Ventura College Academic Senate
Minutes
Thursday, November 5, 2020
3:30 - 5:00 pm
Meeting held via Zoom https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/94303167532

VENTURA COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE MEMBERS		
Constituency	**Representative**	**Attended**
President	Dan Clark	*At fall plenary*
Vice President	Preston Pipal	*At fall plenary*
Treasurer	Andrea Horigan	X
Secretary	Colleen Coffey	X
Curriculum	Michael Bowen	X
Career Education: Business, Child Development, Criminal Justice, Allied Health and Nursing (3 Faculty Reps)	Deanna Hall	X
	Stephanie Branca (Fall) Rachel Johnson (Spring)	X
	Lazaro Salinas	X
Career Education: Technology and Workplace Essentials (1 Faculty Rep)	Dorothy Farias	X
English, Math, and Communication (5 Faculty Reps)	Jaclyn Walker	X
	Chris Frederick	X
	Heather Ledwig-Aguailar	X
	Donna Beatty	
	John Guelcher	
Health, Kinesiology, Athletics, and Performing Arts (2 Faculty Reps)	Nathan Cole	X
	Mary McDonough	
Library, Languages, Behavioral & Social Sciences, Visual Arts (4 Faculty Rep)	Ron Mules	X
	Michael Ward	
	Bill Hendricks	X
	Linda Kennedy	X
Sciences and Distance Education (3 Faculty Reps)	Kammy Algiers	X
	Erin Brocker	X
	Marta De Jesus	X
Self-Nominated Part-Time Faculty Member	Greg Cooper	X

Student Services (4 Faculty Reps)	Paula Munoz	X
	Gema Espinoza Sanchez	X
	Marian Carrasco Nungaray	X
	Marcelino De Cierdo	

1. Call to Order

1.01 Call to Order

2. Adoption of the agenda.

2.01 Adoption of the agenda—Motion by KA; 2nd by SB. Vote: 17 yes-0 no-7 abstain

3. Acknowledgement of Guests

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4. Public Comments

4.01 Public Comments are limited to two minutes. Please note that discussion following a public comment is not allowed. --None.

5. Action Items

5.01 Approval of 10/15 meeting minutes.--Motion by CC; 2nd by RM. Comments/changes--none. Vote: 16 yes-0 no-2 abstain.

5.02 2nd Reading of Black Lives Matter Resolution—Motion by MDJ; 2nd by KA. Discussion: Correction to clause 4—"Whereas" as is awkward. Can we put "we" as the next word after that "Whereas." Other suggestion: "Or just, Whereas, faculty have a responsibility" On first resolved: are we a singular entity or a plural entity? Because that effects the word "declare". On 2nd whereas, if we're treating ourselves as a singular, we also need to change "condemn" and "supports" Amended motion to approve with these grammatical changes by MDJ; 2nd of amended motion by KA. Senate exec needs to figure out if it's "we" or faculty, and to clean up the grammar. Vote: 18 yes-0 no-1 abstain.

5.03 1st Reading of 2020-20203 Strategic Plan Update—Motion to postpone by CC; 2nd by PM. Discussion: None. Vote: 19 yes-0 no-0 abstain.

6. Committee Reports

Committee reports are limited to two minutes per report. Additional information may be submitted as a written report and posted to the Academic Senate website.

6.01 Curriculum Committee (Michael)--MB gave an overview of this report and it was emailed to all senators.

6.02 BRC (Andrea)--AH gives this report. Expected 10% budget reduction. Hope of admin is to not eliminate any positions but we will have to wait and see.

6.03 Guided Pathways—EB gives this report. This committee will meet this Friday to go over survey results from the GP retreat.

6.04 CTE liaison report (Deanna Hall)--DH gives this report. SCCRC is doing regional proposals differently this year, giving colleges the ability to opt-in to regional programming. Strategic plan should be completed in Dec/Jan.

6.05 Treasurer's Report (Andrea) --AH gives this report. Still searching for a person to fill the position that Brenda used to have.

6.06 OER Report (Andrea) --AH gives this report. Everything is put into the Canvas shell re: OER.

6.07 DE (Colleen)--Meeting happening next week.

6.08 Faculty PD Committee (Colleen) --KA gives this report. PDCC is almost done planning for Jan. Flex. Send ideas for April flex to KA or CC—that's next thing PDCC will be working on.

7. Academic Senate President's Report

7.01 Ventura College Meetings

7.02 District Meetings

7.03 Board of Trustees

7.04 ASCCC Updates

8. Informational Items

These items are intended to provide brief updates or reports of activities. If the Senate wishes to debate an item presented as information, they may request that it be placed on an agenda at future meeting as an action or discussion item.

8.01 Senate Elections (Linda Kennedy)--LK gives this update.
https://sites.google.com/view/vcelections/home

Election will be held 16-20. JW how do we reach faculty to explain why they're getting a blank ballot—all write in. There is a lot of "education" around this that will need to take place between now and 16th.

8.02 Faculty Hiring Prioritization Process—Faculty discuss their frustration with going through the motions to complete program review, and then to have that work just tossed out and admin makes their own decisions. Discussion about inadequate explanation as to why decisions are being made (I.e. that don't conform with committee recommendations). Suggestion that admin should make budget information available so that departments know what is on the table/available before they undertake this kind of work. Also: why isn't out campus writing grant applications?

Discussion devolves to the recent *attempt* by HR to run a lottery. Senators want to discuss this and have some clarification about this.

8.03 New Ethnic Studies department-- VC has decided that this is being created this academic year. AH tells senators to keep watch on their email to join the conversations around this.

8.04 Chancellor Request for Faculty Needs—Email went out to all faculty re: Greg's request for faculty needs. Senators can let Dan know. We'll add this next agenda as a discussion item.

8.05 Ventura College Career and Major Communities (Guided Pathways Meta-major groupings)--No one has information about this—agendize at next meeting.

9. Discussion Items

These items are a chance for the Senate to discuss and debate issues. This may lead to action at a future meeting or provide the President with direction for discussions with the Administration, State Academic Senate, or other bodies.

9.01 Proposed Changes to the Academic Senate Constitution and Bylaws—Motion to move to next meeting by NC.

9.02 Class Size and Waitlists—In packet senators have links to how other colleges handle this. Senate exec needs input from senators about how we want to proceed. Suggestion to create an ad hoc position. Suggestion to add this to our contract—that that would be the strongest position. Comment that AFT is way to go but in the interim...enrollment management committee may be answer (Santiago, Bakersfield). Suggestion: Need a commitment to a two-three-year course offerings (I.e. so students can obtain their degrees). Suggestion: Faculty should stick to their caps—don't make that class bigger.

Suggestion: The senate should also see the collection of data about caps presented to department chairs and coordinators.⌈P⌉SEP

Suggestion: EM committee could make recommendations to AFT. Suggestion that it be a senate committee with AFT rep on it, and have the committee meet by iteself and then with admin separately (I.e. like the Dept Chairs do). AH asks senators to please email Dan if they are interested in serving on this committee.

Quick student success committee update: Still don't have the SEA budget. SEA plan focus on instruction side of the house. Hoping to have an Equity Summit at some point in the spring. Short discussion about strategies to obtain the budget info committee needs.

9.03 Strategic Plan Update

9.04 VC Equity, Race & Action Force (standing item)

9.05 Student Success Committee Charge

10. For the Good of the Order

10.01 AFT Update (Ty Gardner)--AFT Exec meeting tomorrow. Email any items to Ty, Paula or Bea.

10.02 Upcoming ASCCC Events (https://asccc.org/calendar/list/events)

11. Requests for Future Agenda Items

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12. Adjournment

12.01 Adjournment at 5:05pm

Academic Senate's primary function is to make recommendations with respect to academic and professional matters specifically the following policy development and implementation matters:

1. Curriculum, including establishing prerequisites
2. Degree & Certificate Requirements
3. Grading Policies
4. Educational Program Development
5. Standards & Policies regarding Student Preparation and Success
6. College governance structures, as related to faculty roles
7. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation process
8. Policies for faculty professional development activities
9. Processes for program review
10. Processes for institutional planning and budget development

+ Other academic and professional matters as mutually agreed upon.