



Minutes of the
MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE
April 3, 2017

APPROVED

PRESENT: Richard Albistegui-Dubois, Melinda Carrillo, April Cunningham, William Dalrymple, Jenny Ferrero, Joel Glassman, Susan Johnson, Greg Larson, Shannon Lienhart, Sierra Lovelace, Susan Miller, Benjamin Mudgett, Patrick O'Brien, Lillian Payn, Tara Roach, Travis Ritt, Candace Rose, Craig Thompson, Fari Towfiq, Lori Waite, Ellen Weller

ABSENT: Teresa Laughlin, Jackie Martin, Seth San Juan

GUESTS: Jennifer Backman, Barbara Blanchard, Kathy Kailikole, Pam McDonough, Dung Pham (ASG), Suzanne Sebring, Gary Sosa, Dan Sourbeer, Kevin Stahl, Rocco Versaci, Jay Wiestling, Anastasia Zavodny

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the President, Travis Ritt, at 2:30 p.m. in Room SU-30.

Approval of Minutes: Please note: All votes are presumed unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

Motion 1 MSC Johnson, Weller: Faculty Senate approval of the minutes of March 20, 2017, as presented. The motion carried. Abstention: Cunningham

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Announcements: Senate members were encouraged to attend the upcoming Vice President of Instruction forums scheduled for Wednesday, April 5 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m., and to participate in the surveys which will be provided for faculty and staff input.

Ellen Weller invited all to the upcoming performances of *Romantic Expressions from the End to the Beginning*, Saturday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m., and *The Operatic Chorus*, on Sunday, April 9, at 2:00 p.m.

Weller also noted the outreach event sponsored by the Palomar College Police Department on Wednesday, April 5 at 5:00 p.m. at the Student Union.

Travis Ritt announced that Political Economy Days will be held April 11 and 12. A schedule of events will be available on the EHPS department's website.

Patrick O'Brien reminded Senators of the Palomar College Tarde de Familia event on Friday, April 7, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Student Union. This year's theme is Psychology & Mental Health Careers, and brings together Latino students and their family and friends to learn of various career opportunities in this field.

Q & A on Adult
Education Block
Grant:

Over the past several weeks, Senate members have talked about the Adult Education Block Grant (AEBG) and the need for campus-wide discussion on its implementation.

The 2015-16 State Budget appropriated \$500 million to the California Community College Chancellor's Office and the California Department of Education to allocate funding for adult education. The funds will be provided to eligible consortia for the purpose of implementing regional plans for adult education. The intent of the Adult Education Block Grant was to expand and improve the provision of adult education via these consortia.

The Senate has expressed concern with students being asked to fill out questionnaires which may violate their privacy and could potentially put them in danger of legal trouble or deportation. Some of the questions, when answered over several sections, can provide a clear answer to a student's citizenship status.

At today's meeting, Dan Sourbeer provided more detailed information on the grant, which includes a directive from the Chancellor's Office to align Adult Education across K-12 and Community Colleges. One Adult Education Consortium was approved in each community college district in the state, taking into consideration economic and demographic factors, boundaries of regions used to distribute other state funds and the presence of effective adult education providers.

Initially, each region in the consortium established their own education and workforce services. As communication occurred throughout the State, the Chancellor's Office expanded their oversight by introducing additional methods of data collection and pre-imposed testing. Lengthy discussion followed on the need to protect students' anonymity and privacy. Though the intent at the present time is clear and there is no immediate impact on students who participate, there is no way to determine how this information will be used in the future. Information was shared on which courses will be affected, and it was noted that because the data is assessing student competency it could play a role in determining Curriculum in the course.

Information was also shared on the funding and where the money will be allocated. Suzanne Sebring noted that Palomar will receive approximately \$500,000 next year, and will utilize those funds towards educational and career planning, transition services for students, faculty stipends for course alignment and articulation, program supplies and materials, and professional development and outreach. Sebring noted there are also some positions identified for funding by the consortium and that she would provide a list of those to the Senate.

Senators expressed the need for faculty to be aware and involved in the process. It was also noted that the process of data collection should be from one designated individual or area to maintain and provide a consistent process. A video being shown before data collection would also provide assurance that all students are receiving the same information, including a disclaimer clearly stating that answering all questions is voluntary.

Grants forms:

Draft copies were provided of Intent to Apply for a Grant forms that were discussed at the recent Strategic Planning Council (SPC) meeting. Travis Ritt noted that the document is missing a signature line for a faculty member, which was noted at the meeting.

Members of the SPC will review and discuss the document at their next meeting and more information will be distributed soon.

Committee

Appointments: There were no committee appointments.

Patrick O'Brien stated that faculty will soon be needed to serve on the following selection committees:

Health Services Director
Director of the Foundation

Accreditation Tri-Chair Appointment:

The letter of interest for the Accreditation Tri-Chair position was shared with Senators.

Motion 2

MSC Albistegui-Dubois, Thompson: Faculty Senate acceptance of the appointment of Lori Waite to the position of Accreditation Tri-Chair beginning Fall 2017 through Spring 2020. The motion carried.

Faculty Service Award:

Travis Ritt asked for Senate input on the recent Service Award announcement. There was limited interest after its first distribution so Senators recommended the nomination period be extended one week.

The Faculty Senate Award
For Scholarly and Professional
Achievement:

Travis Ritt requested volunteers to review this year's Faculty Senate Award for Scholarly and Professional Achievement submissions. After brief discussion, the following Senators volunteered to serve on a small sub-committee:

Susan Johnson
Susan Miller
Ellen Weller

Curriculum:

Senators were provided with electronic copies of the Curriculum Committee Action items two weeks ago.

Motion 3

MSC Ferrero, Towfiq: Faculty Senate ratification of the Curriculum Committee Action items dated March 15, 2017. The motion carried.

Jenny Ferrero reminded Senators that an open faculty lab will be held on Wednesday, April 12 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in MD-334 to provide Curriculum assistance.

Emeritus:

Motion 4

MSC Towfiq, O'Brien: The Faculty Senate grants Emeritus Status to April Woods. April Woods was hired as full-time assistant Professor/Counselor on August 5, 1996 and continued to work as a tenured Professor/Counselor until her passing on March 14, 2017. She served as a full-time faculty member for over 20 years. The motion carried.

Senate President Report:

Travis Ritt stated that he attended the Academic Senate Area D meeting on Saturday, March 24. Copies of the Resolutions that will be voted on at the upcoming statewide meeting later in the month can be reviewed at <http://www.asccc.org/events/2017-04-20-150000-2017-04-22-230000/2017-spring-plenary-session>. He asked Senators to review them and share them with their colleagues.

Ritt also reported that he is participating in discussion on a Title 5 grant that the district is interested in which will aid in the development of an academic program for an Associate Degree in Education. More information will be forthcoming on this.

Ritt stated that the Chancellor's Office has made some changes to Bachelor Degree programs after a recent ACCJC accreditation hearing that allows it to accredit community colleges with impacted bachelor degrees. Mira Costa and Mesa College will both have bachelor degree programs this coming fall.

Strategic Planning
Council:

Travis Ritt reported that members of the Strategic Planning Council discussed the amended grant forms as well as SPFF allocations at their recent meeting.

Palomar Faculty
Federation (PFF):

Shannon Lienhart stated that mediation over class cancellations occurred but was not resolved so will move into the Arbitration stage. Negotiations with the district are ongoing on Dual Enrollment and its relation to curriculum and academic freedom.

Lienhart also noted a recent article in the Union Tribune about Dean Hussain and accusations from a grad student who worked with him at Los Angeles Community College District.

Budget Committee:

Joel Glassman reported that members of the Budget Committee are scheduled to meet next week.

ASG:

Senators welcomed ASG delegate Dung Pham.

Learning Outcomes
Council:

Susan Miller reported that members of the Learning Outcomes Council recently distributed information to faculty members about a change in the GE ILO Streamline Event. Members of the group will be meeting next week to discuss how to place the SLOs on the Course Outline of Records.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Fererro, Secretary