



ACADEMIC SENATE

MINUTES

August 12, 2021

Meeting via [Zoom](#)

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

1. Call to Order/Land Acknowledgement

President Jaimez read the adopted Land Acknowledgement. There was a suggestion to add phonetic transcriptions of the tribal names for those unfamiliar with them.

2. Roll Call

Academic Senate Officers: LaNae Jaimez (President), Josh Scott (Vice President), Erin Duane (Secretary/Treasurer, At-Large), and Michael Wyly (Past President/Ex-Officio)

Academic Senate: Andrew Wesley, Anthony Ayala, Erica Beam, Jim Long, Jose Cortes, Lauren Taylor-Hill, Michael Reilly, Paul Hidy, Rachel Purdie, Randy Robertson, Rebecca LaCount, Rhuenette Alums, Robin Sytsma, and Vitalis Enemmuo

Open (Administrative Assistant)

Ex Officio:

Andrew Wesley (Assessment Chair), Erica Beam (Distance Education Chair), Absent - Heather Watson-Perez (Student Success and Equity Chair), Michelle Smith (Professional Development/Flex Cal Chair), Rachel Purdie (Academic Program Review Chair), and Sarah Barsness (Curriculum/Tech Review Chair)

Guests: Celia Esposito-Noy (Superintendent-President) David Williams (Vice President of Academic Affairs), and Shannon Cooper (Vice President of Student Services), Debra Berrett, Kelvin Cheah, Nazia Mostafa, Laura Maghoney (GP Coordinators), Thomas Bundenthal (Faculty), Amy Obegi (Faculty), and Nicholas Cittadino (Faculty)

3. Agenda Approval

Senator Scott motioned to approve the agenda; Senator Purdie seconded. The agenda was approved.

4. Approval of Minutes

VP Williams requested a change to the minutes of May 17, 2021; specifically, in 8.4, the reference to Faculty Office Hour should say "Return to Campus Faculty Advisory Committee." Senator Beam motioned to approve the minutes with the aforementioned correction; Senator Scott seconded the motion. The minutes of May 17, 2021 were approved with the correction.

5. Comments from the Public

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 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

Academic Senate President Report (15 minutes)

- 6.1 **Welcome New Senators** – President Jaimez recognized new senators Lauren Taylor-Hill (Social & Behavioral Sciences) and Rhuenette Alums (Applied Technology & Business/Part-time faculty representative).
- 6.2 Introductions: ASSC Officers, Guided Pathways Coordinators, SESC Coordinator – No student representatives were present. President Jaimez acknowledged their leadership; they may join us this afternoon. President Jaimez introduced the Guided Pathways Coordinators: Deb Berrett, Kelvin Cheah, Laura Mahoney, and Nazia Mostafa, who were in attendance. Absent were Melissa Reeve and Adam Iqueda. Math/Science pathway is still open and a new recruitment will be posted. SESC Coordinator is Heather Watson- Perez.
- 6.3 Tenure Tea and Distinguished Faculty Celebration - had hoped to do live on-campus celebration, but the pandemic changed the plans. Will hold an event later in the semester to recognized these faculty.
- 6.4 Academic Senate Meeting Calendar 2021-2022 – President Jaimez shared the calendar of meetings for the year.
- 6.5 Summer Updates: (a) Hiring Manual - We will be doing faculty hiring this year; will help us with our equity agenda, (b) Inherently Inaccessible Content Faculty Guide - in the works, some content is just not feasible in an online format, ideas for finding creative ways to ensure accessibility, (c) Faculty Mentor - with new faculty, will be essential to have mentors; Senators Barsness, Purdie and Alums want to be included, and (d) Peer Review Pilot Proposal - overdue, has not started yet; Senator Beam volunteered for this and will run the online portion through the DE committee.
- 6.6 2021 Plenary Session – Plenary has not been scheduled yet; it is a gathering of senate presidents/senators from across the state; they hold a business session to pass resolutions; SCC usually sends 2-4 faculty (if online, we can send more people)
- 6.7 Donation to Senate – Employees can do a payroll deduction; used for Distinguished Faculty, scholarships, snacks.
- 6.8 Guided Pathway Coordinator Retreat - Held on Monday; discussed progress on Guided Pathways, acknowledged great work done by Michael Wyly. Goals: pathway maps for degrees and certificates, each pathway to hold one student event, develop websites, student success teams, institutionalizing GP.
- 6.9 Land Acknowledgment – The AS previously passed a resolution supporting this; College Governance and Trustees also lent their support. Asking sub-committees to use land acknowledgment at each of their meetings. The AS also supported encouraging faculty to include the Land Acknowledgement in their syllabi (Senator Beam noted that this is already included in Canvas). The local Tribal Council was invited to Convocation but had to decline the invitation.
- 6.10 COVID – President Jaimez as the senators what the senate's role should be in the return to campus discussion and in the process of recreating community

7. Superintendent-President Report

- 7.1 **The College was awarded 7 new faculty positions** as part of the Chancellor's Office new budget. Since we now have the Ethnic Studies requirement, this will benefit the College.
- 7.2 **Budget** – The budget is adequate for the current year. We will get a 5.07% COLA, though the

Chancellor's Office has applied a 1.07% deficit factor (basically subtracting that amount). Still, we should be able to improve the salary schedules.

- 7.3 **VP of Finance Interviews** – Much appreciation to the faculty involved in the search committee. 2nd level interviews will be held next week.
- 7.4 **Return to Campus** – Employees have done good work from home, and students are still being served. Even once we return to campus, the Chancellor's Office has encouraged 10% more online offerings than during the pre-pandemic period. Senator Wyly noted that this would be a good time to promote fully online degrees.
- 7.5 **Housing Insecurity and Technology Support** – The College was able to house four students last year who experienced housing insecurity, for an extended period of time. We will be distributing Chromebooks and some laptops this year, and some in-person tutoring opportunities will be available in the ASTC.
- 7.6 Please send story ideas or content to Sandra in the S-P's office for inclusion in the new Solano CARES newsletter.
- 7.7 A lot of work is required to bring people back to campus in large numbers. The August 18 Board of Trustees meeting will include a discussion item related to a vaccine mandate.

8. **VP of Academic Affairs**

- 8.1 Relevant items are on the agenda, but Welcome Back, everyone!

9. **VP of Student Services**

- 9.1 No report.

10. **Consent Agenda** – There are no items in this section.

11. **Action Items** – There are no items in this section.

12. **Information/Discussion Items**

- 12.1 **Activity** – President Jaimez asked the group to share something good that happened since the Senate last met. People shared adventures, family experiences and other positive life events.
- 12.2 **Brown Act/10+1/AB 1725 Presentation** – Past-President Wyly shared an overview of Brown Act rules and faculty purview.
- 12.3 **Brown Act Exemption Expiration** - Brown Act exemptions implemented during the pandemic (like the requirement to meet in-person) expire at the end of September, so governance committees should be prepared to return to campus.
- 12.4 **Senate Account Update** – Treasurer Erin Duane shared that the senate switched banks, and the current balance sits at \$10,614.44. President Jaimez will send out the payroll deduction form if senators or others want to donate to this fund.
- 12.5 **Senate Priorities 2021-2022** – The senate will focus on hiring prioritization, the faculty mentor program, Guided Pathways, equity considerations in all decisions, and rebuilding community post-lockdown.
- 12.6 **Commitment to Anti-Racist Practices and Equity in Education**
 - 12.6a SESC – Professor Watson-Perez is the new Coordinator for SESC
 - 12.6b Curriculum – Senator Barsness shared that the Curriculum Committee will be addressing equity in the Course Outline of Record and asking faculty to conduct “equity audits” of their

courses.

13. Reports – Senate committee reports will resume on August 23, 2021.

14. Other Committees – There are no items in this section.

15. Upcoming Items and/or Action

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

15.02 Student Equity and Success Council – Heather Watson-Perez (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) (a) program mapping, (b) Tassel Software, and (c) student access team

15.08 Curriculum Updates: (a) Articulation Check, (b) Local GE requirements, (c) Curriculum Handbook, (d) resolution commitment to anti-racism Curriculum, and (e) course numbering

15.09 Senate By-Laws and Constitution

15.10 SCPG Update

15.11 Journalism Update

15.12 AB705 Update

15.13 ASSC Update

16. Adjournment – Senator Scott motioned to adjourn; Senator Reilly seconded. The Senate adjourned at 12:00pm.