



Minutes of the
RETREAT/MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE
October 3, 2022

APPROVED

PRESENT: Melissa Bagaglio, Lacey Craft, Will Dalrymple, Alexandra Doyle Bauer, Erik Duarte (ASG), Kelly Falcone (ZOOM), Molly Faulkner, Jenny Ferrero, Shelbi Hathaway, Erin Hiro, Jason Jarvinen, Lawrence Lawson (ZOOM), Leigh Marshall, Leanne Maunu, Ben Mudgett, Michael Mufson, Scott Nelson, Wendy Nelson, Beth Pearson, Nicole Siminski, Alyssa Vafaei, Elena Villa Fernández de Castro, Edwina Williams (ZOOM), Anastasia Zavodny

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Billieanne McLellan, Steven Palmer, Manuel Velez, Eric Wada

Please note: 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 2:39 PM. The meeting was also streamed live on ZOOM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Senator Shelbi Hathaway announced that PFF and CCE are joint hosting a governing board candidate meet and greet event on October 6 from 4 to 7 pm at Cocina Del Charro, Restaurant Row San Marcos for Palomar College employees only. Senator Michael Mufson added that a letter/postcard writing party is happening as well on Wednesday from 5 to 8 PM. The contact for that activity is Lisette Lasater at Llasater@palomar.edu

Senator Alyssa Vafaei made the following statement:

You may or may not know that my last name, Vafaei, is Iranian. I am not Iranian, but my husband is, and he is the son of Iranian immigrants. Most of my friends are of the Iranian diaspora as well. But I do not believe you need to be Iranian, or Iranian-adjacent like myself, to care as I do about the following. Today is the 18th straight day of protests across the nation of Iran. On October 1st, more than 150 major cities around the globe joined in protest. The catalyst for these protests was the murder of a young Kurdish woman of 22 years, Mahsa Amini, in the capitol city of Tehran. Mahsa was arrested by the morality police for the improper wearing of her hijab, some of her hair was showing, and so she was taken to a re-education center. While there, she received so many blows to the head that she fell into a coma and died two days later. While Mahsa Amini's murder was the catalyst, these protests are actually about 40+ years of oppression and occupation of Iran by the Islamic Republic. Oppression of women, religious and ethnic minorities, intellectuals and academics, and anyone who speaks or acts against the regime. The most recent horrific news coming from loved ones out of Iran, is of the government attacking Sharif University, one of the most prestigious engineering universities in the world. They trapped over 400 students at the university, and the limited reports are telling us it is possible that those over 400 students have now been massacred. This weekend I witnessed footage of a University professor using his body to stand between the guard and the students, and he was shot in the head point blank. You might not have heard much about these events or the extent to how bad things have progressed, and that is because no major news organizations in the West have covered them, and the government has shutdown the internet within Iran. If you wish to be more informed, follow #MahsaAmini on social media and on the web. My

call to action of this body is to simply do your best to spread the word online and demand the local and national news organizations which you follow to begin covering the massacres of the unarmed citizens of Iran.

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Women. Life. Freedom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senators Molly Faulkner and Michael Mufson announced that *Greetings from the Red Planet* continues this week on Thursday, October 6 and runs through the weekend. More information can be found at www.palomarperforms.com

Senator Anastasia Zavodny announced that CALM has launched its new textbook adoption program. The form can be found here: <https://www.palomar.edu/calm/textbook-adoption-form/>

Senator Zavodny also announced that Political Economy Days is coming October 18 and 19. More information will be forthcoming. Sessions will be in person and virtual as well.

President Wendy Nelson announced that Senator Zavodny will be sending out a call for a faculty member to join the hiring committee for the Chief Diversity Officer position.

AGENDA CHANGES – No agenda changes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Delegates from ASCCC will review: The Brown Act, Senate Subcommittee Structure, ASCCC’s role at the State and local level, and the 10+1+1 (Exhibit 1)** - Manuel Velez, ASCCC South Representative, and Eric Wada, ASCCC North Representative

President Nelson welcomed ASCCC executive team members Manuel Velez and Eric Wada to the meeting. Mr. Velez began the presentation explaining the history and legalities of the Brown Act, where academic senates falls under the law, and how committees or subcommittees of academic senates may be affected. Discussion occurred regarding whether Senate’s committees or subcommittees are required to follow the Brown Act. Velez said that if the committee was created through a formal action or process (resolution, action), then most likely that committee is also required to follow the Brown Act (notice, agenda, minutes, etc.). Palomar’s Senate utilizes a formal process of creating a committee by completing a governance form that is then voted on by Faculty Senate. Velez said this seemed like a “formal” process so those standing committees do fall under the Brown Act. However, Velez also said to consult with legal counsel to make that decision. It was noted that Palomar’s legal counsel was consulted and they said these committees do not fall under the Brown Act so this confusion still remains.

Eric Wada explained the definitions of important terms such as what is a “meeting”, “notice”, “agenda”, etc. He also explained what types of gatherings or communications are forbidden in the Brown Act. Velez explained how Governor Newsom’s executive orders suspended some requirements in the Brown Act allowing legislative bodies to use teleconferencing to conduct regular meetings opened to the public. Velez explained AB 361 https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB361 which codified some of Newsom’s acts until January 2024 as long as California is still under a state of emergency. AB 361 will also apply if state or local officials impose or suggest social distancing guidelines, or if a legislative body votes that meeting in person would present an imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees.

Velez then explained recent AB 2449

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2449

which goes into effect January 2023 and allows for another way for academic senates to meet. The bill requires that at least a quorum of its voting members meet in person while others who show “cause” may join the meeting via

teleconferencing. The members joining the meeting via teleconferencing may also vote on formal matters. It was noted that as of today, Palomar College's "local rules" prohibits Senators from voting on formal actions if they are joining the meeting virtually.

Eric Wada reviewed the slides regarding agendas, notices, meetings and emergency meetings. It was noted that attendees do not have to sign in or provide self-identification in order to speak. And physically posting the meeting notice/agenda at the physical address of the meeting is not a requirement because posting the notice/agenda to Board Docs and Senate's website meets the public notice requirement.

Wada then explained ASCCC's role in professional development, representing faculty and advocacy. The slides also show ASCCC's role working with other higher education partners in California.

Lastly, Wada reviewed faculty's 10+1+1 and how Title 5 provides for implementing the 10+1+1 process either through Rely Primarily or through Mutual Agreement. Palomar was commended by both Velez and Wada for codifying faculty hiring as an additional +1.

President Nelson thanked both Manuel Velez and Eric Wade for their presentation.

B. Faculty Senate 2022-2023 Goals (Exhibit 2) – Wendy Nelson

President Nelson started the discussion showing the 2021/22 goals and then added new 2022/23 goals.

- **Clarifying Faculty Senate's involvement in the PRP process**
The PRP process is an opportunity for programs to stop and take a good look at their curriculum and data around success, retention and completion.
Still in progress and get more faculty involved
- **Action Items from part-time equity document**
Progress has been made in certain areas.
Still in progress
- **Clarify Senate calendar – monthly "to-dos"**
Completed
- **Training for Senate committee and council reps**
Still in progress
- **Re-evaluate Senate release time positions**
Still in progress
- **Clarify the NOHE process**
The District is working on this issue with Dean Smiley overseeing the project. It was suggested to invite Dean Smiley to a Senate meeting to get status of the improvements.
Still in progress
- **Communications strategies from Senate to the faculty/campus**
Still in progress
- **Review of Committees**
Still in progress
- **Outreach to Governing Board Members**
Completed but will review again after the elections this Fall

- **FAQ or training about 10+1+1**
This should be front in center on the Faculty Senate website.
Still in progress
- **Onboarding for new Senators**
Still in progress
- **Committee leadership reporting**
New
- **Invite AA, Classified and Cast Leadership to Senate meeting**
New
- **Common course numbering and CALGE**
New
- **Increase liaisons to ASCCC**
New
- **Budget process for areas like DE**
New
- **Address concerns about accommodations and disability discrimination**
New
- **HSI Recommendations**
New
- **DEIAA Framework**
New

C. Roberts Rules Overview – Tabled.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 5 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Faulkner

Molly Faulkner, Secretary