



Minutes of the
MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE
February 13, 2023

APPROVED

PRESENT: Melissa Bagaglio, Will Dalrymple, Kimberly De La Cruz (ASG), Kelly Falcone, Molly Faulkner, Jenny Fererro, Shelbi Hathaway (ZOOM), Erin Hiro, Jason Jarvinen, Lawrence Lawson, Leanne Maunu, Ben Mudgett, Michael Mufson, Scott Nelson, Wendy Nelson, Beth Pearson, Nicole Siminski, Alyssa Vafaei, Elena Villa Fernández de Castro, Edwina Williams, Anastasia Zavodny

ABSENT: Lacey Craft, Alexandra Doyle Bauer, Leigh Marshall

GUESTS: Leah Brown, Rebecca Wilson

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 2:30 PM. The meeting was also streamed live on ZOOM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Beth Pearson apologized for making a FSA comment at the last Senate meeting. She recognized and acknowledged that current FSA Chair Jason Jarvinen would be more suitable to make formal comments about this committee and its work.

Senator and PFF Co-President Lawrence Lawson invited everyone to attend PFF/CCE Pizza Night prior to the Governing Board meeting tomorrow night, February 14. Important actions and discussion will occur at the meeting.

Senate Secretary Molly Faulkner announced that Concert Hour takes place every Thursday at 1 PM in the Howard Brubeck Theatre. The Thursday concerts are free and everyone is welcomed to attend. More information can be found here at www.Palomarperform.com

Senator Alyssa Vafaei announced DRC is having a Disabilities Celebration event for Valentine’s Day tomorrow, February 14. Free food will be served all day starting with donuts in the morning from 8 to 10.

Senator Shelbi Hathaway, a member of the Parity (Part-time Faculty) Project at Palomar said the committee will be formally thanking the Governing Board and PFF tomorrow evening for efforts to improve healthcare coverage for part-time faculty. She asked part-time faculty to either email comments directly to her to be read at the meeting or come in person and share the positive changes this has made in their life.

AGENDA CHANGES – No agenda changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 1: MSC Faulkner/Pearson

Faculty Senate approval of Faculty Senate meeting minutes dated February 6, 2023 as amended (Exhibit 1).

The motion carried.

ACTION

A. Curriculum

Senator and Curriculum Co-Chair Ben Mudgett said no curriculum actions were needed this meeting. Senator Mudgett provided an update on AB 928 saying the intersegmental academic senate released the framework of CalGETC and nothing has changed regarding the pathways for associate degrees and transfers. A new committee was formed to create the standards for what CalGETC means for all the GE. Palomar will receive this information in Fall. Palomar will have to respond to those standards and adjust curriculum as necessary.

Senator Mudgett said the lifelong learning piece is important. Area E lifelong learning isn't going to be required at the CSU GE for transfer students anymore so there are implications for this to be addressed.

B. Committee on Committees

Senator and Committee on Committees Chair Anastasia Zavodny explained there were three candidates vying for two SBS positions on the Curriculum Committee. Based on current difficulties finding sufficient volunteers to fill vacancies on Curriculum, Senator Zavodny recommended that Senate accept the candidate with the fewest votes to serve as well to fill one of the vacancies allocated to a different division with a term ending Spring 2023. Senator Mudgett, Co-Chair of Curriculum agreed with the recommendation.

Motion 2: Zavodny/Faulkner

Faculty Senate approval to accept the results of the ballot for the following (Exhibit 2):

The motion carried.

Curriculum Committee – **LeAnne Farmer**, Faculty, SBS
Curriculum Committee – **Kelly Falcone**, Faculty, SBS

Motion 3: Zavodny/Faulkner

Faculty Senate approval to accept the third place candidate on the Curriculum Committee ballot to fill a different vacancy on that committee with an ending term of Spring 2023.

The motion carried.

Curriculum Committee – **Nicole Au**, Faculty, SBS

Motion 4: Zavodny/Mufson

Faculty Senate approval of the committee confirmation for the following committee (Exhibit 3):

The motion carried.

Educators for Equity, Diversity and Cultural Consciousness Subcommittee (EEDCC)
Gary Castaneda, Faculty, at large (22-24)

Senator Zavodny explained the VP Hiring Committees (Exhibit 4) change. Alyssa Vafaei has removed herself from the VP of Student Services group and requested that her name be added to the VP of Human Resource Services group. Senate VP Jenny Fererro reminded Senators that anyone can come to Senate to campaign for themselves or another faculty candidate for any committee confirmation or election.

Motion 5: Pearson/Faulkner

Faculty Senate approval of the results of the ballot for the Hiring Committee for VP of Student Services (Exhibit 4).

The motion carried.

Hiring Committee, VP Student Services – **Daniel Straub** - Faculty, Student Services
Mejghan Ahmadi - Faculty, Student Services
Wendy Nelson – Faculty, AMBA
Gabriel Sanchez - Faculty, Student Services

Motion 6: Zavodny/Mudgett

Faculty Senate approval of the results of the ballot for the Hiring Committee for VP of Human Resource Services (Exhibit 4).

The motion carried.

Hiring Committee, VP Human Resource Services – **Lawrence Lawson**, Faculty, L&L
Wing Cheung, Faculty, MSE
Jenny Fererro, Faculty, SBS

Motion 7: Zavodny/Faulkner

Faculty Senate approval of the following committee confirmation (Exhibit 2):

The motion carried.

Academic Integrity Taskforce – **Erin Hiro**, Faculty, AMBA

Motion 8: Zavodny/Fererro

Faculty Senate approval to confirm the following committee appointment (Exhibit 4):

The motion carried.

Hiring Committee for VP of Human Resource Services - **Alyssa Vafaei** - Faculty, Student Services

C. Changes to Community Agreement

Motion 9: Pearson/Fererro

Faculty Senate approval to amend Senate’s Community Agreements document (Exhibit 5).

The motion carried.

Senate President Wendy Nelson presented the exhibit. After some suggested edits, President Nelson said she would make the appropriate changes and get the updated document posted to the website.

INFORMATION

A. ASG Report – De La Cruz

ASG Representative Kimberly De La Cruz said Club Rush begins tomorrow, February 14. ASG is still experiencing difficulties getting the word out about clubs and hopes that faculty can assist with getting the word out maybe through announcements in class. De La Cruz said there is also a huge need for faculty advisors and hopes Senate can assist with this effort. Senators suggested adding specific club information to the Student Life webpages so students are aware of the clubs and their activities. Many students attend Palomar virtually so offering virtual club activities may get more students involved. Also, see what other colleges in the area do on their webpages that might engage more students (Mira Costa uses Engage software).

B. Student Code of Conduct AP 5500 and AP 5520 Review Update (Exhibit 6) – W. Nelson

Senate President Nelson shared a summary of the workgroup efforts addressing this issue. Senator Kelly Falcone shared her experiences dealing with student conduct and the “broken” system at Palomar. She shared research of what other colleges’ processes look like and where that crucial information is accessible for students and faculty. Falcone said that if faculty have a challenging situation in a classroom with a student and you weren’t sure what to do about it or whether it was even something that could be reported, go to the current AP 5500 and see if you can determine where that situation could be aligned with the current procedure. Most other colleges’ 5500 language is the same because it is typical CCLC canned legal language but does not apply well to an instructional setting. Palomar can vary from the CCLC language as some other institutions have done.

Senator Lawson recommended that until the language gets updated to better reflect an instructional setting, if faculty have submitted an incident report, they must be kept in the loop of where the process is and what actions, if any were done.

President Nelson will keep Senate updated on this project.

C. Brown Act Update (Exhibit 7 and 8) – W. Nelson

President Nelson did a quick overview of the Brown Act rules for pre-COVID teleconferencing and the updated rules based on AB 2449 for virtual attendance that went into effect on January 1, 2023. Nelson explained Senate will need to adopt the updated rules for conducting Faculty Senate meetings or go back to the pre-COVID teleconferencing rules.

D. Academic Integrity Taskforce Chair Description (Exhibit 9) - W. Nelson

President Nelson reviewed the exhibit. Senate Secretary Molly Faulkner suggested adding a task to research Gooder Colleges to see what’s working elsewhere. Senators agreed with the update and Nelson next asked for a Senator to lead this taskforce. Senator and DE Coordinator Erin Hiro volunteered to serve in this capacity with the updated job description through the end of the Spring 2023 semester.

Motion 10: Ferrero/Faulkner

Faculty Senate approval to move back into Action.

The motion carried.

Motion 11: Ferrero/Faulkner

Faculty Senate approval of the following faculty to chair the Academic Integrity Taskforce through Spring 2023:

The motion carried.

Academic Integrity Taskforce, Chair – **Erin Hiro**

E. Senate Subcommittee Reports – Tabled.

REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Faulkner

Molly Faulkner, Secretary