online program as defined by Title V.

If the SCC-AS was to decide to require the full Online Teaching Certification (OTC) for RB, many faculty would have to complete another 90-hrs of training. For the part-time faculty, those 90-hrs would exceed their FLEX obligations many times over.

Senator James stated that he is open to any ideas that would ease the training burden while fulfilling the legal obligations.

Professor Saucedo-Daniel asked about the specific features of the current RB description that are not meeting the federal guidelines. Senator James stated that the current RB description was developed during the initial response to the COVID emergency, and thus is not in full compliance with Title V or accreditation standards.

Senator James continued by pointing out that in RSCCD, the two colleges must have equivalent training requirements, and that the SAC Distance Education Coordinator has not indicated any willingness to reduce the nonemergency OTC training requirement for RB.

FARSCCD President Mark Smith stated that the plan at SAC is to require the full 120-hr OTC training for anyone teaching RB, Hybrid, or Online courses. Thus, if we were to get rid of RB at this time, any faculty would be required to do an additional 90-hrs of training for Hybrid or Online.

Senator Crabill asked if the current MOU will not apply to Spring 2021; President

Rutan clarified that this is a FARCCD issue and that the Senate is focusing on curricular and training requirements. FARSCCD President Mark Smith stated that it is FARCCD's position that the MOU continues until December 2020 or until faculty can freely return to their offices, whichever is later.

Senator James pointed out that the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) requires the college to define adequate training for online instruction; since SCC has already done so, it would be problematic to reduce the training that the SCC-AS has already approved.

Further discussion of these points continued until all SCC-AS members had any remaining questions addressed.

President Rutan expressed a preference for a resolution that clarifies SCC-AS's position on the RB/Hybrid question.

The next OTC training begins on October 19, 2020.

Meeting adjourned, 3:32 pm. (Moved by Gates, second by Evett.)
Submitted by Randy Scott, SCC-AS Secretary/Treasurer