



ACADEMIC • SENATE

Minutes

Thursday, February 23rd, 2023

2:00 – 3:45 p.m.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83900969150>

Present: Manuel Mancillas-Gómez, Karen Marrujo, Jane Gazale (as proxy for Guillermo Colls), Hanaa Alkassas, Dan Curtis, Rita Ghazala, Moriah Gonzalez-Meeks, Rachel Jacob-Almeida, Raad Jerjis, Emma Laraby, Valerie Peterson, Miriam Simpson, Asma Yassi, Joan Rettinger

Absent: Rob Wojtkowski, Cyrus Saghafi, Lindy Brazil, Rachele Panganiban, Guillermo Colls, Brad McCombs

Other: Marvelyn Bucky (As proxy for Lindy Brazil), Lamia Raffo

Recorder: Aiden Lovewell

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."

Call to Order: Manuel Mancillas-Gómez, President called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

I. Approval of Minutes: February 9th, 2023 – Senate to approve minutes with changes.
Motion/Second: Raquel Jacob-Almeida/Dan Curtis. Abstentions: None. **Motion Passes.**

II. Announcements -

A. Special election for part-time faculty instruction: Lamia Raffo gave an update on the Academic Senate Part-time faculty instructional senator. Amy Huie held the position previously but she is now full time. Emails have been sent out to faculty for nominations and 2 have responded nominating themselves. Carlos Ortiz who teaches English and David Lizarraga who teaches Biology. Nominations end this Monday the 27th at 5pm. Nominations will go to Katie Cabral and the voting will begin. The deadline for voting is in a few weeks.

III. Action –

A. Endorsing Cuyamaca College Values definitions: Manuel Mancillas-Gómez reviewed the definitions with the senate then put them up for a vote.

Senate to vote on definitions. Motion/Second: Marvelyn Bucky/Joan Rettinger. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. **Motion Passes.**

- B. Academic Senate meeting modalities: Manuel Mancillas-Gómez reviewed the possible modalities for future meetings. Currently we are using AB 361 to meet in-person and through Zoom. This modality exists so long as there is an emergency declaration in place. The current emergency declaration is ending of February 28th therefore, starting March 1st, the Academic Senate must choose a new modality. The two options available are the traditional Brown Act and the new AB 2449. AB 2449 requires that quorum must be in person and that members can meet virtually on zoom but must provide just cause or a valid emergency ahead of time to do so. The reason shall be approved by vote at the beginning of the meeting. Attendance by Zoom cannot exceed 3 meeting per calendar year based on 14-16 meeting for curriculum. Video and audio must be on and accessible at all times and all minors present in the room must be disclosed. Their location will remain private. The traditional Brown Act allows members to meet by Zoom an unlimited amount of time but with stipulations. The location of each member must be made public and physically accessible to the public to participate. Agenda must be posted at location of meeting. Quorum still needs to be in-person.

Motion to vote on AB 2449. Motion/Second: Dan Curtis/Miriam Simpson. Nays: Raad Jerjis. Abstentions: Asma Yassi. **Motion Passes.**

III. Information (First readings and updates for future action) –

- A. Student Dismissal Policy BP/AP 4250: This item was tabled for the next Academic Senate meeting.
- B. Curriculum Packet List for Board of Trustees March meeting: Jane Gazale reviewed the board packet for the March 14th board meeting. The packet includes items submitted up until February 21st. New programs are being claimed including Kumeyaay Studies and a new addition of ARBC 256. MATH 080 was approved as MATH 081 and was changed to be matching as the support course for MATH 180. There are three items with # marks that are not for the governing board meeting as they need further Academic Senate approval. Changes are being proposed for the charge and composition of curriculum to increase faculty representation as well as changes to catalog rights and continuous enrollment. Pass/No Pass is being changed to apply to local degrees.

IV. President's Report – Manuel Mancillas-Gómez –

- A. Human Resources Advisory Council (HRAC): Manuel Mancillas-Gómez updated the senate on HRAC. Meetings have been infrequent with 1 or 2 planned meetings a month with cancellations even when there are items for discussion. The council needs to be revamped. PE 13 is being used for VPI, Dean, and other administrative hiring but is not officially approved. AP 271 is being used for the Presidents hire.
- B. Public Safety Council: Manuel Mancillas-Gómez reviewed the council. He explained that the council needs serious reworking. After the George Floyd murder a separate public safety task-force was created to inform this council but the task-force still has not met. There are concerns over policing policies including cameras and posters with anonymous tip lines that offer rewards for information on suspicious activities. This is a service that we are paying for out of our budget. We have asked the chancellor to remove these posters and she has but the policy still stands and is still being funded.

Raquel Jacob-Almeida raised concerns over student privacy and criminalization. There was a general concern over decisions that are being made without involving the proper groups such as Academic Senate.

Manuel Mancillas-Gomez noted that these issues are all in 1 budget item.

- C. Budget Allocation Task-Force: Manuel Mancillas-Gómez reviewed the task-force. The last meeting was for its 5-year review in 2017. They will now be meeting again to review enrollment changes. There has been a shift in enrollment between Grossmont and Cuyamaca resulting in possible changes to budget-allocation in favor of Cuyamaca. There was also an 8.13% increase in COLA.

VII. Vice President Report – Karen Marrujo informed the senate of the latest appointments following our last Academic Senate meeting. SOC appointed 4 representatives to hiring committees. An updated list is available on the academic senate website. EEO site lead Karen Marrujo has asked Academic Senate VP Karen Marrujo to share that on March 2nd from 10-12 there will be training in EEO in regards to hiring through equity-minded lenses.

VIII. Part-Time Officer-at-Large Report – Hanaa Alkassas shared that the 2nd OER proposal has been submitted for ARBC 2.

IX. Committee Report – None

X. Public Comments – Jane Gazale reminded the senate of the Brown Act training that is taking place at the start of the next Board meeting on March 14th at 4:30 in I-207. The training is highly recommended for senators.

Manuel Mancillas-Gomez noted that the Board voted to not allow staff communication to be done orally. Reports must be in written form and submitted 10 days before board meetings.

Adjourned at 3:25pm