



OFFICIAL MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Academic Senate President, Leila Safaralian, respectfully acknowledged that MiraCosta is on the traditional territory of the Luiseño/Payómkawichum people. Today, the meeting place of MiraCosta College and its surrounding areas is still home to the six federally recognized bands of the La Jolla, Pala, Pauma, Pechanga, Rincon, Soboba Luiseño/Payómkawichum people. It is also important to acknowledge that this land remains the shared space among Kumeyaay and Ipai peoples. In addition, we pay respect to elders both present and past, the respected keepers of history, culture, wisdom and knowledge. The meeting was called to order at **1:00pm**.

II. Remote Member Attendance

Description: *Academic Senate will consider remote participation of members under the provisions of AB2449, if any.*

No one requested remote participation under the provisions of AB2449.

III. Roll Call

Members present: Robin Allyn (Coordinating Officer), Karla Cordero, Shawn Firouzian, Genevieve Griffin, Jim Julius, Delores Loedel, Don Love, curry mitchell (Vice President), Tyrone Nagai, Candy Owens, Brian Page, Hossein Ravanbaksh, Leila Safaralian (President), Krista Warren

Members absent: Angela Beltran-Aguilar, Sunny Cooke (ex-officio)

Others present: Krista Byrd, Sonia Gutierrez, Denée Pescarmona, Michael Potterf

IV. Persons Wishing to Address the Senate

Members of the public shall have an opportunity to address the committee either before or during the committee's consideration of each item of business to be discussed at regular or special committee meetings, including closed session items. In addition, with limited exceptions, the committee will provide an opportunity at regular meetings to address the committee on any other item of interest which is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Academic Senate. In order to efficiently manage the business of the committee, the committee chair may limit the amount of time allocated for public testimony for each individual speaker to three (3) minutes, and to limit the total time allocated on a particular issue to fifteen (15), unless waived by the committee (pursuant to Board Policy 2345). Decorum is to be expected by all members of the committee and public as outlined in Board Policy 2355.

Krista Warren wanted to inform Academic Senate that when she addresses the Senate about working conditions it is because the union believes working conditions are student learning conditions.

V. Changes to Agenda Order – None.

VI. Consent Calendar

A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2022

B. Ratify Changes to the 2022-23 Office Assignments List

Description: *New nursing faculty member, Jenna Magallanes, has been assigned to office OC4410.*

C. Ratify Changes to the 2022-23 Committee Assignments List

Description: *In accordance with Academic Senate Rules, if a subcommittee member resigns, the Academic Senate President may appoint a member to replace that position if necessary. Upon the resignation of Gilbert Neri, the AS President has appointed Krista Byrd to fill this position for the spring 2023 semester. Upon the resignation of Allison Perkins from the Faculty Awards Subcommittee, Eduardo Mariscal has been appointed to fill this spot.*

D. Approve One Equivalency Request for Music

The consent calendar was approved by unanimous consent.

Safaralian thanked Gilbert Neri for his service on Academic Senate and Krista Byrd for her willingness to step up into his position for the spring semester. It was also noted that because Alison Perkins resigned from the Awards Committee, Eduardo Mariscal was thanked for accepting the position.

VII. Reports

A. Academic Senate President

Academic Senate President, Leila Safaralian, thanked PDP for all the workshops put together during Flex week and to Aaron Roberts and his team. Yesterday, in the Cultivating Human Connection, a collaboration between AS and CS, more than 200 people attended. It is the goal to put this on each spring. Thanks to Jim Sullivan, Bea Palmer, Sean Davis, Curry Mitchell, and Debby Adler. Look for an email in February concerning the Joyful Teacher one-year position for fall 2023 and spring 2024. For more information about the position, the last FA agenda had the MOU attached to it. By the end of February, Pescarmona, Safaralian, and Roberts will select the faculty member for this position. Election for AS officers and senators is coming up in February. Open positions will be available for a president-elect, coordinating officer for a full-time faculty member, four full-time faculty Senator positions, and four associate faculty Senator positions. It was also noted that members who are finishing their terms can be re-elected for another term.

B. College Superintendent/President

Vice President of Instruction, Denée Pescarmona, reported on behalf of Sunny Cooke in her absence. To echo Dr. Cooke's words, we are starting this semester with joy and gratitude yet, there is still some anxiety. Dr. Cooke couldn't be here today because she was receiving \$1M from Congressman Mike Levin for short-term vocational training through the TCI. Thanked all for the service you are doing. There is a lot of construction which leads to change, flux, and uncertainty but all leading towards futures work centered around our students.

On instruction side, giving a heads up that the college is experiencing huge influx of fraudulent enrollment in credit fully online classes. They have dropped over 200 students from 1,000 classes yesterday. Help is needed from faculty to: 1. drop students not in your class, especially online; (if student shows up, they can always be added back into the class), and 2. Students Services and Instructional Services are working on a one-stop place to report who you think is a fraudulent student by developing an online form. Drops are regular drops, but the form is if you feel the student is fraudulent. They are looking for patterns which will be shared with faculty. They are all signed up for more than 12 units. Senators are encouraged to reiterate to their constituents how important it is to drop students. Julius mentioned that it has been noticed that some fraudulent students do it in a way that is nonsensical such as gibberish in a discussion board. These students are trying to not get dropped in order to engage in financial aid fraud. Faculty can do a CARE referral. On Monday morning Pescarmona will send a brief email talking about this.

When asked, it was noted that the replacement space for the AF annex is being worked on currently with Tim Flood to identify a permanent space.

It was further noted that enrollment is flat with last spring.

C. Classified Senate

No report.

D. Associated Student Government

ASG, Public Relations, Michael Potterf, indicated that ASG is trying to model what faculty have with trainings and this week they had trainings tailored to requests from each of their student government members. One week from today, members of ASG will be going to college in SD for a tightrope walking leadership retreat. Potterf is excited to bring more updates moving forward and offered appreciation to all as they welcome students back to campus.

E. Redesigning the Student Experience – Askernese and/or Ha

No report.

VIII. Old Business

A. AP5300: Student Equity - Stewart

Description: *In accordance with the District's review cycle for administrative procedures, AP5300 has been updated and is being routed to Academic Senate as part of the routing process. This is a second read.*

MSU (Julius / Loedel) to approve AP5300: Student Equity as presented.

B. BP5300: Student Equity - Stewart

Description: *In accordance with the District's review cycle for board policies, BP5300 has been updated and is being routed to Academic Senate as part of the routing process. This is a second read.*

MSU (Ravanbaksh / Owens) to approve BP5300: Student Equity as presented.

C. Latin Honors – Ingato

Description: *Faculty in the biomanufacturing bachelor's degree program would like to include Latin honors for their graduates. This presentation covered the importance of Latin honors for the bachelor's degree students and the proposed criteria that students will need to meet to earn the honors. This proposal received support from the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) during its most recent meeting.*

MSU (Firouzian / Griffin) to approve including Latin honors for the biomanufacturing bachelor's degree program graduates.

It was noted that Latin Honors has nothing to do with Latin students. Any student can apply. This can be extended to recipients of associate degrees, but it needs to be a separate proposal by reaching out to the Academic Affairs Committee to start the procedure.

D. Guidelines for AB 2449 – Cooke, Safaralian

Description: *Dr. Cooke worked with legal counsel to assist Academic Senate in creating a set of guidelines for Brown Act committees.*

MSU (Julius / Warren) to approve the guidelines for Brown Act governance committees under the provisions of AB 2449.

The document presented shows how to include remote participation on the agenda and the minutes in accordance with AB 2449. Discussed the differences between emergency situations and Just Cause, noting there is an overlap between the two. If a committee member can let's their committee leadership know ahead of time if they have Just Cause, they can attend the meeting remotely. It is advised that if you are sick, to simply be absent from the meeting. Remote attendance is allowed 20% of the meetings during the year and cannot be three times in a row. If a committee chair needs to use a Hyflex room, ITS would be available to train them. SAN has the OWL system. Contact the folks at CLC to help with their Hyflex rooms.

IX. Senator Reports

Jim Julius noted the hot topic of AI. There was a flex workshop on Tuesday of this week. Departments are also having discussions about this. There will be an ongoing series of discussions this spring. It is more about understanding how it changes the picture of how students are learning. If there is doubt about a student's understanding of material, one solution might be to have an oral conversation with that student to illuminate that it is something they really understand.

Sonia Gutierrez introduced herself from the Letter's Department and part of the DEqCC communication liaison taskforce. She will be joining AS for information and reporting back.

Tyrone Nagai discussed funding availability for zero textbook costs. Important to recognize that this can be done more on a course, program, or department level rather than an individual basis.

Michael Potterf thanked those who work on SLOs. He looks at those as a grounding compass going through the semester and serves to help to refocus and is very valuable.

curry mitchell noted he and Luke Lara worked alongside the FA, and associate faculty union, and AS to launch a survey for Hyflex last semester with 147 respondents. Lara has created numerical data and curry is looking at the qualitative data. They will share with FA, then AS, and the AF union. Tim Flood would also like to see the data. They will, perhaps, share and address short-term needs and the survey will help with long-term needs regarding working condition issues and professional development training as well as, room design.

Leila Safaralian advised that spring is the busiest time for AS. She will let everyone know what their roll will be in doing the work of AS. Committee assignments are coming up in March, office assignments, as well as ABs and laws from the Chancellor's office.

Robin Allyn announced that the Awards Committee has received several applications for the Stanback Stroud Diversity Award from ASCCC and they will be reviewing those applications and forwarding them for the next AS meeting. In early February think about nominating someone for the Leon Baradat Award. Further, for the first time MCC will be recognizing associate faculty for their years of service at the Spring Celebration of Excellence on April 21st. The Newsletter is being worked on and she will reach out to committee chairs to share what is going on with their committees.

Sean Firouzian noted that Robin Allyn is also the work-based learning coordinator. He would like ACPs to come to AS and showcase their work on campus. He is hoping to interview unknown faculty and will share a video for the minutes. Has worked with Zhenya Lindstrom on dual enrollment and brings a lot of stakeholders to the table with good pathways.

Hossein Ravanbaksh thanked everyone for the for the Cultivating Human Connections event yesterday.

Genevieve Griffin is a new member of AS and looks forward to attending and learning from everyone. Krista Warren mentioned the Tuesday Flex workshops on Tuesday for AF. There was a good turnout for the state of the senate meeting. She thanked Safaralian for attending and noted John Thomford and Shannon Myers talked about SLOs. The meeting was recorded and can be viewed on the Flex schedule. Don Love spoke of Umoja and the number of people who popped in who have never showed up for in-person before. Umoja listserv puts out a weekly newsletter and all are encouraged to sign up for it. Monday at 1:30, they will have their kickoff even which is a great opportunity to meet students. Students need to meet faculty face-to-face. Next month is black history month; encourage students to attend. Karla Cordero will be teaching creative writing this semester. In collaboration with the Letter's department, service learning, social justice, equity, and a nonprofit that historically serves underserved youth, they will be hosting four free virtual workshops and pairing that up in the same month with an open mic night on campus for students. Their first feature during Black History month will be Rudy Francisco, a spoken word artist who has been featured on Jimmy Fallon's show two times. If you think of classes, organizations on campus that want to partner up and added to curriculum, they will be creating flyers so if interested, reach out.

Brian Page also thanked those who put together the Cultivating Human Connections event. He also enjoyed the state of the senate meeting for AF and is looking for more AF to participate in more committees.

Delores Loedel shared that last semester, Ben Gamboa, Donny Munshower, and she held multiple workshops for faculty and classified staff regarding credit for prior learning (CPL). They are looking to expand it or add more. Palomar College leads the state in CPL. MCC needs to try and move this forward. Candy Owens was most thankful classified professionals were invited to the Cultivating Human Connections event. It was a great way to start a semester. Also noted that they are still receiving and accepting applications at EOPS. If you know of students receiving financial aid, refer them to EOPS. They are also currently offering a \$350 book voucher and asked to push for the book loan program for all students. They also receive a \$50 gift card to the bookstore for supplies.

Krista Byrd is excited to be back on Senate. She also noted that John Thomford has been trying for many years to get into different spaces, but with difficulty, to talk about getting assessment done at all levels of core competency.

Sean Davis hopes that everyone joins him in feeling that we will serve students so well, they will have to tell a friend.

Debby Adler noted it was discovered during the breakout session of classified professionals during the Cultivating Human Connection event, that temporary classified professionals were not invited because they are not on the All Governance list in Outlook and did not receive the invitation. Carl Banks is going to correct that for the future. She also encouraged Flex workshop facilitators to send her the recordings of their workshops so they can be posted on the Flex schedule for others to view and listen to. Further noted that sabbatical leave reports from return faculty and salary advancement applications will be coming to AS for approval this spring.

X. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 2:41pm.