



Minutes of the
MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE
November 4, 2024

PRESENT: Ben Adams, Russell Backman, Mary Ellen Brooks, Santo Chamorro (ASG), William Dalrymple, Alexandra Doyle Bauer, Kelly Falcone, Gene Gushansky (Zoom), Jason Jarvinen, Lawrence Lawson, Melissa Martinez, Vickie Mellos, Michael Mufson, Wendy Nelson, Lakshmi Paranthaman, Marina Parenti, Beth Pearson, Nina Shmorhun (Zoom), Nicole Siminski, Anastasia Zavodny

ABSENT: Adriana Guillen, Ashley Wolters

GUESTS: Erin Feld, Solange Wasef

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 2:30 p.m. The meeting was also streamed live on ZOOM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Mufson announced that there are some upcoming performing arts events and to check out palomarperforms.com for the latest list of upcoming concerts and shows.

Senator Shmorhun announced that there is an opportunity to participate in the Faculty Cultural Curriculum Teaching Institute (FCCTI). The dates are January 21st and 22nd and the interest form is due by November 29th. A stipend of \$1,300.00 is included upon completion.

President Nelson announced that there will be no meeting next week in observance of Veterans Day.

President Nelson announced the old Faculty Senate office has been cleared out to make a new space for UMOJA and the prior Faculty Senate documents, minutes and manuals have been stored. It is a goal that there will be a place in the future where the more interesting historical items can be stored more accessibly.

President Nelson announced that in her one on one with President Rivera-Lacey, there is a plan to do administrator evaluations for Deans and Vice Presidents in the spring with faculty voice.

AGENDA CHANGES – No agenda changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC: Pearson/Shmorhun

Faculty Senate to approve the minutes for the October 28, 2024 meeting as amended.

The motion carried.

ACTION

A. Curriculum, (Exhibit 1) Mellos

Senator Mellos reported an update that focused on common course numbering.

MSC: Mufson/Paranthaman

Faculty Senate approval of the curriculum action from the October 30th curriculum meeting.

The motion carried.

Nay: Senator Lawson

Abstentions: Senator Adams, Senator Doyle Bauer, Senator Martinez & Senator Parenti

B. Committee on Committees (Exhibit 1), Zavodny

MSC: Zavodny/Paranthaman

Faculty Senate approval of the results of the ballot for the regular committee placements.

The motion carried.

MSC: Zavodny/Paranthaman

Faculty Senate approval of the results of the ballot for the hiring committee for the Vice President of Finance & Administrative Services.

The motion carried.

VP of Finance & Administrative Services Hiring Committee – **Barbara Baer, Kelly Falcone & Lawrence Hamilton Lawson**

C. Faculty Service Area Governance Structure (Exhibit 3)

Proposed changes aimed to ensure representation from various instructional divisions on committees. Senators advocated for the addition of one outside faculty at large member.

MSC: Jarvinen/Paranthaman

Faculty Senate approval Senate approval of the changes to the Faculty Service Area governance structure.

The motion carried.

D. Options for splitting the constitution and the bylaws for faculty vote (Exhibit 4), Dalrymple, Martinez & Shmorhun.

MSC: Pearson/Paranthaman

Faculty Senate to approve an option for splitting the bylaws from the Constitution.

The motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: The Senate was presented with two options:

Option 1: The split that was previously proposed in 2022 – **Dalrymple, Lawson, Mellos, Siminski, & Zavodny.**

Option 2: Moving "Officers and Faculty Council" sections into the Constitution while keeping everything else in the Bylaws. – **Adams, Backman, Brooks, Doyle Bauer, Falcone, Gushansky, Jarvinen, Martinez, Mufson, Paranthaman, Parenti, Pearson, Shmorhun & Chamorro (ASG)**

MSC Pearson/Parenti

Faculty Senate approval of the results of the vote to split the bylaws from the Constitution.

The motion carried.

INFORMATION

A. ASG Report, Santo Chamorro

Santo Chamorro, ASG Representative, gave a brief report.

- a. There was no ASG meeting on the Friday prior.
- b. The Halloween event was reported to have gone well.

B. ASCCC Resolutions (Exhibit 5), Nelson

Solange presented information to the Faculty Senate regarding a resolution being proposed at the ASCCC (Academic Senate for California Community Colleges). The resolution centers around integrating nutrition science into the general education curriculum as a Cal-GETC Area 5B subject, which encompasses biological sciences. Solange explained the goal of the resolution and offered background information about the current status of nutrition courses within general education requirements.

Discussion Points included:

- a. Potential discrepancies in minimum qualifications and the rigor of nutrition courses compared to traditional science courses.
- b. The purpose and implications of passing this resolution as an ASCCC resolution, inquiring about the next steps and the process for eventual inclusion in CAL-GETC.
- c. The Curriculum Committee will further review the resolution and provide feedback.

C. Committee Update (Exhibit 6), Zavodny

Tabled.

DISCUSSION:

A. Develop Goals for 2024-2025, (Exhibit 7), Nelson

Wendy Nelson presented a list of potential goals, categorized based on feedback received during the Senate retreat.

- a. The discussion focused on assigning tasks to appropriate committees, clarifying faculty responsibilities, addressing strategic enrollment management, and ensuring a smooth transition to Brown Act requirements for subcommittees.
- b. A key point of discussion was the need for faculty voice in strategic enrollment management, particularly concerning student needs and experiences in course scheduling.
 - i. It was noted that existing strategic enrollment management efforts primarily emphasize efficiency and data-driven approaches, potentially neglecting student-centered considerations.
- c. Senate members suggested a goal focused on improving meeting organization and efficiency.

B. Instructional Updates, Nelson

- a. Tabled.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Michael A. Mufson, Secretary