



Minutes of the
MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE
December 2, 2024

APPROVED

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

ABSENT: Vickie Mellos

GUESTS: Nicole Belisle, Erin Feld, Tanessa Sanchez

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 2:32 p.m. The meeting was also streamed live on ZOOM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Mufson announced an upcoming play on Friday December 6th – “She Kills Monsters”.

Senator Lawson announced that PFF will be having a grocery card giveaway and to look for an email from Debbie regarding that.

President Nelson announced that there is a stack of Rostrum magazines from ASCCC available for anyone that wanted one.

President Nelson announced a possible emergency meeting on December 19th to address curriculum and other issues.

AGENDA CHANGES – No agenda changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC: Pearson/Dalrymple

Faculty Senate to approve the minutes for the November 18, 2024 meeting.

The motion carried.

Constitution/Bylaw Split, Review & Public Comment, (Exhibit 1), Shmorhun

Senator Shmorhun led a discussion on the proposed split of the Constitution and Bylaws.

Discussion points included:

- a. Article 3, regarding the right to petition the faculty body, was unintentionally left out of the initial proposed split document.
- b. It was highlighted that the right to petition the faculty body is an important aspect of the Constitution and allows 10% of the faculty (full-time, tenured, probationary, and part-time) to petition for a review of any action taken by the Senate.
- c. President Nelson stated that feedback from the feedback form should also be shared at the 12-9 meeting.
- d. President Nelson outlined the plan to discuss feedback and potentially decide if the vote should go out now or wait until spring 2025.

ACTION

A. Curriculum, (Exhibit 2&3) Mellos

MSC: Pearson/Mufson

Faculty Senate approval of the curriculum from the November 20th curriculum meeting.

The motion carried.

Additional discussion points included:

- a. Highlighting the importance of addressing overlap in courses early in the approval process.
 - a. Regarding the role of division representatives in communicating potential overlaps.
 - b. Acknowledging the challenges of communicating across multiple disciplines.
- b. The "DE Emergency" status remains applicable, allowing such courses to be offered online in case of emergency.

MSC: Zavodny/Pearson

Faculty Senate approval of the changes to the Learning Outcomes curriculum subcommittee.

The motion carried.

B. Classified Hiring Resolution, (Exhibit 4), Falcone, Lawson, Siminski

MSC: Dalrymple/Doyle Bauer

Faculty Senate approval of the Classified Hiring Resolution.

The motion carried.

C. Election of Faculty Senate Vice President

Discussion Points included:

- a. **Need for a Replacement:** There was a need for the Faculty Senate to elect a new Vice President as the current Vice President was elected to the President role during the last meeting of the Faculty Senate.
- b. **Nominations:** Senator Kelly Falcone was nominated by Senator Shmorhun for the role of Faculty Senate Vice President.
- c. **Kelly Falcone's Acceptance:** Falcone accepted the nomination pending her stepping down from her position as DE Coordinator.
- d. **Term of Office:** Discussion clarified that the replacement would serve for the remainder of Beth Pearson's term effective January and through the spring semester.
- e. **Interpretation of "Vacancy":** The interpretation of the term "vacancy" in the Constitution was discussed. One main point was that vacancy could be interpreted as meaning until the position is officially vacant. It was ultimately decided that knowledge of an upcoming vacancy constituted a vacancy in itself, therefore permitting the election to proceed.

MSC: Pearson/Shmorhun

Faculty Senate approval of Kelly Falcone for Vice President of the Faculty Senate to finish out Vice President Pearson's term, effective spring semester.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION:

A. Finalize Senate Subcommittees for Brown Act implementation, (Exhibit 5), Zavodny

Senator Zavodny introduced a document outlining proposed changes to Senate subcommittees in preparation for Brown Act implementation.

Discussion points included:

- a. Recommendations including continuing, dissolving, merging or phasing out were based on previous discussions and aimed to streamline committee structure and address challenges in filling positions.
- b. Recommendations were considered preliminary and open to feedback.

B. AP 3000 Feedback, (Exhibit 7), CDO, Nichol Belisle (Moved from Item B in Information)

Dr. Nichol Belisle, Chief Diversity Officer, presented on AP 3000, the school's anti-racism policy.

Discussion Points included:

- a. Highlighting the need for feedback for revisions.
- b. Questions around the clarity of goals, outcomes, and the dashboard mentioned in the policy.
- c. Governance group responsibility for overseeing AP 3000.

C. Faculty Senate Goals 2024-2025, (Exhibit 6), Nelson

President Nelson presented an updated list of Faculty Senate goals ranging from procedural matters to issues affecting faculty and student enrollment. The Senate emphasized the importance of ongoing communication and collaboration with other committees to ensure effective implementation and shared responsibility in achieving these goals.

INFORMATION

A. ASG Report, Santo Chamorro

Tabled.

B. EESSC Honors Program Ad Hoc Committee, Nelson

President Nelson sought input from the Senate on which faculty members should be included.

Discussion points included:

- a. The English department's strong interest in establishing an honors program.
- b. The Math department also has an interest in the honors program.
- c. PFF representative should be included.
- d. Acknowledgement of lack of funding.

C. ASCCC Hayward Award, (Exhibit 8), Nelson

The ASCCC Hayward Award has a criterion of commitment to serving students from diverse backgrounds, participation in professional activities, education, and the fundamental principles of the California Community College Mission.

Part-Time Faculty Nomination: Senator Lawson nominated Anastasia Zavodny, seconded by Senator Mufson.

Full-Time Faculty Nomination: Senator Mufson nominated Senator Lawson.

D. DE Coordinator Job Description, (Exhibit 9), Falcone

Tabled.

E. Committee & Council Reports, (Exhibit 10), Nelson

Tabled.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Michael A. Mufson, Secretary