

Ventura College Academic Senate
Minutes
Thursday, August 17, 2017
3:30-5:00pm
Multidiscipline Center West (MCW) – 312

I. Call to Order at 2:06pm. The following senators were present:

Division: Visual Arts, Behavioral and Social Sciences and Languages

Andrea Horigan (AH)

Bill Hendricks (BH)

Division: Health, Kinesiology, Athletics and Performing Arts

Brent Wilson (BW)

Division: Sciences

Kammy Algiers (KA)

Malia Rose-Seisa (MRS)

Cari Lange (CL)

Division: English, Math & Learning Resources

Gabe Arquilevich (GA)

Chris Frederick (CF)

Jaclyn Walker (JW)

Donna Beatty (DB)

Division: Career Education

Deanna Hall (DH)

Joanna Capazzi (JC)

Heidi Dalton (HD)

Division: Student Services

Paula Munoz (PM)

Curriculum Committee Liason

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

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

Kaela Casey (Librarian); Roxanne Forde (CTE/Water Science); Peter Sezzi (AFT Chief Negotiator); Marta de Jesus (Sciences/Biology)

IV. Informational Items

a. Introduction of senators

b. AFT contract negotiations update (Peter H. Sezzi)--Provides senators with an update as to the state of negotiations. Next negotiations session is scheduled for 8/30. Next board meetings are 9/12 and 9/14 ("open house").

c. Review of 10+1—Lydia reviews the charge of the senate ("10+1") for the benefit of all senators and discussion ensues. Brief discussion of timing of senate meeting. Michael Bowen requests that curriculum committee report be scheduled for later in the meeting to accommodate his office hour on Thursday. Marta De Jesus brings up curriculum issue of CORs for Agribusiness that were written by outside consultants (this is within the purview of senate). Senators agree that this should not occur.

d. Dr. Greg Gillespie (time certain at 4pm)--He starts by presenting some of his draft goals (final versions of these will be presented to the BOT): 1) wrap up any outstanding issues re: accreditation; 2) continuing to emphasize and work on student needs for classes (access) including dual enrollment for HS students and online classes; 3) looking at whether there is a need for another off-site or satellite (such as exists at VCSP); and 4) a district-wide leadership academy is in discussion. CL asks for clarification re: "online thing". Reply: goal of previous chancellor was 20% of all offerings online. He is waiting for a report back from the district-wide committee re: what % is right-sized for online offerings. Then we need a plan to realize that goal and to support students. Further question re: pushing productivity via growing distance ed and cancelling classes that don't meet targets. Reply: part of this will be looking at data and metrics re: increasing access. Part of this is also waiting to see what the recommendation is re: % of online offerings. Talks about value of a two-year rotating schedule that each college commits to. This with an eye toward avoiding these last-minute class cancellations that we've seen in recent years. Further question re: allocation of funds. Reply: VCCCD allocation (from state) is based on FTES. **"It is not based on productivity."** CL requests that this point be emphasized in the minutes and other senators concur. SB brings up the poor marketing of VCCCD and that this is the root cause of falling short of "productivity" targets. Says one person does not constitute a marketing plan. At the district level, there has never been a comprehensive plan to market the colleges/brand. She asks: as our new chancellor, what is your plan to better market our colleges and our district? Reply: he agrees. One of the more frustrating things as VC President was the limited resources for this. One of the goals he has given to Patty is to develop a district-wide communication and marketing plan. He would also like to see professional input

around this issue. He absolutely wants to see "integrated efforts" in this regard. Statewide, enrollments decreased 3% last year; district-wide our enrollment grew 1%. MB raises concern re: provisions within Title V re: ability of students to complete the programs we have within a two-year period. We have been so focused on revenue that we may not be offering all the courses that students need to complete the programs. Reply: the whole purpose of the rolling two-year schedule (see above) is to address this very issue.

V. Action Items—Approval of governance committee membership--This will be taken up at next meeting.

VI. Discussion Items

a. Review Senate goals 2016/2017 (close the loop)--This will be taken up at next meeting.

b. Set Senate goals 2017/2018--This will be taken up at next meeting.

c. Curriculum Committee update & discussion re: membership (Michael Bowen)--MB provides a brief update re: CC; discussion re: membership will be taken up as a discussion item at the next meeting.

d. DWEC (District-Wide Equivalency Committee) composition/process. LM provided a quick overview of where Alex (former senate president) left off in this process. This will be an action item at the next senate meeting.

Adjourned at 5:00pm.

VII. President's Report

VIII. Senate Subcommittees/Task Forces/Work Groups Reports

IX. Campus Committees Reports

X. Announcements for the Good of the Order

XI. Requests for Future Agenda Items

XII. Adjournment