**Ventura College Academic Senate**

**Senate As A Whole Meeting (Flex Day 2016)**

**Minutes**

**Tuesday, August 16th, 2016**

**12:00-12:30pm**

**Performing Arts Center**

Call to Order at 12:04pm

I. Public Comments

1. Bea Herrera: She would like to continue discussion within the Senate of the “Making Recommendations/Making Decisions” document before the upcoming accreditation visit. AK replies that this document was approved by the Senate already and is valid through 2018. Bea also raises the concern of classes being cancelled, sometimes with 20+ students enrolled. She wants the Senate to make inquiry into this.
2. Lydia Cosentino: Would like to see discussion of the role of the Senate re: the acclimation of new (particularly) full-time faculty. Suggestion made to include this idea in senate goals for the year.

II. Informational Items

1. Senate awards 2016 announced and certificates distributed. Faculty: Corinna McKoy, Roxanne Forde, Stacy Sloan-Graham, Larry Baratte, and Colleen Coffey are honored.
2. Introduction of Senate Executive Council and returning/prospective senators. Paula Munoz, Bill Hendrix and Heidi Dalton will serve again.
3. Senate meetings: AK reminds faculty of Senate meeting schedule (to wit: 1st & 3rd Thursdays from 2-4pm).
4. Committees on campus/making recommendations: AK urges all faculty to sign up for the senate and/or its many sub-committees.
5. Equivalency process: AK updates faculty re: this process. Equivalency is a senate responsibility. The state publishes min. quals. Each year but there is a process to change (via the state academic senate). We also have a local process. AK urges faculty to serve when they receive District emails re: equivalency. “This is a faculty role—it is something we all need to do.”
6. Discussion Items
   1. Senate goals 2016-17: Paula Munoz would like to see the Senate take an advocacy and leadership role; to mentor new faculty to not only serve but to speak up on committees. Lydia Cosentino would like the Senate to take a leadership role in training new faculty each year in the 10+1.

Ann Bittl moves to adjourn. Richard Goff seconds. Unanimous. Adjourned at 12:17pm.