

# SCC Academic Senate Business Meeting Minutes (Draft)– December 7, 2021, 1:30pm-2:20pm, ConferZoom

## **Senators Present**

Aguilera, Leonor  
Castellanos, Ralph  
Chavez, Ricardo  
Crabil, Phillip  
Cummins, Shawn  
Frost, Alicia  
Gates, Alana  
Gonzalez, Sara  
Govea, Melissa  
Graham, Song Le  
Henry, Amanda  
Howell, Scott  
James, Scott  
Johnson, Kimberly  
Kramer, Jessica  
Murphy, Ryan  
Oase, Daniel  
Salcido, Andrew  
Snow, Margie  
Valdos, Yanina  
Van Dyke-Kao, Rita

## **Senators Absent**

Diaz, Darlene, CIC Chair

## **Guests**

Crammer, Cale  
Freese, Amy  
Mills, Louise  
Petrocelli, Rachel  
Pimentel, Marcelo  
Ralston, Pamela  
Stringer, Martin  
Voelcker, Aaron  
Wagner, Joyce

## **SCC-AS Executive Board Present**

Rutan, Craig, President  
Taylor, Mike, Vice President  
Kubicka-Miller, Tara, Secretary/Treasurer

### **I. Welcome**

- A. Santiago Canyon College Academic Senate (SCC-AS) President Craig Rutan called the meeting to order at 1:31pm on Tuesday, December 7, 2021

### **II. Approval of Agenda**

7 December 2021 agenda approved unanimously (Moved by A. Gates, Seconded by R. Castellanos)

### **III. Public Comments (2-minute limit per person)**

None

#### **IV. President Pamela Ralston**

As a former member of senate, President Ralston expressed appreciation and opened the floor for any feedback from senators. She mentioned the progress that has been made with Guided Pathways.

Senator Comment - Discussed the purchasing deadline and difficult experiences with the "VPAT" (Voluntary Product Accessibility Template) document that vendors are required to complete. Senator made a request for training on what vendors need to do because the requirement has halted the process of purchases.

Senator Response - explained what the VPAT is for, confirmed its difficult nature, and communicated the issue is deeply on the radar with TAG and other technology committees.

President Ralston communicated optimism that enrollment is looking better.

Senator comment - communicated thanks to President Ralston for approving the hiring of coaches for Forensics and how that has led to incredible success on the team.

Senator comment - Welcomed President Ralston to SCC and communicated appreciation for being so accessible.

President Ralston mentioned the faculty and staff appreciation luncheon scheduled for Friday December 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-2:00pm and reiterated appreciation for the work done by the senate.

#### **V. Approval of Minutes**

AS Secretary/Treasurer stated SAC president and ASG representative names were added.

30 November 2021 minutes with edits approved unanimously. (Moved by S. Gonzalez, Seconded by A. Gates)

#### **VI. SCC-AS Executive Board Reports**

##### **A. SCC-AS President Rutan**

1. The vote on the personal exemption was communicated to the board policy committee. No action was taken. The board of trustees will consider the policy at their meeting on Monday December 13, 2021. For anyone with strong issues it is encouraged they attend the board meeting to make public comment.
2. We will have a new board president as of Monday December 13, 2021.
3. The faculty and staff luncheon will be Friday December 10, 2021, at noon.
4. CIC chose to postpone voting on the proposed Plan D. Everyone will have had all the discussions they would like to have happen before any vote takes place at

senate. CIC makes recommendations and it the senate decides whether it will move forward.

**B. SCC-AS Vice President Taylor**

1. No Report

**C. SCC-AS Secretary/Treasurer Kubicka-Miller**

1. TAG continued discussions on standardization plans and virtual desktops. SCC will pilot the virtual desktop possibility for faculty and staff and SAC will pilot for student use.
2. Project updates took place. For example, now that we have single sign-on, using Touchnet Payment Center for students is scheduled to begin December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**D. CIC Chair Diaz**

Not in attendance

**E. SAC Academic Senate Representative -**

No representative in attendance

**F. Associated Student Government -**

No representative in attendance

**VII. Summary Reports**

**VIII. Action Items**

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**A. Resolution F2021.16 - Creation of Humanities Pathway**

Discussion -

Following last week's meeting, further research has been done that indicates concern about a pathway that contains only two disciplines and other avenues of including the term "Humanities" in the name of another pathway is being considered.

Appreciation was given for the work done by the Pathways Committee as well as their openness to include the deeply meaningful term "Humanities" in a pathway.

Support for the creation of the "Humanities" Pathway was provided with the need for Humanities to be validated in a pathway.

Opposition for the resolution was communicated based on the concern of a small two discipline pathway, the confusion it may create with students, and the demand it will place on counselors.

Numbers indicate that a pathway with only history and philosophy will hold 188 students whereas the current CLL (Communication, Language, & Literature) Pathway has over 1600 students. However, there is no opposition to the term Humanities being included in a larger pathway.

“People, Thought, and Expression” as well as “People and Society” were proposed as a possible pathway name if the concern was in the term “Humanities” itself.

While a lot of the discussion seems to support a name change, the resolution at hand does not address that. Therefore, if the ultimate result is a name change would the passing of this resolution create more work on the Pathway Committee? Or would opposing this resolution be better and a new resolution can come later with a name change?

AS Senate President Rutan responded that changing the name of a pathway creates some issues but not as much as creating a new pathway. If it is the desire of the senate to change the name rather than create a new pathway then he suggests this resolution be opposed and a new resolution with a name change be brought forward in the spring. If it is the desire of the senate to create another pathway and then decide which programs want to be in that pathway then the resolution should go forward as presented.

Vote by roll call was conducted.

Yeas - A. Salcido, L. Aguilera, P. Crabil, S. Graham, R. Castellanos, S. Gonzalez, S. Howell, R. Murphy, Y. Valdos, S. James, S. Cummins, A. Henry, K. Johnson, M. Snow, M. Taylor  
Nays - A. Gates, R. VanDyke-Kao, A. Frost, J. Kramer, R. Chavez, T. Kubicka-Miller  
Abstentions - D. Oase, M. Govea

Resolution Passes.

## **IX. Discussion Items**

### **A. Spring 2022 Senate Retreat**

SCC AS may be incorporating Board Docs for use. Training may take place in the spring. No other topics were suggested to be considered for the spring retreat. Whether or not the retreat will be in person has yet to be determined.

### **B. Senate Scholarship Committee**

S. Howell, L. Aguilera, A. Henry volunteered to review senate scholarships.

Happy Holidays!

**Meeting adjourned, 2:20 pm.** (Moved by A. Gates, Seconded by S. Gonzalez)