

SCC Academic Senate Business Meeting Minutes– November 30, 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

Guests

Freese, Amy
Hanna, John
Petrocelli, Rachel
Pimentel, Marcelo
Wagner, Joyce

SAC Senate President

Isbell, James

ASG Representative

Sarfraz, Aqsa

SCC-AS Executive Board Present

Rutan, Craig, President
Taylor, Mike, Vice President
Kubicka-Miller, Tara, Secretary/Treasurer
Diaz, Darlene, CIC Chair

I. Welcome

- A. Santiago Canyon College Academic Senate (SCC-AS) President Craig Rutan called the meeting to order at 1:31pm on Tuesday, November 30, 2021

II. Approval of Agenda

- 30 November 2021 agenda approved unanimously (Moved by S. Howell, Seconded by M. Taylor)

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

- A. None

IV. Trustee John Hanna

Began by providing background of his tenure on the board of trustees and other entities he works with. He discussed apprentices and the need for SCC to encourage them complete an associate degree after completing their apprenticeship certificate. Areas of redistricting issues were discussed that included an opportunity to increase opportunities for Asian Americans to be elected to the board. The vaccine mandate was discussed. Trustee Hanna explained that the board planned to create a student mandate equal to the employee mandate with the same exemptions included. However, the administration would like the personal exemption removed for students. A compromise is being discussed. Trustee Hanna's personal philosophy is that the government has the right to protect the safety of all but should do so in the least intrusive way. He continued that those with religious, medical, or personal exemptions are under a higher standard of needing to mask, have their temperature checked every day and be tested. The board is looking to find the middle ground in considering those who have one of the exemptions and those who believe everyone should be vaccinated.

Senator question - If those who choose an exemption must undergo the more rigorous standards of testing and temperature checks doesn't that mean they would need to be identified and is that allowed?

Trustee Hanna's response - That is usually worked out by administrative regulations. With freedoms and rights comes responsibilities and a mandate is important because it communicates getting a vaccine is needed. However, if someone wants the ability to not be vaccinated then they have the responsibility to mitigate that in other ways. Those ways are up to the chancellor but could include masking, weekly testing, and daily temperature taking. Anyone who does not like those requirements should take online classes, get vaccinated or go to another school.

Trustee Hanna ended by complimenting the faculty and staff at SCC for creating a highly scholastic and friendly environment.

V. Approval of Minutes

16 November 2021 minutes approved unanimously. (Moved by M. Taylor, Seconded by Y. Valdos) Abstentions: D. Oase, S. Gonzalez

VI. SCC-AS Executive Board Reports

A. SCC-AS President Rutan

1. President Ralston will be speaking at the December 7th senate meeting.
2. AB 928 has become a great concern for many of the Communication Departments across the state of California. If the mandate to single transfer general education pattern uses IGETC, it would eliminate the oral communication requirement. The CSU faculty want oral communication to stay, however there is a 34-unit cap that exists in the transfer pattern and if oral comm gets added, an existing required course would need to be removed. There is also the issue of

the CSU ethnic studies requirement. Adding ethnic studies and oral comm would require removing two existing courses from IGETC. If the two-system faculty cannot come to an agreement by the beginning of 2024, then the CSU Chancellor's Office and the UC Office of the President must reach agreement by the end of June 2024. This means the administration will decide what the GE pattern will be, and faculty will not have any say. Originally many entities spoke against this law, and it still went forward. Time will tell what the result will be.

3. The chancellor's office put out a new directive related to the math and English implementations of AB705. We will have a presentation on this at the first senate meeting in spring.
4. Apologies for the shortness of time to review the new calendars, but they were received after our last meeting. It is a positive move that we have been asked to weigh in.
5. When we return for the spring semester AS Vice President Taylor will be sending out the call for nominations for senator's office positions.
6. After much consideration, AS President Rutan confirmed he will be running for re-election.

B. SCC-AS Vice President Taylor

1. Membership on the collegial governance task force is complete, however with the time that remains, it is unlikely a meeting will happen this semester. He is confident they will get everything together and have the recommendations into the senate on time.

C. SCC-AS Secretary/Treasurer Kubicka-Miller

1. Less of a report than a comment - After participating in a semester of meetings with the Tech Committees and witnessing their processes through tech rankings, standardizations, ADA accessibility issues, the P.C. refresh, Self-Service, single sign-on, all the student bots, various other IT safety issues and countless other areas during a time when the entire district went remote; I must acknowledge that Thurman, Scott, Dane, Sergio, Jesse, Amanda and all our IT personnel are some of the most patient and incredible group of people I've had the privilege to learn from. I am convinced they are keeping us afloat in ways we are not aware of and highly recommend senators and their constituents communicate their appreciation to them whenever given the chance.
2. SAC Academic Senate voted to waive a second reading and subsequently passed a resolution addressing academic purview in the reorganization of academic departments and/or divisions wherein the AS of SAC emphasizes to the district and its designees that they have a legal obligation to the AS to rely primarily on the advice of the senate and therefore must not implement any reorganization without agreement of the senate.

D. CIC Chair Diaz

1. A great district CIC meeting took place the day before Thanksgiving. SAC confirmed their printable catalogue will still be made. Discussions on shared courses and AB705 took place.
2. Reminder that Ana is on leave and there is no curriculum specialist currently. Please be patient as M. Stringer is working to find someone else and CIC Chair Diaz will be working hard to support faculty.
3. The updated handbook has been completed and posted.
4. EMC is still in need of an at-large faculty member.
5. The second discussion on Plan D took place and CIC Chair Diaz commended the group's passion in the consideration of its implementation.

E. SAC Academic Senate President -

Communicated appreciation for John Hanna and provided some historical context for the resolution referenced by AS Secretary/Treasurer Kubicka-Miller.

F. Associated Student Government -

1. Senators in ASG are growing in numbers as they work toward returning to in person.
2. A town hall questionnaire will be sent to students inquiring about their experience in returning to campus.

VII. Summary Reports

VIII. Action Items

Action

A. Resolution F2021.12 - Support Addition of Personal Exemption to BP5215

In response to the question about who will know which students have been granted an exemption (no matter what exemptions are listed on the final mandate), AS President Rutan clarified that DSPS will likely be the office that regulates exemptions. However, faculty will not be informed if a student requests an exemption unless it directly impacts their ability to do their job. Additionally, he believes the board's goal is to align the employee exemption options with the student exemption options based on how the Academic Senate weighs in on the issue. Therefore, if SCC AS votes to remove the student personal exemption, the board will likely remove the employee personal exemption.

Vote by roll call was conducted.

Yeas - A. Gates, A. Salcido, D. Oase, S. Cummins

Nays -, R. VanDyke-Kao, L. Aguilera, P. Crabil, S. Graham, R. Castellanos, S. Gonzales, M. Govea, S. Howell, R. Murphy, Y. Valdós, S. James, A. Frost, A. Henry, K. Johnson, J. Kramer, R. Chavez, M. Snow, M. Taylor, T, Kubicka-Miller, D. Diaz

The motion failed.

B. Resolution F2021.13 - Creation of Faculty Hiring Prioritization Process Task Force

Already moved and seconded. Unanimously approved.

Task force volunteers: D. Oase, S. Howell, R. Van Dyke-Kao, K. Johnson, S. Graham, A. Gates

C. Resolution F2021.14 - Authorization for Teleconference Meetings During State of Emergency (Moved by S, Gonzalez, Seconded by R. Castellanos)

Unanimously approved.

D. Spring 2021 Professional Development Calendar (Moved by A. Gates, Seconded by R. Castellanos)

Discussion - Confirmation was given that convocation will be remote for the spring semester. Whether or not the senate retreat will be remote or in person is yet to be determined.

Unanimously adopted.

First Reading

A. Resolution F2021.15 - Endorse Creation of Printable College Catalogue (Moved by D. Diaz, Seconded by A. Gates)

Motion to waive a second reading and pass resolution as presented unanimously approved. (Moved by CIC Chair Diaz, Seconded by S. Cummins)

B. Resolution F2021.16 - Creation of Humanities Pathway (Moved by S. Gonzalez, Seconded by A. Gates)

Arguments of support were presented by faculty in the philosophy and history departments. Each department should have the autonomy to determine courses and the power of self-naming thereby choosing "Humanities". SCC's ISLO's are well captured by humanities and the implementation of the pathway would be an excellent addition for SCC students. The principal objection for a humanities pathway has been that students know what science is but do not know humanities. However, it is arguable that students

truly understand either and it is our responsibility to educate students in what they may not yet understand. Altogether, the humanities pathway will serve an important need for student intellectual, academic, and work ready outcomes.

Comment - Developing the ten pathways was based on a variety of researched areas and some of the confusion was understanding which courses fall under humanities and which do not. Additionally, there is concern of small pathways that may require students to narrow their focus right away.

Comment - In response to the notion of the small pathway, while initially started by the history and philosophy departments, it is expected that other departments traditionally in humanities groupings will join as well. The goal is to have success teams that will guide students through humanities studies rather than separating them through smaller pathways. Attributes unique to humanities-based departments do not currently have a pathway that speaks to the ways students learn and the types of assignments they get as well as the ways humanities faculty teach.

Comment - Programs existing in two different pathways have not been occurring. In programs like anthropology, courses have been split into physical and cultural areas and some certificate-based courses are repeated.

Comment - In response to why courses are in Area 4 and not in Area 3B - a lot of the history courses are common with SAC. SAC is not in support of including those courses in 3B and if SCC wanted them added those courses would need to be renumbered.

Question - Is there anything that would preclude us from having a department in two pathways? AS President Rutan responded that there is nothing precluding us from making that decision, but in the goal of guiding a student, then having them in two places may not work as well.

Comment - other campuses that have had courses in multiple pathways have made changes due to the issues they experienced.

C. Resolution F2021.17 - Support 2022-23 Instructional Calendar (Moved by A. Gates, Seconded by S. Gonzalez)

Summary - continues to include two common flex days moving them at SCC to Wednesday and Thursday. When the senate retreat will take place is yet to be determined. This calendar also includes the June 19th federal holiday.

Motion to wave a second reading and pass resolution as presented unanimously approved. (Moved by A. Gates, Seconded by R. Castellanos)

D. Resolution F2021.18 - Support 2023-24 Instructional Calendar (Moved by S. Gonzalez, Seconded by A. Gates)

Summary - Identical structure and elements in the previous calendar.

Senator Comment - Non-credit will have difficulties attending convocation on a Thursday due to classes being in session. Faculty will have to cancel class, get a sub, or miss convocation.

Motion to wave a second reading and pass resolution as presented unanimously approved. (Moved by A. Gates, Seconded by R. Castellanos)

Motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes (Moved by L. Aguilera, Seconded by S. Cummins)
Unanimously approved

E. Resolution F2021.19 - Support 2024-25 Instructional Calendar (Moved by A. Gates, Seconded by S. Gonzalez)

Summary - Cesar Chavez day falls on Monday 3/31 which creates three Monday holidays in spring semester if we maintain the traditional approach of spring break in between 1st and 2nd 8-week classes. Option one is to leave the calendar as described above. Option two is to shift spring break to week 7 so Cesar Chavez day is part of spring break, and therefore will leave nine weeks of instruction following spring break.

Senator comments:

Having three Monday holidays would be very difficult for science and lab courses. Moving spring break forward or back is very challenging and creates a lot of disruption. When students are looking for 2nd 8-week terms and closing the campus at registration it may pose enrollment issues.

Motion to wave a second reading unanimously approved. (Moved by S. Cummins, Seconded by A. Gates)

A raise of hands in support of option one as described above resulted in 21 votes. A raise of hands in support of option two as described above resulted in 4 votes. Senators were able to vote for both or neither.

A call to question was presented on option one. No opposition. Unanimously adopted

Meeting adjourned, 3:30 pm. (Moved by S. Cummins, Seconded by A. Gates)