

Ventura College Academic Senate

Minutes

Thursday, March 15th, 2018

3:30-5:00pm

Multidiscipline Center West (MCW) – 312

I. Call to Order at 3:31pm. The following senators were present:

Division: Visual Arts, Behavioral and Social Sciences and Languages

Andrea Horigan (AH)

Bill Hendricks (BH)--*absent*

Division: Health, Kinesiology, Athletics and Performing Arts

Brent Wilson (BW)--*absent*

Terry Morris (TM)

Division: Sciences

Kammy Algiers (KA)

Malia Rose-Seisa (MRS)--*absent*

Hugh O'Neill (HO'N)

Cari Lange (CL)

Erin Brocker (EB)--*absent*

Division: English, Math & Learning Resources

Gabe Arquilevich (GA)--*absent*

Chris Frederick (CF)

Jaclyn Walker (JW)

Donna Beatty (DB)

Division: Career Education

Roxanne Forde (RF)

Laura Woyach (LW)--*absent*

Heidi Dalton (HD)--*absent*

Deanna Hall (DH)

Division: Student Services

Paula Munoz (PM)

Angelica Gonzales (AG)

Dan Walsh (DW)

Curriculum Committee Liaison

Michael Bowen (MB)

Senate Executive Council

Lydia Morales (President) (LM)

Philip Clinton (Vice-President) (PC)

Colleen Coffey (Secretary) (CC)

Stephanie Branca (Treasurer) (SB)

II. Public Comments (3 mins)

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Dr. Keebler is here, thanks senate for their deliberations and ultimate approval of the Guided Pathways initiative. Asks them to consider and help advise him on how best he can help prepare the incoming administration on these issues. He would like to be an agenda item on future meeting agendas.

LM: Dan Walsh has been elected by the counseling department as their 3rd representative (because they have more than 30 in their department).

III. Acknowledgement of Guests: Dr. David Keeber (President); GiGi Fiumerodo (Anthropology); Phillip Briggs (Dean of Institutional Effectiveness)

IV. Informational Items

a. Diversity in culture task force (GiGi): Informs/reminds senators about the event coming up on April 11/12. There is a dedicated website for this: venturacollege.edu/diversityfest

b. Dual enrolment (Gabe): JW: Dual enrollment at Fillmore High has been a disaster. English department has made the decision that they are not doing this. Kim has been supportive of this decision.

ASIDE: CL: Brings up the District offering classes issue and believes that this should be an action item on the agenda. In the meantime, asks if District still moving forward?

c. Guided Pathways Update (Colleen): CMC & LM update senators on the status of this project. This will be an on-going concern/agenda item.

d. Forum(s) for Presidential finalists: 5/4 and 5/11 have been suggested for this to be scheduled. Final date(s) will be forthcoming.

V. Action Items

a. Approval minutes (3/1/2018): Motion by AH; 2nd by CL. Discussion: none. Vote: all but 3 abstentions.

b. Strategic plan (2nd Reading): Motion by AG; 2nd by DB. Discussion: PB has made the revisions that were suggested by this body. He reviews these with the senators. Vote: all but 3 abstentions.

VI. Discussion Items

a. Treasurer Update (Stephanie): SB gives senators an update re: senate account balances and also information re: senate scholarships and the funding for those. Senators ask questions/make suggestions about the senate scholarship process. **Exec. council will take up the issue of a faculty party or mixer or whatever (which would take some senate funds) at their next meeting, and bring back to the senate.**

VII. President's Report: DCHR report is provided to senators by PM (LM could not be at the most recent meeting of this committee).

DTRWI: CourseLeaf is going to replace Curricunet. This is moving forward.

DCAS: No update re: governor's budget proposal at this point. At February meeting, PHS had brought forward a resolution opposing the online college that the state is proposing. When LM went to plenary in Nov, the statewide senate had 5 resolutions opposing this, so it has been opposed. PHS's resolution failed at DCAS (because it was not viewed as not an appropriate venue for this resolution). But LM emphasizes that the state senate *has opposed this* (i.e. a campus-level motion is somewhat redundant in any event.) PHS will present this to the BOT.

AB705 Workshop Attended: Main takeaway from this law: we have to prove that student will *not* be successful in a transfer level class, rather than student having to prove (through testing, grades, etc.) that they *are* ready for a transfer level class.

VIII. Senate Subcommittees/Task Forces/Work Groups Reports

- a. Curriculum Committee updates (Michael): Distributes a written report to the senators.
- b. BRC (Stephanie): **Handout from BRC will be put on next agenda/packet so senators can review and provide feedback.**
- c. DE (Colleen): Spoke to Matthew Moore re: the senate's concern/question about why Canvas shells cannot be merged. Received in reply a detailed email from Matthew Moore re: why not to merge Canvas shells. **Will put this info on agenda and in packet on next meeting.**
- d. SSC (Philip): Had a special meeting yesterday to approve the RFP process and will next rank requests for monies. This then moves to the exec board for final decision-making. Big takeaway: finally being established a process for how money is divided up.

IX. Announcements for the Good of the Order.

X. Requests for Future Agenda Items

XI. Adjournment at 4:56pm.