

Ventura College Academic Senate  
Minutes  
Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
3:30-5:00pm  
Multidiscipline Center West (MCW) – 312

I. Call to Order at 2:03pm. The following senators were present:

**Division: Visual Arts, Behavioral and Social Sciences and Languages**

Andrea Horigan (AH)--*absent*

Bill Hendricks (BH)

**Division: Health, Kinesiology, Athletics and Performing Arts**

Brent Wilson (BW)--*absent*

Terry Morris (TM)--*absent*

**Division: Sciences**

Kammy Algiers (KA)--*absent*

Malia Rose-Seisa (MRS)

Cari Lange (CL)--*absent*

Erin Brocker (EB)

**Division: English, Math & Learning Resources**

Gabe Arquilevich (GA)--*absent*

Chris Frederick (CF)

Jaclyn Walker (JW)

Donna Beatty (DB)

**Division: Career Education**

Joanna Capazzi (JC)--*absent*

Laura Woyach (LW)--*absent*

Heidi Dalton (HD)--*absent*

Deanna Hall (DH)--*absent*

**Division: Student Services**

Paula Munoz (PM)

Angelica Gonzales (AG)

## Curriculum Committee Liaison

Michael Bowen (MB)

## Senate Executive Team

Lydia Morales (President) (LM)

Philip Clinton (Vice-President) (PC)

Colleen Coffey (Secretary) (CC)

Stephanie Branca (Treasurer) (SB)

### II. Public Comments (3 mins)

Public Comments Pursuant to the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need any special accommodation or assistance to attend or participate in the meeting, please direct your written request, as far in advance of the meeting as possible, to Lydia Morales/Philip Clinton, 4667 Telegraph Road, Ventura CA, 93003.

### III. Acknowledgement of Guests: Marta de Jesus (Biology)

### IV. Informational Items

a. AFT Update (Peter Sezzi, Chief Negotiator) (5 min.) --PS updates the senators re: the state of negotiations.

b. Plans for student housing (5 min.)--PM: Brings evidence of the meetings that took place where the student housing issue was discussed. This was at the VC Area Council—Jay Moore presented a list of big ideas, where it might be located and how it might be promoted? April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes of the VC Area Council are read from. Susan Royer also mentioned that an RFP would be going out to look for a developer. Senators briefly discuss this.

c. Cell Phone and Public Records Act (5 min.)--LM presents an overview of this for senators' information. Senators briefly discuss this.

d. Compressed Calendar (5 min.)--MC got favorable input from Chancellor re: this calendar. Their senate passed a resolution re: this. LM heard from Steve Hall that this will not be included in this round of negotiations. PM is asking why MC didn't take this to AFT—calendar is a negotiable item. Further, VCCCD management has refused to negotiate a compressed calendar. LM replies that MC said they did consult with AFT. AG asks if this has been previously part of negotiations? Reply: AFT has tried to deal with it but faculty are divided about the desirability of this. e. Response to budget questions raised at October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. (Stephanie Branca, Treasurer) (5 min.)--this will be moved to next time (11/2 meeting).

V. President's Report—LM gives senators an overview of items VI (a) and (c) on this agenda. BOT report: at this most recent meeting she reported that faculty urged her to let the board know negative impact working without a contract has on their morale and to urge the board to help move this process along. Had our Area C meeting at MC last weekend. Got word about several of the bills signed by the governor including AB705 (discussed in this body last meeting). Also, she attended a "guided pathways" workshop on Monday. More information re: this will be forthcoming in the coming weeks. CMC asks about the Integrated Student Success Plan and why it is coming back so quickly—has the SSC already made its revisions per our suggestions? Reply: That committee made no revisions because they did not have time to revise the document and still meet their timelines.

## VI. Discussion Items

### a. AP/BP 7211(10 min.)--

LM updates senators re: the status of this process and AP/BP and about her conversations with the other two senate presidents. What is being considered now is this question: is any part of [Alex's] proposal to revise the process worth keeping? That is where we're at. Marta De Jesus (guest) speaks to this: this new process transfers way more work to the department faculty serving on the committee (referring to part 2b of the BP in particular). She has been serving on DWEC for a very long time. Biology is particularly tricky because almost no one gets a degree in Biological Sciences. She does not see how anyone outside of Biology could parse this out and know what is equivalent. LM replies: there is a "B" list of equivalencies that come up regularly that can hopefully be developed into some kind of tool for future reference. LM asks for specifics that she can share with the other two senate presidents. Marta replies that we should not be accepting anyone into our hiring pools who would not meet statewide minimum qualifications. SB raises issue that in Business it is completely different than biology in that the undergraduate degree is irrelevant, but the MBA is what matters (in Biology they need the person to have taken the undergraduate courses they have to teach). CMC says that Marta and Stephanie's perspectives demonstrate the value of having *discipline* faculty looking at equivalency. She has yet to hear an argument in favor of these changes that makes sense. PC offers these specifics for LM to take back to the other senate presidents: Better communication to faculty that need to weigh in on equivalency (and understanding that in summer you may not get a reply), and revise the list of contacts to get rid of the names of people who are no longer actively working. Marta: District should also require proof of degrees up front. Brief discussion about what screening is taking place at district HR-level vs. what screening individual committees are doing. AG shares that they received a file from HR that did not contain complete documents/transcripts and when they raised the issue with HR they got their hand slapped about it. Then when they went back, a completely different set of documents (including the complete transcript) was there. LM will take this commentary back to the other two senate presidents.

### b. AP 5030 Fees. (5 min.)--

AG: This is an issue of putting the cart before the horse. District has already entered into agreements with the high schools for dual enrollments. The health and other fees were waived. Issue was then raised about covering these students under liability insurance. BOT now looks foolish having made these agreements already—that is why there is a rush to pass this. Senators briefly discuss. It will come back in future as an action item.

### c. Resolution Re: Productivity and Course Archiving/Deletion (10 min.)--

CMC provides background information to senators about their directive to "take a stand" re: productivity and the consistent cancelling of classes. The approach outlined in this draft resolution was vetted with Peter Sezzi, our chief negotiator, who was in favor of this approach (i.e. ceasing the deletion/archiving of courses until such time as a two-year rotation schedule is implemented).

Discussion: SB was at BRC re: two-year rotation schedule. Some discussion in BRC about determining the fiscal implications of a two-year rotation schedule. BRC needs to be sure we can afford to do a two-year plan. Study might be necessary. AG: two-year schedule is part of the Integrated Plan. SB: Clarifies this *is* being prioritized as a goal within BRC. Senators further discuss the intention(s) of this resolution. MB: one of our priorities as the Curriculum Committee is to make our catalog accurate (this is potentially an accreditation issue). JW: What she hears is that the Curriculum Committee is worried about being exposed ("getting in trouble") if they are not doing their job. PC clarifies: this resolution is

the CC's "get out of jail free card" if administration is unhappy with them. LM: Brought this up at Admin Council (Keebler had our draft resolution in hand already)--this was much discussed. PC: This resolution is not a message to the Curriculum Committee—they should not conclude that it is; *it is a message to management.*

Meeting adjourned at 5:06pm.

VII. Action Items

- a. Approval minutes (10/5/2017) (2 min.)
- b. District Strategic Goals and Objective (3 min.)
- c. Campus Accommodation of Reservists Military Students' Service Obligations (5 min.)
- d. Integrated Student Success Plan (2<sup>nd</sup> reading) (5 min.)

VIII. Senate Subcommittees/Task Forces/Work Groups Reports

- a. Curriculum Committee updates (5 min)

IX. Campus Committees Reports

X. Announcements for the Good of the Order

XI. Requests for Future Agenda Items

XII. Adjournment