



Minutes of the
MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE
October 28, 2024

APPROVED

PRESENT: Ben Adams, Russell Backman, Mary Ellen Brooks, Santo Chamorro (ASG), William Dalrymple, Kelly Falcone, Adriana Guillen, Gene Gushansky (Zoom), Jason Jarvinen, Lawrence Lawson, Melissa Martinez, Vickie Mellos, Michael Mufson, Wendy Nelson, Beth Pearson, Nina Shmorhun (Zoom), Nicole Siminski, Ashley Wolters, Anastasia Zavodny

ABSENT: Alexandra Doyle Bauer, Lakshmi Paranthaman, Marina Parenti

GUESTS: Erin Feld, Linda Morrow, Eli Rainwaters, VPI Tina Recalde

All votes are presumed unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by Faculty Senate President Wendy Nelson in LRC-116 at 2:33 p.m. The meeting was also streamed live on ZOOM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Dalrymple announced that today kicked off the beginning of parity week. There was a Mad Hatters' Opportuni-Tea party in the EDGE to celebrate the progress and opportunities achieved.

Senator Falcone clarified the issue of adding course start and end dates to Canvas courses, stating that, while they were initially added to better utilize the student evaluation system, they caused more challenges than benefits. The Senate decided to revert to the previous practice of only sending the term.

Senator Dalrymple announced it is Senator Wolters' Birthday.

Senator Mufson announced that members should look out for a video message from Senator Cash. He also announced the following upcoming performing arts events:

- a. Thursday, October 31st at 1:00 pm - Concert Hour – Solo Piano by Dr. Nadia Shpachenko-Gottesman
- b. Sunday, November 3rd at 3:00pm – “Trumpus Caesar Returns”

President Nelson announced a Town Hall meeting on October 29th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., available both on Zoom and face-to-face, covering fiscal announcements and input on the strategic enrollment management

efforts.

President Nelson said that she sent the final ASCCC resolutions to the senators. She mentioned two resolutions: 1) including SLOs on the Course Outline of Record and 2) including the inclusion of Nutrition as a science eligible course for Cal-GETC Subject Area 5B.

President Nelson announced the need for three faculty to volunteer for the Discipline Appeals Panel— Senator Shmorhun, Senator Martinez, and Senator Pearson volunteered.

Senator Pearson notified the Senate of a glitch in online priority registration on October 28th. The glitch was fixed quickly, but students may have received messages indicating they could not register.

AGENDA CHANGES — No agenda changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC: Pearson/Dalrymple

Faculty Senate to approve the minutes for the October 21, 2024 meeting as amended.

The motion carried.

ACTION

A. Curriculum, Mellos

Senator Mellos reported an update regarding common course numbering: the CSU and UC systems are considering the Phase One template revisions as substantial, requiring colleges to resubmit those courses for articulation.

Discussion ensued regarding the reasoning for the CSU and UC decision, the 2+2 law, and the lack of consistent processes for course articulation across higher education systems.

B. Committee on Committees (Exhibit 1), Zavodny

MSC: Zavodny/Mufson

Faculty Senate approval of the results of the ballot for the Director of Facilities Hiring Committee.

The motion carried.

Director of Facilities Hiring Committee — **Alyssa Vafaei**

INFORMATION

A. ASG Report, Santo Chamorro

Chamorro reminded the Senate of the ASG Halloween event on October 31st from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Union.

B. Faculty Service Area Governance Structure (Exhibit 2), Jarvinen

Jarvinen requested approval of changes to the FSA governance structure, changing the meeting frequency from two Tuesdays a month to once a month with additional meetings as needed.

Discussion points included the benefits and challenges of divisional representation, including filling positions and communication structures.

The Senate agreed to move this to action at its next meeting.

C. Instructional Updates, VPI Recalde

VPI Recalde presented information on the responsibilities of the Dean of Instruction, adding and canceling classes, and the SEM Program.

a. Dean of Instruction:

VPI Recalde outlined the areas now under the purview of the Dean of Instruction.

b. Adding and Canceling Classes:

VPI Recalde noted that department chairs now have more flexibility in adding and canceling classes, some Senators expressed confusion about the process and its implications.

Discussion points included:

- i. **Data Transparency:** Senators requested access to data on the number of courses added and canceled, as well as data on departmental productivity and efficiency, to better understand how the process is working.
- ii. **Carryover Effects:** Senators asked how additions or cancellations in one semester might affect course offerings in subsequent semesters, with VPI Recalde explaining that the schedule at the end of each term carries over into the next equivalent term
- iii. **FTEF Allocation:** Senators wanted to confirm that departments with high productivity and consistently full classes were more likely to receive additional FTEF. VPI Recalde agreed with this statement.

c. Strategic Enrollment Management Program:

VPI Recalde reviewed the goals, work groups, leads, and progress of the SEM program. She noted that the work is currently focused on operational processes.

Discussion points included:

- i. **Institutional Strategies:** Some Senators expressed a lack of understanding about the college's strategy for course modalities and whether the SEM program was addressing this issue. Recalde explained that the program was currently focused on fixing operational processes, with strategic planning planned for the future.
- ii. **Faculty Participation:** Several Senators requested more opportunities for faculty to participate in the SEM program, either through membership on workgroups or through open forums.

DISCUSSION:

A. Splitting the constitution and the bylaws, (Exhibit 3) Dalrymple, Martinez, & Shmorhun

The senators reviewed the proposed split between the Constitution and Bylaws, which was originally presented in Fall 2022 but failed to pass a full faculty vote.

Discussion Points Included:

- a. **The Role of Part-Time Faculty:** Senators expressed support for expanding the role of part-time faculty in the Faculty Senate. Some argued that this change should be considered separately from the split, while others felt that it was integral to the overall conversation.
- b. **Discussion of a Single or Two-Step vote:** Some senators pointed out that moving officer qualifications should be considered separately from the split, while others felt that it was integral to the overall conversation. There was discussion about whether separating the split from changes to officer eligibility would undermine efforts to support part-time faculty participation.
- c. **Alignment with ASCCC Model:** Senators discussed whether placing eligibility requirements in the Bylaws aligned with the model used by the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC).
- d. **The Faculty Senate agreed to move the two options to action for a vote at the next meeting.**

B. Develop Goals for 2024-2025, (Exhibit 4), Nelson

Tabled.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Michael A. Mufson, Secretary