



Minutes of the
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE
June 6, 2022

APPROVED

PRESENT: Eduardo Aguilar, Lacey Craft, Alexandra Doyle Bauer, Kelly Falcone, Jenny Fererro, Shelbi Hathaway, Sergio Hernandez, Erin Hiro, Jason Jarvinen, Lawrence Lawson, Leigh Marshall, Leanne Maunu, Susan Miller, Ben Mudgett, Scott Nelson, Wendy Nelson, Alyssa Vafaei, Anastasia Zavodny

ABSENT: Will Dalrymple, Molly Faulkner, Elena Villa Fernandez de Castro

GUESTS: Vikash Lakhani, Hossna Sadat Ahadi, Leslie Salas

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

CALL TO ORDER The video conference special meeting was called to order by Senate President Wendy Nelson at 2:30 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – No announcements.

AGENDA CHANGES – Added an agenda item for a faculty member to serve on the Hiring Committee for the Director of Business Services.

ACTION

A. Umoja Faculty Appointment Recommendation (see Exhibit 1)

Faculty Senate President Wendy Nelson reminded Senators that she emailed the three applicants' information to Senators today just after the noon submission deadline and she hoped Senators had an opportunity to review all applicants. President Nelson explained this is the first joint appointment and the appropriate administrators, VP Vikash Lakhani and Dean Leslie Salas, are present today to participate in the discussion regarding all three candidates.

Motion 1 – MSC Marshall/Miller Faculty Senate approval to accept the results of the ballot for the Umoja Coordinator position.

The motion carried.

Umoja Coordinator – **Richard Carr**

VP Lakhani opened the discussion by saying all three candidates looked very strong and Dean Salas agreed. Dean Salas then responded to a question by Senate VP Jenny Fererro asking if Carr would be able to continue teaching the linked courses associated with the program while being the official Umoja Coordinator. Dean Salas said there would be no conflict since the two positions are separate. VP Fererro explained that all three candidates are part-time faculty and the Umoja Coordinator role would not affect their teaching load. This work would fall under ancillary duties and be paid

a stipend. Senator Kelly Falcone asked that a full explanation of how this stipend works for part-time faculty be included in the next announcement for this position.

Senator Eduardo Aguilar expressed support for Edwina Williams since he has personally worked alongside her on various projects and the experience was very good.

Senator Leanne Maunu expressed her support for Richard Carr and said he attended Umoja’s Summer Learning Institute. Carr is very dedicated to the program.

Senator and Elections Chair Alex Doyle Bauer emailed the ballot to Senators.

INFORMATION

A. Letter to Support the Application of Hossna Sadat Ahadi to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges (see Exhibit 2)

Senate President Wendy Nelson reviewed the letter written in support of Hossna Sadat Ahadi. Hossna Sadat Ahadi commented giving thanks to Senator Ben Mudgett for encouraging her to apply. She said she is looking forward to having a “seat at the table” on the State level to advocate for faculty and students and to bring in an institutionalized diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility and antiracism Statewide.

Motion 2: MSC Ferrero/Lawson Faculty Senate approval to move this Information item to Action.

The motion carried.

Motion 3: MSC Ferrero/S. Nelson Faculty Senate approval of submitting the letter of Support for Hossna Sadat Ahadi to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

The motion carried.

B. Hiring Committee for the Director of Business Services (see Exhibit 3)

President Nelson shared the email she received from VP Montoya regarding this matter. VP Ferrero expressed her concern that HR is requesting a call to go out for faculty representation on a hiring committee during summer when many faculty are already gone for the summer. Ferrero also questioned why there is a huge push to replace this position now when it has been vacant for a considerable amount of time and waiting until Fall may make more sense.

Nelson asked Senators to volunteer to serve or a call will need to go out right away. No Senators volunteered and Nelson said she would contact HR and explain Faculty Senate’s concerns. Senator Kelly Falcone suggested that in the future, a call should go out before the end of a Spring semester asking faculty to serve on any hiring committee that may be formed over the summer. This way, Faculty Senate has potential faculty to serve and doesn’t tie the hands of HR to do any hiring over the summer.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Molly Faulkner, Secretary