



• A C A D E M I C • S E N A T E •  
**MINUTES**

Thursday, February 25, 2016  
2:00 – 3:45 p.m.  
Room E-106

**Present:** Paul Carmona (Vice President), Mary Asher-Fitzpatrick, Michael Aubry, Lindy Brazil, Daniel Curtis, Claudia Cuz-Flores, Greg Gomez (proxy for Raad Jerjis), Courtney Hammond, Angela Nesta, Kathryn Nette, Patricia Santana, Seth Slater, Robert Stafford, Joe Young.

**Absent:** Alicia Muñoz (President), Raad Jerjis, Kristin McGregor, Patrick Thiss

**Others:** Moriah Gonzalez-Meeks, Randy Clark, Jacqueline Hall, Brandon Williams

*The Senate minutes are recorded and published in summary form. Readers of these minutes must understand that recorded comments in these minutes do not represent the official position of the Academic Senate. The Academic Senate expresses its official positions only through votes noted under "Action." In accordance to the Ralph M. Brown Act guidelines, Senators voting "nay" or abstaining will be identified. All other present members will be assumed to have voted "aye."*

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Paul Carmona, Vice President called the meeting to order at 2:00pm

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - The February 11, 2016 minutes were approved as amended. (M/S Nette/Curtis. 2 abstentions: Brazil & Hammond) In Part Time Officer at Large Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence, delete the word "Students".

**II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Announcements** - The voting results regarding the change to the Academic Senate's Constitution and Bylaws to allow the addition of a Full-time Officer at Large position on the Senate Officers Committee representing Student Services was announced at the Governing Board meeting on February 16th. Board President Bill Garrett publicly thanked the Academic Senate for being proactive on this issue.

**District & College Council Updates** – None

**Spring Elections** – Angela Nesta, Senate Election Coordinator, reported the following nominations for the Spring 2016 elections.

- President – Alicia Muñoz
- Vice President – Paul Carmona and Jesús Miranda
- Full-time Faculty Officer at Large – Amaliya Blyumin and Kim Dudzik
- Part-time Faculty Officer at Large – Robert Stafford

There will also be a vote to change the Constitution and Bylaws which may result in a special election for the additional Full-time Officer at Large.

**III. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**A. SOC Committee Appointments** – Amaliya Blyumin has been appointed to the Student Success & Equity Committee. There are ongoing efforts to appoint members to various other committees.

**IV. PART TIME OFFICER at LARGE REPORT** – Continuing to work with student leadership on a resolution to support paid part-time faculty office hours.

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. ***Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee*** – Moriah Gonzalez-Meeks distributed a handout with information about the membership, activities and activities of interest of the DEI Committee. She explained that the purpose of this committee is to improve campus climate by helping to create a welcoming and safe environment. Some of the activities include SafeZones, resolutions, college hours, and diversity dialogues. She invited faculty and staff to the DEIC Summit on April 20 at Cuyamaca College.
- B. ***Sustainability Working Group*** – Randy Clark, Interim Director of Facilities Planning & Development and Jacqueline Hall, Energy Specialist from Cenergistic, shared the draft Board and Administrative Policies regarding the sustainability program at the District and asked for feedback and ideas. There was much discussion regarding specific energy-saving ideas and concerns on campus. Randy told the group to email him or Jacqueline with any questions, comments or concerns about energy issues specific to their areas on campus.

**VI. ACTION**

- A. ***Curriculum Board Packet*** – A motion was made to approve the Curriculum Board Packet that will go to the Governing Board for approval at the March meeting. (M/S Nette/Curtis). There was no discussion, no opposition and 2 abstentions (Brazil & Hammond).

**VII. INFORMATION**

- A. ***Compressed Calendar*** –Lindy Brazil researched and presented information on the students' perspective of the compressed calendar as well as some other statistics. Most of her findings showed that students prefer a shorter semester. However, there was data that showed student athletes were significantly impacted negatively by a compressed calendar as well as the problems regarding labs for Science and Engineering programs.
- B. ***Black Student Union*** – Brandon Williams, part-time counselor, provided information on the newly formed student organization, the Black Student Union. He distributed a flyer with contact information and website address for the new club that instructors can hand out to their students. Brandon announced some upcoming events and also mentioned that the club was introduced to the college community today on the Grand Lawn and the event was well attended. The group discussed ideas on how best to get the word out to interested students.

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS- None**

Academic Senate Vice President Paul Carmona adjourned meeting at 3:45pm.