**Ventura College Academic Senate**
**Minutes**

**Thursday, October 18, 2018**

**3:30-5:00pm**

**Multidiscipline Center West (MCW) – 312**

I. Call to Order at 3:34pm. The following senators were present:

Division: Visual Arts, Behavioral and Social Sciences and Languages

Bill Hendricks (BH)

Division: Health, Kinesiology, Athletics and Performing Arts

Brent Wilson (BW)

Mary McDonough-Giles (MMG)

Division: Sciences
Kammy Algiers (KA) --absent
Cari Lange (CL)
Erin Brocker (EB)

Hugh O’Neill

Division: English, Math & Learning Resources
Gabe Arquilevich (GA)
Chris Frederick (CF)

Jaclyn Walker (JW)
Donna Beatty (DB)--absent

Division: Career Education

Roxanne Forde (RF)
Deanna Hall (DH)

Laura Woyach (LW)

Division: Student Services
Paula Munoz (PM)

Gema Sanchez (GS)

Yia Vang (YV) --absent

Curriculum Committee Liaison

Michael Bowen (MB)

Senate Executive Team
Lydia Morales (President) (LM)

Philip Clinton (Vice-President) (PC) --absent

Colleen Coffey (Secretary) (CC)

Stephanie Branca (Treasurer) (SB)

II. Public Comments

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Public comment re: upcoming AFT general membership meeting.

Public comment re: mariposas to support Dreamers.

Public comment re: math department’s enrollment practices.

III. Acknowledgement of Guests: None.

IV. Informational Items

a. Guided Pathways (Colleen): Reminds faculty of Dec. 3 roundtable meeting. Also: looking for departments/faculty to do some work on program mapping (to be early adopters).

V. Action Items

a. Approval of minutes (10/4/18): Motion by BH; 2nd by RF. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous with 2 abstentions.

b. Final approval of committee membership: Motion to approve RF; 2nd by CL. Discussion: Peter Sezzi will join the Guided Pathways Stewards committee. Stephanie will be co-chair of BRC. Rachel Johnson will co-chair SSC. Mary \_\_\_\_ will be joining SSC in Will Cowen’s place. Question re: alternates: do they need to be chosen (i.e. a one-time replacement)? Answer: if someone cannot come, they just appoint a sub. A permanent replacement would be different—that would have to be appointed. Vote: unanimous.

VI. Discussion Items

a. Update Re: Senate Elections (Philip): Update by LW. Ballot box will be in LRC 107 (the BEACH—part-time faculty mailroom) beginning Monday morning 10/22 at 8:30 until noon on Friday 10/26. LM will send an informative email to all faculty with candidate statements, etc.

Discussion digresses to how mixed-up the system of mailboxes is. Elections committee has discovered first-hand the difficulty of delivering mail. **Senators would like this to be addressed.**

b. Best Practices for Evaluating DE classes (Stephanie): DE Committee put together a best practices tool to help with the evaluating of online classes. This is still in draft form—senate is welcome to offer commentary/feedback on this tool. Its use is optional. Question about whether this form is contractural? Answer: it is not, but the tool does have references to contract specifics. Some discussion about alignment (or not) between contract and what we are doing in DE. **This needs to be agendized for a future meeting—further discussion needed. LM will distribute this to all faculty making sure to emphasize that this is OPTIONAL and NOT a done deal at all.**

c. ASCCC Resolutions: LM reviews these with senators. Concern raised about #9 –what are the implications for financial aid? LM will look into this re: auto-awarding of degrees and certificates.

d. Best Practices for Waitlists and Setting Class Enrollment Caps: *not addressed for lack of time.*

e. Sub-Committee Report Out Re: Faculty Professional Development: *not addressed for lack of time.*

VII. President’s Report (time certain at 4:40pm):

Statewide Concerns: 10% of the 114 colleges have already put forward resolutions of no confidence in statewide chancellor. LM might be asked to vote on this at the statewide plenary. 3 most controversial: AB 705, new funding model, and Guided Pathways are biggest issues. These all emanated from the state Chancellor’s office (and then went to the legislature). Online statewide college is also hugely controversial. Straw poll of senators: if LM is asked to vote on this at plenary, what is the will of the senate? Senators overwhelming vote (straw poll) no confidence in Oakley.

She will send the senators a Power Point from the webinar she attended this a.m. re: Guided Pathways.

Local concerns: Assistant Dean position for East Campus. These decisions have been made very quickly and within the Chancellor’s circles. Funded out of Equity money. Senators discuss.

Meeting adjourns at 5:00pm.

VIII. Senate Subcommittees/Task Forces/Work Groups Reports

a. Treasurer’s Report (Stephanie)

b. Curriculum Committee updates (Michael)

c. DE (Colleen)

d. CTE liaison report (Deanna Hall)

IX. Announcements for the Good of the Order

X. Requests for Future Agenda Items

XI. Adjournment