

SCC Academic Senate Retreat Minutes - August 18, 2021, 9:00am-12:00pm, ConferZoom

Senators Present

Aguilera, Leonor
Castellanos, Ralph
Chavez, Ricardo
Crabill, 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
VanDyke-Kao, Rita

Guests

Barembaum, Morrie
Breedon, Emma
Campitelli, Melissa
Fajardo, Lourdes
Granitto, James
Hauscarriague, Anne
Kim, Ashley
Laney, Marianne
Navanjot, Batth
Ralston, Pamela
Reed, Stephen
Roe, Maureen
Umali-Kopp, Christine
Wagner, Joyce
Wilson, Jeremy

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 9:03am on Wednesday, August 18, 2021

II. Welcome from President Ralston

- A. Santiago Canyon College President Pamela Ralston enthusiastically greeted the senate expressing “cautious joyful optimism” as we move into the fall semester. President Ralston thanked the senate for their work and opened time for questions. None were asked.

III. President’s Report

- A. Senators shall keep the 5th Tuesday of August open, but September 7, 2021 is expected to be the first Academic Senate meeting of the fall 2021 semester.

- B. Trustee David Crockett will attend the September 7th meeting and SCC-AS President Rutan encouraged senators to not be intimidated and reluctant to speak.
- C. Some faculty will be returning to campus, many have chosen not to. Other campuses in Southern California such as South Orange County have moved back to remote learning and with the state of the pandemic SCC-AS President Rutan is not convinced we will not do the same.
- D. The Board passed the employee mandate for getting the Covid-19 vaccine when the vaccine receives official FDA approval
- E. Twenty-eight districts have already approved a policy mandating the vaccine for employees and students. 30% of RSCCD students surveyed communicated they would not return to campus if the vaccine was mandated for students.
- F. The district has not yet developed a plan if something went wrong with the virus this semester.
- G. Returning to campus has not helped enrollment as hoped. The district is sending emails and making phone calls to students who have dropped or may not be able to afford tuition.
- H. The state has given a one-time \$100 million budget for full time hires allowing SCC to hire approximately 5-7 full time faculty. For the first year we will be paying the new hires as well as those faculty who retired under the SRP.
- I. Because SCC shrunk less than SAC last year money has shifted from SAC to SCC for this fiscal year. In order to keep these funds enrollment needs to go up. SCCAS will need to have discussions on how to increase enrollment.
- J. RSCCD also received a slightly over 5% COLA.
- K. RSCCD hopes to hire a permanent president at SAC beginning Spring 2022.
- L. Unless the Executive order authorizing legislative bodies under The Brown Act to conduct meetings remotely gets extended, the SCCAS, CIC, and College Council will need to return to in person meetings on September 30, 2021. Other college committees may remain in the remote setting for the fall 2021 semester.
- M. SCC-AS President Rutan asked senators to remind committees to post agendas before meetings, post minutes following meetings, and to send summaries to AS Vice President, Mike Taylor.
- N. One of the reasons SCCAS has not given decision making abilities to committees is because people are generally unaware of what is going on in those committees, but they are made aware as to what is happening in senate meetings.
- O. Former Senate President Michael DeCarbo will be honored for his service at the Fall 2021 Convocation.
- P. The accreditation report did arrive at the commission. SCC is expected to receive questions in October and the site-visit will take place in spring 2022. Questions will only be asked on topics that were reported to need greater clarification.
- Q. Remember to register in the new professional development system in order to receive flex credit.

IV. Effective Communication During Meetings

- A. Secretary/Treasurer Kubicka-Miller led a discussion on ethical and effective human communication within interpersonal, small-group, public speaking, and organizational communication contexts. The main area of focus was understanding the perception process. Future possible discussions will focus on listening and other skills and strategies for ethical communication.

V. Senate Authority and College Governance

- A. AS President Rutan led a discussion on the authority of the Academic Senate and the role of governance committees in supporting the work of the Senate; including the history and growth of the role of the Academic Senate as described in the 10+1 agreement spelled out in Board Policy 2410 and that the Academic Senate and College Council are at the same level in structure allowing both make recommendations to The Board or Board representative.
- B. The Academic Senate will be reviewing our governance committees this year to see if all of them are still needed.
- C. AS President Rutan discussed scenarios wherein if a departments were reorganized into different divisions senate representation could potentially change and the SCCAS would need to discuss and weigh in.

VI. Planning for 2021-22

- A. Discussion led by AS Vice President Mike Taylor will take place at the next Academic Senate meeting.

Meeting adjourned, 12:03 pm.