



## ACADEMIC • SENATE

### Minutes

Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

2:00 – 3:45 p.m.

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

**Present:** Manuel Mancillas-Gómez, Karen Marrujo, Jane Gazale, Hanaa Alkassas, Guillermo Colls, Dan Curtis, Rita Ghazala, Moriah Gonzalez-Meeks, Rachel Jacob-Almeida, Raad Jerjis, Emma Laraby, Brad McCombs, Rachelle Panganiban, Valerie Peterson, Miriam Simpson, Asma Yassi, Joan Rettinger

**Absent:** Rob Wojtkowski, Cyrus Saghafi, Lindy Brazil

**Other:** Marvelyn Bucky (As proxy for Lindy Brazil), Katie Cabral, Vivi Ricardez-Veasey, Anthony Griffen, Carlos Perez, Teresa Hodges, Dave Dillon, Bri Brown, Khrystyn Pamintuan, Roula Aoneh, Angelina Rodriguez, Jessica Hurtado

**Recorder:** Aiden Lovewell

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-AB361 Resolution to continue holding meetings in a hybrid modality. Motion/Second: Guillermo Colls/Valerie Peterson. Abstentions: None. **Motion Passes.**

**Call to Order:** Manuel Mancillas-Gómez, President called the meeting to order at 2:06pm.

**I. Approval of Minutes: December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022** – Senate to approve minutes. Motion/Second: Raad Jerjis/Emma Laraby. Abstentions: Marvelyn Bucky, Miriam Simpson, Asma Yassi, Joan Rettinger. **Motion Passes.**

#### **II. Announcements -**

- A. Special election for part-time faculty instruction: Manuel Mancillas-Gómez discussed the special election that will be required. Amy Huie won last spring but is now a full-time instructor. An election will have to take place to fill this position. This position includes a stipend incentive.
- B. Welcome new faculty: Manuel Mancillas-Gómez welcomed all the new faculty that have joined this us this semester at Cuyamaca College.

### III. Action –

- A. Resolution for Adopting and Maintaining Equity-Minded Communication Guidelines: Karen Marrujo reviewed the resolution. The focus of the resolution is equity and diversity through communication. Karen reviewed the two different versions of the resolution with the first version having more “whereas” language and 1 resolve and the second version being made of more individual resolves. She also informed the senate that Version 1 has so far been the preferred and accessible option.

Senate to vote for version 1 to be the amendment. Motion/Second: Dan Curtis/Guillermo Colls. Nays: Raad Jerjis, Valerie Peterson, Asma Yassi. Abstentions: Joan Rettinger. **Motion Passes.**

Senate to approve version 1 of the resolution. Motion/Second: Marvelyn Bucky/Moriah Gonzalez-Meeks. Nays: Raad Jerjis, Rachele Panganiban, Asma Yassi. Abstentions: Joan Rettinger. **Motion Passes.**

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

- A. New faculty hires: Jessica Robinson informed the senate of the new faculty hires and changes. There have been 2 retirements putting our total faculty to 93 which is 2 short of our 95 faculty obligation therefore we will need to hire 2 additional faculty. After these hires any new retirees to fill will be pulled from the SP2023 list.
- B. CVC Exchange Update: Bri Brown reviewed the updates and purpose of the CVC exchange. The intention is to help students stay on track to complete programs on time by giving them options for getting classes. The CVC aligns with district goals and provides a streamlined, student-centered, pathway while also removing barriers and reinforcing student-centered culture. She also defined what it means to be a Home College which means that the college where a student is currently enrolled, is receiving financial aid, or where they are graduating from. Home colleges receive completion credit and Cuyamaca is officially a Home College from 1/31/2023. We are now in the process of becoming a Teaching College which would offer enrollment to CCC students and we will receive FTES for these students. July 2024 is the goal for becoming a Teaching College. There are multiple benefits including enrollment data and the ability to create fully online pathways. Next will be a marketing plan. There are concerns over impacted majors at SDSU due to the fact that they require 100% of units to come from the students’ service area.

Concerns we’re raised by several members of the senate. Raquel Jacob-Almeida noted that participating in the California Virtual Campus Exchange could cause the district to prioritize online classes over face-to-face classes due to the compensation tied to this program. Guillermo Colls agreed and there was a larger discussion about prioritizing money-making ventures with online classes over prioritizing our face-to-face students. This would create an equity issue for underserved students.

There was further discussion by Guillermo Colls, Moriah Gonzalez-Meeks, and Karen Marrujo over Curriculum processes that were not followed for the California Virtual Campus Home College implementation. This sets a bad precedent if the proper channels of consulting faculty are not being followed. These decisions are being finalized by the district without going through curriculum in summer when the faculty are off.

- C. Endorsing Cuyamaca College Values definitions: Katie Cabral reviewed the updates to our Cuyamaca values. The last time these were updated was before the pandemic. Mutual respect is

being added as a new value and all decisions being made at the college should be guided on these values. This will be an action item at the next meeting.

- D. Academic Senate meeting modalities: Manuel Mancillas-Gomez reviewed the meeting modalities with the senate. The current modality is AB 361 but this can only be used during a state of emergency. The current state of emergency is ending on February 28<sup>th</sup> therefore the senate will need to adopt a new modality to continue. The options are the original brown act where agenda must be posted at locations and addresses must be made public where anyone is attending the meeting remotely. The other option would be AB2449 which has several conditions including: just cause for anyone wishing to attend meeting remotely, this cannot exceed 2 meetings and the cause must be approved by the senate at each meeting, audio and video must be on at all times, and any minors in the room must be declared. AB 361 can be reinstated if a new emergency presents itself.

#### **IV. President's Report – Manuel Mancillas-Gomez –**

- A. Budget Allocation Task-Force: Manuel Mancillas-Gomez informed the senate of the meeting held by the task-force. This task-force met for the first time in 5 years. Due to enrollment drop at Grossmont College and enrollment increase at Cuyamaca, a budget allocation of \$1 million is being transferred from Grossmont to the Cuyamaca budget.
- B. Human Resources Advisory Council: Manuel Mancillas-Gomez informed the senate of the charge and composition update to the HRAC.
- C. Public Safety Council: This item was tabled for the next meeting by the Academic Senate President.
- D. Perkins Survey: Manuel Mancillas-Gomez shared an email from SOC to Eric Klein over concerns with the Perkins survey. Faculty had not been consulted about the survey and the faculty feel there are questions in the survey that are intrusive and invasive to students. They are also strongly opposed to asking instructors to implement the survey. They have asked for the survey to be removed entirely but there has not been a response yet.

- VII. Vice President Report ([Link](#))** – Karen Marrujo informed the senate of the latest appointments following our last Academic Senate meeting with 10 new faculty on hiring committees. She also informed the senate of all faculty hiring committees and opportunities. Karen included a PDF of the report with the list of openings and links to apply to any of those openings for senators to easily communicate the openings to their constituencies.

#### **VIII. Part-Time Officer-at-Large Report – None**

#### **IX. Committee Report – None**

- X. Public Comments** – Jane Gazale reminded the senate of the deadlines for curriculum updates. Goal is to keep aligned with Grossmont but all changes must be submitted to Julie. The April Board packet deadline is February 22<sup>nd</sup> and the May board packet deadline is March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Adjourned at 3:48pm