

SCC Academic Senate Business Meeting Minutes – FINAL
May 4, 2021, 1:30-3:15 pm, ConferZoom

Senators Present

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

Senators Absent

Aguilera, Leonor
Crabill, Phil
Graham, Song

ASG Representative

Yi, Nathan

Guests

Fajardo, Lourdes
Stringer, Martin
Voelcker, Aaron
Wagner, Joyce

SCC-AS Executive Board Present

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

I. Welcome

Santiago Canyon College Academic Senate (SCC-AS) President Craig Rutan called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, 4 May 2021.

II. Public Comments

Senator Lisa Dela Cusack congratulated Leonor Aguilera, the SCC Faculty Excellence Award recipient.

III. Approval of the Minutes

20 April 2021 approved unanimously. (Moved by Castellanos, seconded by Evett, with Danova, Oase, and Valdós abstaining.)

IV. SCC-AS Executive Board Reports

SCC-AS President Rutan

SCC-AS President Rutan offered his congratulations to the SCC Faculty Excellence Award recipient, Leonore Aguilera.

SCC-AS President Rutan expects the new SCC President to be named on 10 May 2021.

SCC-AS President Rutan updated the senators on budget negotiations related to the changing enrollment percentages between SCC and SAC, the state's declaration of hold harmless, and the current budget allocation model (BAM). The next Fiscal Resources Committee (FRC) meeting is scheduled for 20 May 2021 and it is expected that the current BAM will remain in place and that there will be a redistribution of funds. The tentative budget must be approved by the RSCCD Board by 1 July 2021, so this issue will be resolved by that time.

SCC-AS President Rutan gave the SCC-AS a report on hiring in the district. Faculty offerings include an internally announced counseling position at SAC and an interim one-year position for a systems librarian at SCC. SCC-AS President Rutan expects the right-sizing report for the district and colleges to be issued by the end of May.

The RSCCD Board of Trustees has formed a board policy committee that meets on Fridays at 4:00 pm. Volunteers are being sought. Coming for consideration as a board policy is mandatory vaccinations for students and faculty returning to face-to-face instruction.

SCC-AS Vice President Taylor

SCC-AS Vice President Taylor had no report.

SCC-AS Secretary/Treasurer Scott

SCC-AS Secretary/Treasurer Scott attended the SAC-AS meeting on 27 April 2021. Topics discussed included gift and conflict of interest policies, a new faculty hiring prioritization scheme, and formation of work groups reviewing part-time faculty hiring procedures.

CIC Chair Evett

CIC Chair Evett presented updates on the Enrollment Management Committee (EMC) and the Curriculum and Instruction Council (CIC)

In EMC, CIC Chair Evett recognized the marketing efforts of Dr. LaKyshia Perez in association with the TRIO and Upward Bound programs.

Also in EMC, discussions are ongoing about scheduling availability and possible areas for streamlining the process. Informal fact-gathering is ongoing, and the EMC is identifying metrics.

CIC Chair Evett reported the adoption of both a cultural curriculum audit and the recommendations of course capacities.

V. SAC Report

No SAC representative was present at the meeting.

VI. SAC Report

ASG Vice President Nathan Yi reported that ASG representatives attended Black Student Success Week events including training on advocacy for funding and an interactive experience with representatives of Orange County state legislatures.

VII. Summary Reports

Summary reports from the Honors Committee and the Professional Development Committee are included in the agenda for 4 May 2021.

VIII. Action Items

Action

A. Fall 2021 Professional Development Calendar

The Fall 2021 Professional Development Calendar was unanimously approved

(Moved by Umali Kopp, seconded by Johnson). Of particular note is the SCC-AS Fall Retreat is scheduled to be held on campus!

Second Reading

A. Resolution S2021.10 – Adoption of the SCC Regular and Effective Contact Policy

Following brief discussion of possible changes, there was a motion to postpone to 18 May 2021. Moved by James, seconded by Evett, approved unanimously.

B. Resolution S2021.11 – Endorse the Implementation of Annual Plans in eLumen

Moved by Taylor, seconded by James, approved unanimously.

C. Resolution S2021.12 – Endorse Recommended Revisions to the Resource Request Process

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Gonzalez, approved unanimously.

First Reading

A. Resolution S2021.13 – Revision to Timelines for Program Review and Educational Master Plan

Moved by Castellanos, seconded by Gates.

IX. Discussion Items

A. Communication Norms for Academic Senate Meetings

The Senate continued a discussion of campus culture/communication norms for faculty.

CIC Chair Evett began the discussion by stating that the Faculty should initiate any discussion of norms for their own behavior and that the communication norms are intended to solidify our sense of community. A senator recognized the good intent of the norms and suggested the label “assertions” rather than “norms” because norms can become rules and be used against us in the sense of “Why isn’t faculty following their own guidelines?” Another senator stated that the communication norms from the Academic Senate of California Community Colleges (ASCCC) is a long document to which they are not opposed per se, but

specific details call for a scrutintitious line-by-line reading. CIC Chair Evett proposed that the SCC-AS could do such a detailed reading at the Fall retreat or through a task force. Other senators pointed out that the norms show the commitment of the SCC-AS to a supportive culture, the distinction between guidelines and aspirations, and that discrimination comes veiled with kindness. SCC-AS President Rutan summarized the discussion so far as a starting point and said that this will become a topic for the retreat in Fall, with the possible formation of a task force charged with developing an adoptable document. All faculty are eligible to participate in Senate task forces.

Meeting adjourned, 3:02 pm. (Moved by Umali Kopp, second by Evett, approved unanimously.)
Submitted by Randy Scott, SCC-AS Secretary/Treasurer