



ACADEMIC SENATE

Approved Minutes

March 1, 2021

Meeting via Zoom

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

1. Call to Order	Academic Senate President LaNae Jaimez called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.
2. Roll Call	<p>Academic Senate Officers: LaNae Jaimez (President), Josh Scott (Vice President), Erin Duane (Secretary/Treasurer, At-Large), and Michael Wyly (Past President/Ex-Officio)</p> <p>Academic Senate: Anthony Ayala, Erica Beam, Jim Long, Jose Cortes, Michael Reilly, Michelle Arce, Paul Hidy, Rachel Purdie, Randy Robertson, Rebecca LaCount, Robin Sytsma, and Vitalis Enemmuo</p> <p>Sheila Gorospe-Kaushal (Administrative Assistant)</p> <p>Ex Officio: Andrew Wesley (Assessment Chair), Erica Beam (Distance Education Chair), Josh Scott (Student Success and Equity Chair), Rachel Purdie (Academic Program Review Chair), and Sarah Barsness (Curriculum/Tech Review Chair)</p> <p>Guests: Celia Esposito-Noy (Superintendent-President), David Williams (Vice President of Academic Affairs), Shannon Cooper (Vice President of Student Services), Irving Chin (Tassel Software), Dean Kristin Conner, Damary Fisher, Staush Zamoyta (James Thomas Media LLC), and Tom Gachi (James Thomas Media LLC)</p> <p>Absent: Andrew Wesley, Michelle Smith, and Teri Brunner</p>
3. Agenda Approval	Senator Reilly motioned to approve the agenda of March 1, 2021 as presented. It was seconded by Senator Hidy. Senator Long abstained. The agenda was approved by majority of the vote.
4. Approval of Minutes	Senator Beam motioned to approve the minutes of February 22, 2021 as presented. It was seconded by Senator Ayala. Senator Long abstained. The motion was approved by majority of the vote.
5. Comments from the Public	<p>There were no comments from the public.</p> <p><i>Members of the public may address the Senate on any item within the Senate's purview that is not on the agenda. The Senate will not take</i></p>

action on any issue raised during this section of the agenda since Senate action is limited to posted agenda items. At the Senate President's discretion, these matters may be referred to Senate Executive Board and/or placed on a future agenda. Speakers are asked to limit their comments to a maximum of three minutes.

6. AS President Update

6.1 Hiring Manual Task Force Update

The Hiring Manual Task Force will convene this week or next week. After the TF completes the review of the hiring manual, AS President Jaimez will schedule a meeting with VP Williams and Salvatore Abbate to review the hiring process, to address concerns, and present ideas on how increase diversity/equity.

6.2 School Coordinators Update

AS President Jaimez, Erin Farmer, VP Williams, and VP Cooper held a meeting last Friday to discuss School Coordinators. What is agreed upon is to review the process and discuss the idea of moving from School Coordinators to Department Chairs. The first step is a fiscal viability analysis. Department chairs is a negotiated item.

6.3 COVID Vaccination Availability

Senator Ayala announced that he has been closely reviewing updates regarding COVID vaccination from childcare and education perspective. He informed Senators that as of 1:00 pm on March 1, 2021, educators in Solano County are eligible to receive vaccine ([Solano County Vaccine Roll Out by Phase and Tier](#)). The Senate discussed the following information: (a) there are mass vaccination sites available in the cities of Sacramento and Oakland, (b) the Vallejo Fairgrounds has also been offering mass vaccinations, (c) some areas do not require teacher identification card or any form of verification of employment, and (d) Edwin Mark Elementary is offering vaccine by appointment to teachers currently in session (e.g. special education).

7. Superintendent-President Report

S/P Celia Esposito-Noy announced that COVID testing will start in the Athletics department. This process will be accessed before offering testing to faculty/staff/other programs and students.

8. VP of Academic Affairs Report

VP David Williams shared that Credit for Prior Learning Task Force has convened with active participation from different departments. The administrative procedures will be finalized soon and will be presented to Senators for review.

9. VP of Student Services Report

VP Shannon Cooper did not provide an update.

10. Consent Agenda – Action Item

There were no items in this section.

11. Action Items, Including Items Removed from Consent

11.1 Master Schedule Update

AS President Jaimez presented, "Master Schedule" (see attached document). She provided the Senators the reasons why deadlines (e.g. Program Review, Accreditation, etc.) are updated. She clarified that any future changes on this document will be presented to Senators for review and approval. The Senate reviewed the CTE Abridge deadline for School of Liberal Arts/School of Mathematics and Sciences, which is due this month, March 2021. There is some flexibility with this due date. Senator Hidy motioned to approve item 11.1. It was seconded by Senator Long. The motion was approved unanimously.

AS President Jaimez will provide an update regarding possible revision of PR CTE Abridge deadlines after meeting with Program Review Coordinator Purdie.

11.2 Senate By-Laws, Section 4

AS Past President Wyly presented, "SCC Academic Senate By-Laws, Section 4," (see attached document). He provided the reasons why, "may serve for no more than four consecutive terms," should be considered for elimination by the Senate, as the rationale is unclear and inconsistent with other Senate positions apart from President. Also, he clarified that approved Senate By-Laws ratifications must be ratified by a vote of all faculty as soon as possible, Spring 2022. The Senate had detailed discussions regarding this topic (e.g. contingency plan, rational of set process, whether this position will be offered to all faculty, school term limits, etc.). Senator Purdie motioned to approve item 11.2. It was seconded by Senator LaCount. Senator Arce abstained. The motion was approved by majority of the vote

12. Information/Discussion Items

12.1 Journalism

AS Past President Wyly convened with VP Williams, Curriculum Chair Sarah Barsness, Dean of Liberal Arts Neil Glines, and Professor Rachel Smith to discuss the elimination and/or improvement of the Journalism Program, as well as recommendations for senate support of the journalism program as presented/summarized in "Journalism Notes," (see attached document). He strongly believes that retaining this program will require a commitment from Administrators before any actions are taken, and he urges the Senate to take action in support of that commitment. Sarah Barsness explained that what prompted her concern is the narrow bandwidth involved and not having an assigned/designated faculty to this program. AS Vice President Scott proposed to obtain students' feedback/consensus on the importance of Journalism program and to involve faculty in this conversation before presenting this topic to Administrators.

12.2 SCPG Workgroup

Senator LaCount and AS Vice President Scott are members of Solano College Promise Grant Workgroup. During their last meeting, they discussed the total amount of funds available, which is approximately \$782,00 for this year and \$95,000 from last year. However, it's unclear whether this funding will roll over next year or will expire by the end of the academic year. She shared that Solano College has allocated existing funds to pay for qualified student fees and bookstore vouchers. With Financial Aid Department's help, funds will potentially be available to all students who apply for FAFSA or Dream Act for book grants or other expenses. The Senate discussed the following options: (a) purchasing Chromebooks for students, (b) purchasing books for the library (class set), and (c) to purchasing computers that students can borrow. Senators are requested to provide Senator LaCount and AS Vice President Scott other ideas on how this budget could be used to help students.

12.3 Tassel Presentation

Tassel Software representative Irving Chen presented, "Building Career and Academic Communities to Support Guided Pathways," (see attached document). The Senate reviewed/discussed the following items: (a) concerns regarding utilizing this program without GP Coordinator at this time and integration process involved, (b) utilizing this software will help accelerate the existing proceedings, (c) examples of different program mappings, (d) how labor market data will be updated, (e) part of the company's responsibility will be to update data files, and (f) program mapping option (e.g. online interaction/asynchronous, education planning component, print pdf feature/CRN). This proposal will cost SCC \$24,000 (six-months project) under Guided Pathways funding and with a three-year agreement. VP Cooper will research how this will incorporate with Degree Works.

12.4 Social Justice Studies and Ethnic Studies Degrees/Programs

APR Chair/Senator Purdie presented, "Social Justice Studies and Ethnic Studies Degrees/Programs," (see attached document). Her concerns are the following: (a) Ethnic Studies AA was housed under Social Justice Studies, (b) catalog information for Ethnic Studies is outdated, (c) no Ethnic Studies department at SCC, (d) Social Justice Courses do not meet GE Area F requirement, (e) AB 1460 is signed into law that will require students to take a class in ES under the lower division and will be implemented by Fall 2021, and (f) there is no full time faculty assigned to either program; therefore, there is no one to complete APR report for Ethnic Studies. This topic will be added on the next Senate agenda for further review.

12.5 Commitment to Anti-Racist Practices and Equity in Education

APR Chair/Senator Purdie provided updates during item 12.4.

13. Reports

13.1 Academic Program Review

Due to lack of time, SESC Chair/Senator Scott was not able to provide an update.

13.2 Student Equity and Success Council

Due to lack of time, Curriculum Chair Barsness was not able to provide an update.

13.3 Curriculum/Tech Review

Due to lack of time, Curriculum Chair Barsness was not able to provide an update.

14. Other Committees

There were no items in this section.

15. Upcoming Items and/or Action Reminder

15.01 Academic Program Review – Rachel Purdie (1st meeting of the month)

15.02 Student Equity and Success Council – Joshua Scott (1st meeting of the month)

15.03 Curriculum/Tech Review – Sarah Barsness (1st meeting of the month)

15.04 Assessment Committee – Andrew Wesley (2nd meeting of the month)

15.05 Distance Education – Erica Beam (2nd meeting of the month)

15.06 Professional Development/Flex Cal – Michelle Smith (2nd meeting of the month)

15.07 Guided Pathways Steering Committee – TBD (1st meeting of the month)

15.08 Faculty Hiring Prioritization Task Force

15.09 Work Group Assigned to Review Severely Impacted Programs by COVID19

15.10 Local GE Task Force

16. Adjournment

Senator Purdie motioned to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Senator Hidy. The meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm.

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD FROM 3:00-5:00 PM IN THE HONEYCHURCH OR VIA ZOOM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

March 15, 2021

April 12, 2021

April 19, 2021

May 3, 2021

May 10, 2021 (Tentative)

Documents Reviewed

1. Master Schedule
2. SCC Academic Senate By-Laws, Section 4
3. Journalism Notes
4. Tassel Software
5. APR Update (Social Justice Studies/Ethnic Studies)