



Minutes of the  
MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE  
February 10, 2020

APPROVED

PRESENT: Richard Albistegui-Dubois, Jose Briceño, Melinda Carrillo, William Dalrymple, Alexandra Doyle Bauer, Erin Hiro, Teresa Laughlin, Lawrence Lawson, Jackie Martin, Wendy Nelson, Patrick O'Brien, Lillian Payn, Travis Ritt, Chris Sinnott, Craig Thompson, Rocco Versaci, Lori Waite, Anastasia Zavodny

ABSENT: Adam Meehan, Julia Robinson, Fari Towfiq

GUESTS: Remy Arnold (ASG), Jonathon Walker (ASG)

**Please note: All votes are presumed unanimous unless indicated otherwise.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Senate President Craig Thompson, at 2:30 p.m. in room SU-30.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

**AGENDA CHANGES:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion 1** MSC Martin/Nelson: Faculty Senate approval of minutes of February 3, 2020 (EXHIBIT I).  
Abstentions: Jose Briceño, Patrick O'Brien, Chris Sinnott

The motion carried.

**ACTION:**

**A. Committee Appointments/Elections:**

**Motion 2** MSC Zavodny/Ritt: Faculty Senate approval to confirm committee appointments (EXHIBIT II).

Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Committee – Kathleen Grove, Faculty Full Time, 19-21  
Sabbatical leave Committee – Patrick O'Brien, Faculty, Tenured Student Services, 19-22

The motion carried.

Senator Anastasia Zavodny presented a ballot for selection to the Dean MSE hiring committee. Seven faculty are to be selected and approved with five of those running uncontested. Senate President Craig Thompson stated that in

addition to a paper ballot, a physical vote (raising of the hands) must also take place so that the public can witness voting to adhere to the Brown Act.

**Motion 3** MSCZavodny/Laughlin: Faculty Senate approval to accept the results of the vote for the Hiring Committee for Dean MSE (EXHIBIT III).

Elizabeth Pearson – Biology (uncontested)  
Heriberto Rivera – MSE  
Nicholas Green – CSIT (uncontested)  
Sean Figg – Earth, Space & Environmental Sciences (uncontested)  
Craig Chamberlin - Mathematics  
Juliane Van Houten – Nursing (uncontested)  
Hector Garcia Villa – Physics and Engineering (Uncontested)

The motion carried.

I.A.1, 1.A.2, 1.B.1, 1.B.2

**B. Curriculum:** Senator Wendy Nelson presented actions approved by the curriculum committee on February 5, 2020 (EXHIBIT IV). Nelson stated that the curriculum committee is putting together a general education workgroup. The workgroup will include the articulation officer, curriculum co-chair, SLO coordinator and a faculty member from each of the nine GE areas. The work group is tasked with revising and affirming Palomar's general education philosophy. The work will also include Guided Pathways planning, reviewing GE requirements and making recommendations for additional GE courses, discussing the relationship between college outcomes and the GE courses and finally making recommendations of GE courses approval with the curriculum. A call will go out for additional committee members in the next few weeks.

**Motion 4:** MSC Ritt/Nelson: Faculty Senate approval of the curriculum committee actions dated February 5, 2020.

The motion carried.

I.A.1, 1.A.2

**C. Meta-Majors:** Tabled.

## **REPORTS:**

**A. Senate President:** Senate President Craig Thompson said he hasn't gotten an official response from Acting VP of Human Resources Linda Beam regarding the "acting" positions. Thompson will follow up with her again in writing within the next two weeks. Regarding faculty hiring, Acting Superintendent/President Jack Kahn stated that the faculty hiring process revision approved by Faculty Senate will be placed on the Governing Board agenda on Tuesday, February 11, 2020. During the last Guided Pathways session, a female student ambassador spoke and addressed the trauma she and other Latinx students felt having the Border Patrol participating in a Palomar job fair. He asked if Faculty Senate was interested in writing a resolution in support of a student protest organized by MECHA to oppose the Border Patrol invitation to campus. Senators split on this suggestion. Senator Wendy Nelson stated that if a resolution is written, she would like to give Rosie Antonecchia, the organizer of the job fair in the Career Center, an opportunity to provide feedback to the Senate. Senator Travis Ritt stated that some of his past and present students seek careers in law enforcement including the Border Patrol. This is taking away opportunities from them and could set a bad precedent of excluding law enforcement agencies. Senator Chris Sinnott suggested having career opportunity events with Border Patrol at an off campus site.

**B. Planning Council Reports:** No Reports.

- C. Palomar Faculty Federation: Senator Teresa Laughlin encouraged senators to attend the Governing Board meeting tomorrow evening. Laughlin added that a reduction in force may still occur even with a considerable amount of retirements. She also stated that PFF will fight for all employees to keep their jobs because they feel it's in the best interest of the students. Lastly, the District must follow "reduction in force" EdCode notice requirement of March 15 when a program is deactivated. Faculty are invited to a negotiations listening session Feb. 11, 2020 from 4 to 5 pm in LR116.
- D. ASG: ASG representative Remy Arnold reported that ASG held their retreat where members discussed the budget as well as resolutions, goals and events for this year. The SDSU Leadership Conference is on February 15 and ASG will be attending. On February 19, ASG will have another promotion along with Club Rush.
- E. Guided Pathways: No Report.
- F. Policies and Procedures: Senator Lawrence Lawson reported the "legal opinion" matter where the president has sole discretion whether the governing board can seek out a legal opinion, has resurfaced in the committee. It will be reviewed again. In terms of grading and academic records for non-credit classes, there is pass, no pass and satisfactory progress marks and the distinction between them is unclear and needs further study. The committee has a tabled item on Immigration Enforcement activities on campus.
- G. Budget Committee: No Report. President Thompson reiterated that Yulian Ligioso is recruiting volunteers to participate on a budget workgroup including a senator.
- H. Senate Committee Reports: Senator Travis Ritt reported that ASCCC finalized last amendments to the local senates' handbook and should be ready in fall 2020.
- I. Other Reports: No Reports

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- A. Constitutional Review: President Thompson presented the final unapproved version of the faculty constitution. Senator Ritt suggested increasing senate membership from 24 to 30 with offset elections, which will allow for staggered terms. Ritt also encouraged senators to reconsider the language used regarding limiting officer eligibility only to full-time faculty. Thompson cautioned senators against making minute revisions at this stage of the approval process since senators have had a substantial amount of time to review the proposed revisions. ASG representative, Remy Arnold made a revision request allowing for an ASG representative seat on Faculty Senate as a non-voting ex-officio member. Senator Anastasia Zavodny stated that the Committee on Committees chair position is not described in the Constitution and should be included as such or as. She recommends that bylaws be added to memorialize release time for the various senate positions. It was noted the Council makes the decision of where release time is used. Thompson will bring these items up for action when voting takes place next meeting.
- B. CALM Governance Structure: Tabled.
- C. Guided Pathways: Palomar's current SOAA is 81 pages. The document was provided to Senate President Thompson on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Acting Superintendent/President Kahn has asked Faculty Senate to review and approve this document no later than February 24. Thompson said he thinks there is too much information to review by that date. Senator Wendy Nelson said that Thompson and others from the Senate have been reviewing the document when serving on the Guided Pathways committee and helped produce the document. She added that members of the committee were asked to bring these changes to Guided Pathways as they were happening over the last year and a half and now is the time for a formal approval. She emphasized that Faculty Senate has already approved the Guided Pathways plan and are now asked to review the update of it. Thompson said that he did ask senators to review certain sections of the document but the document changed and invalidated the cited sections. He also stated that the document needed to be static during this review process. There is uncertainty whether Faculty Senate actually needs to approve this document at all. But Thompson said he has a dozen concerns about the document and doesn't believe the Senate has had enough discussion about it.
- D. Governance Structure: Tabled.
- E. Program Review: Tabled.
- F. Senate Goals: Tabled.
- G. Credit for Prior Learning: Tabled.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Erin Hiro, Secretary