

**Ventura College Academic Senate  
Minutes  
Thursday, October 17, 2013  
1:30 – 3:30 p.m. MCW – 312**

- I. Called to order at 1:33pm. The following senators were present:

Coffey, Colleen--Senate Secretary  
Diaz, Rosie--ASVC Student Senator for External Affairs  
Enfield-Martin, Amanda--English and Learning Resources  
Forde, Richard—Career and Technical Education  
Kim, Henny--English and Learning Resources  
Kolesnik, Alex--Mathematics and Sciences  
Mules, Ron--Behavioral Sciences  
Sandford, Art--Senate President  
Sezzi, Peter--Senate Vice President  
Sha, Saliha--Mathematics and Sciences  
Wendt, Patty—Student Services

The following guests were present:

Moore, Jay--VC M & O  
Bricker, Susan—VC Registrar

- II. Public Comments—none.
- III. Acknowledgement of Guests—Mr. Moore spoke to the senators regarding the cabinetry in MCE. He also updated the senators regarding pending M & O projects on campus and landscaping. Ms. Bricker spoke to the senators regarding action item V (a)—see details below.
- IV. Approval of minutes
- a. October 3, 2013—Motion by Wendt, seconded by Sha. Vote: 11-0-0.
- V. Action Items
- a. BP/AP 5055 (Re: enrollment priority)—Ms. Bricker spoke to the senators regarding this policy. VC implemented enrollment priority system two years ago. They are making some adjustments to this effective fall 2014. Policy beginning two years ago was 75 units or more and students lose their enrollment priority (i.e. they go to the back of the registration line). Certain students in high unit majors, etc., could appeal this and be exempted. State has now passed their mandated enrollment priorities. State has set 100 maximum unit cap. VC ultimately decided on a max unit cap of 90. This fits with financial aid cap that is same (i.e. post-90 units students must appeal for continued funds). Senators reviewed BP/AP 5055.

Motion to approve first reading of BP/AP 5055 by Forde, seconded by Sezzi.

Discussion: Wendt asked if there was an appeals process—Bricker said, yes. Sezzi raised concern that high school admissions priorities ought to be further specified in this policy to avoid confusion (i.e. the policy ought to specify that that juniors & seniors register before students at 10<sup>th</sup> grade or below). Kolesnik suggested that the policy specify the MOU that exists

between VC & El Camino HS. Wendt added that the existence of an appeals process ought to be specified or at least referred to on this policy. Vote: 11-0-0

b. Resolution re: child care center (1<sup>st</sup> reading)—This was tabled.

c. Joint resolution re: cafeteria—Motion by Diaz, second by Mules. Vote 11-0-0.

d. “Making Decisions at Ventura College” (1<sup>st</sup> reading)—Senators reviewed senate by-laws article IV (committees and task forces) alongside this document to identify inconsistencies. Discussion will be continued at next meeting.

e. VCCCD Decision-Making Handbook (Formerly the participatory governance handbook)—Senators review this document. Sezzi remarked on the District Emergency Study Session. Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings by Kolesnik, seconded by Coffey, Vote 10-0-1.

VI. Study Sessions

a. Copyright and Fair Use—this will be discussed at the next senate meeting on 11/7/2013.

VII. President’s Report—Sandford spoke to senators re: Student Success Act and the connection between funding and documentable success in the areas specified. This is 60% of matriculation funds. Mules asked how this act might impact VC “Promise” students. Wendt said that the “Promise” process will be more vetted going forward to conform. Sandford also spoke re: Senate bill 440 re: transfer degrees and its implementation timeline. Senators discussed the program review budget for 2013/14.

VIII. Senate Subcommittee Reports—Sezzi reported re: Curriculum Committee. CC has approved new degrees in dance. There is a proposal to increase English VO1B to 4 units—this was tabled until CC’s next meeting.

IX. Campus Committee Reports—None.

X. Information Items

a. Senate dues drive—Sezzi said that the dues drive will be 10/21/2013 through 1<sup>st</sup> week in Nov. Dues are voluntary. A flyer will be placed in faculty mailboxes. There is an auto payroll deduction if faculty choose that option. Dues money supports student scholarships and senate operations.

X. Announcements for the Good of the Order-- Nov 7<sup>th</sup> fall plenary session of academic senate will take place. Sandford will be there. Meeting on 11/7<sup>th</sup> may be cancelled. Wendt reported that for this school year learning disability assessment will not be back at VC. Sandford shared the Art Department’s new gallery schedule. Diaz announced auditions for VC’s Got Talent taking place 11/4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. Show is Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. ICC Carnival is 10/30/2013.

XI. Adjournment at 3:13.