

## 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 **9:03am**.

### 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), Angela Beltran-Aguilar, Krista Byrd, Shawn Firouzian, Genevieve Griffin, Jim Julius, Delores Loedel, Don Love, curry mitchell (Vice President), Tyrone Nagai, Brian Page, Hossein Ravanbaksh, Leila Safaralian (President), Krista Warren

**Members absent:** Sunny Cooke (ex-officio), Candy Owens

**Members remote:** Karla Cordero

**Others present:** Sean Davis, Ben Gamboa, Luke Lara, Denée Pescarmona, Michael Potterf, Aaron Roberts

### IV. Persons Wishing to Address the Senate – None.

*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.*

### V. Changes to Agenda Order – None.

### VI. Consent Calendar

**A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 20, 2023**

**B. Approve Updated Academic Senate Election Information Summary**

**C. 2023-2024 Curriculum Packet, Part II – Angela Senigaglia**

Description: *Every year CPC reviews curriculum and submits to AS for approval. Curriculum approval is submitted in multiple parts. Part II is a smaller packet and contains mostly courses and programs that have been modified with one program deletion (Business ADT replaced with new Business 2.0), one new credit course, and eight credit course deletions. Noncredit has two new courses and four course deletions. This is the second of three curriculum packets for this year.*

**The consent calendar was approved by unanimous consent.**

### VII. Reports

#### A. Academic Senate President

Academic Sente President, Leila Safaralian, started by offering condolences from the Academic Senate to the family of Tyre Nichols and to those suffering from this outrage and grief. We further need to be mindful of the impact of this event on our Black and African American communities. February is Black History month. Everyone received an email listing a series of events that Senators are asked to include as information for their constituents and to be shared with students. The MOU for the Joyful Teacher in Resident was approved by the Board on January 26<sup>th</sup>. The deadline to submit a letter of interest is next

Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. After the deadline, the AS President will select the next Joyful Teacher in consultation with VPI, Pescaramona and PDP Coordinator, Aaron Roberts. The election for AS is approaching. You will receive an email from election committee on 2/13; nominations will close on 2/24 which is the deadline to nominate yourself or a colleague. Candidates' statements are due Monday, 3/6 and balloting will start on 3/10 with the process completing by 3/16. Robin Allyn sent an email yesterday with a call for nominations for the Leon Baradat award. The deadline is 3/12. This is the only faculty award that MCC sponsors. They are looking for someone who is excellent in teaching and has a leadership role on campus. In February a free writing workshop, Glassless Minds will be offered on 2/7 from 12-1:30pm via Zoom, and another in person one will be offered with an open mic for poetry, music, and comedy on 2/23 in Aztlan from 5-7pm. Thanks was given to Karla Cordero for putting all of these workshops together. There will be a series of workshops about Chat GPT and AI tools being offered the second Fridays of the month from 2 – 3:30pm on Zoom. The first workshop will focus on academic integrity. Recordings will be available. A reminder about the upcoming ASCCC spring plenary from April 20-22. There are options to attend in-person, remote, or a combination of both. Safaralian and colleague Mary Gross took a journey in the role as a student and tried to navigate the campus with all the construction going on. They wanted to see if they would be able to find available resources. It was easy to find the math learning center, writing center, and STEM center. However, it was difficult to find the library. There was a large sign in front of the library but no signage along the way directing you to the temporary library building. They are requesting more signage. A reminder to senators to send a short report to their constituents after the AS meetings. A further reminder to contact Sean Davis if interested in the Joyful Teacher position.

#### **B. College Superintendent/President**

Vice President of Instruction, Denée Pescaramona, reported on behalf of Sunny Cooke in her absence. She echoed the AS President's sentiments regarding Trye Nichols and acknowledging Black History Month. Dr. Cooke is in Washington D.C. doing advocacy work on our behalf of MCC. An invitation was extended to attend the groundbreaking for the new Media Arts Center on 2/27 at 1pm in front of Administration building. The accreditation final report is posted on the accreditation website. The accreditation visiting team will host an open forum on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm via Zoom for a meet and greet with the accreditation team. Enrollment numbers are flat with last spring. However, we are slightly above 10K headcount which is less than 1% down and are below 10K FTES, however, up from last year. In March, we will share how students want to take classes in the future.

#### **C. Classified Senate**

Debby Adler reported on behalf of Ingrid Phillips in her absence. At a special meeting of the Classified Senate, the extension of the MOU of the Telework Policy for classified professionals was ratified. CS hosted a successful Spartans Basketball Tailgate on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> with a great turn out to support both the ladies and men's basketball teams.

#### **D. Associated Student Government**

ASG representative for Public Relations, Michael Potterf, reported that the last ASG meeting was cut short to attend a student government retreat hosted by SDSU for team building and leadership exercise and to get out of their comfort zone. They walked on thin cables 30' in air. He highly recommends doing this. In the area of public relations on behalf of ASG, they are putting together bi-weekly events such as community nights nearly every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays from 3-6pm. These activities include community mixers, film screenings intentional for history heritage months, team building exercises, crafts, and more. Look for more information to come. Potterf gave a shout out to the working groups in ASG. They shared with passionate students about their career paths. Look for a recorded video coming soon.

#### **E. Redesigning the Student Experience**

As President, Safaralian, reported on behalf of Adrean Askerneese and Thao Ha. It was reported that they are planning an ACP retreat for spring. The possible dates are 2/24, 2/27, 2/28, 3/2, 3/3, or 3/4. They will use a Timeline Mapping Prioritization Tool for the work. Regional GP leader, Symone McDaniels, will also attend to facilitate some of the work. It was also noted that MCC will send a team to the Spring 2023 Guided Pathways Institute in San Diego from March 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>. It was also noted that instead of a standing report on the agenda, Adrean Askerneese and/or Thao Ha will send a report to the AS President who will share it with the Senate body, moving forward.

## **VIII. New Business**

### **A. Nomination for ASCCC Stanback-Stroud Diversity Award – Robin Allyn**

Description: *The Academic Senate Faculty Awards Committee brings one faculty nomination for the statewide award to Academic Senate. Visit the ASCCC 2023 Stanback Stroud Diversity Awards information page at this [LINK](#). The Awards Committee is asking that AS suspend the rules to vote on this nomination in order to advance the application to ASCCC by the February 5<sup>th</sup> deadline.*

**MSU (Warren / Davis)** to suspend the rules in order to vote on the nomination for the ASCCC Stanback-Stroud Diversity Award.

**MSU (Firouzzian / Loedel)** to approve the nomination of Rachel Hastings for the ASCCC Stanback-Stroud Diversity Award.

There were two applications: one each from Rachel Hastings and Edwina Williams. Both were impressive but Rachel Hastings' application was more closely related to the rubric. The committee had only minor recommendations for clarification in her application.

## **IX. Information / Discussion**

### **A. Reviewing Rules and Bylaws**

Leila Safaralian explained that in accordance with Article 3.H of the AS Bylaws, a taskforce consisting of Robin Allyn, Jim Julius, curry mitchell, and herself, was formed to conduct the annual review of the AS Bylaws and AS Rules. After the taskforce meets, they will bring recommended changes for both documents and a summary of the changes to AS.

### **B. Committee Evaluation Tools**

Leila Safaralian provided information about the requirement to conduct committee/council/governance body evaluations this spring as noted on page 12 of the Governance Manual. It was explained that each governance committee will need to spend time in a regularly scheduled meeting to review and discuss (1) the charge and membership, (2) the effectiveness of the meetings, (3) committee participation, and (4) how subcommittees are working. These need to be reviewed and discussed and will occur on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the next AS meeting. The notes recorded in the minutes will need to be shared with College Council. The timeline needs to be followed including the March evaluation within the committee; from 2/14 to 5/18, the final approval for any revisions to governance manual. It was noted that this is self-evaluative.

### **C. Expanding Credit for Prior Learning Update**

Associate Dean of Career Education, Ben Gamboa, and Delores Loedel presented an update on the progress made over the last year expanding credit for prior learning (CPL) at MiraCosta, expected activities through 2023, and ways for more faculty to get involved. This [LINK](#) to the CPL implementation framework was shared. Gamboa noted that in 2020, MCC was required to update the policies and develop some implementation to expand options for students to access CPL. This was by way of placement tests. We now have opportunities to recognize credit for Veteran's, industry work, portfolios and started this process with this framework. Loedel noted she has been the faculty lead to bring faculty together and find ways to expand CPL. Many departments, including Business, Accounting, Horticulture, Design and Engineering Technology, Biotechnology, and Communications have been invited them to their department meeting in March. CSUSM is awarding credit for Chemistry now. This is expanding across disciplines rapidly. They will be building new assessments for industry certifications specifically. They met with colleagues in student services, counselors, and administrators to better align our processes so students can access ways to get credit with a streamlined approach. Next week they will be meeting with A&R about the intake process and forms. Donny Munshower in Veteran's is working with a military articulation platform. MCC is one of 50 colleges in the state implementing this for Veterans and military-affiliated students. Loedel suggested looking at Palomar's CPL website to see the disciplines participating and the assessments they are using. It was noted that according to current policy, the only time that fees are charged are for credit by exam. All other CPLs are without fees. The college could consider eliminating the fees for credit by exam, as well. Palomar is about a year ahead of MCC in terms of identifying disciplines, but new at awarding credit. MCC is working together with them and regionally hope to pull in faculty from each of those disciplines to help students identify which college to go to in order to receive CPL. When asked if classes have to be offered in order to receive credit, it was noted that a course must be offered in the catalogue but does not have to be offered at the time the student is seeking credit for that course.

### **D. HyFlex Survey of Faculty – curry mitchell, Luke Lara**

curry mitchell and Luke Lara gave a brief presentation summarizing the results of a survey of faculty responding to questions about HyFlex teaching modalities. An executive summary of the results can be

found [HERE](#). The purpose of the survey was to collect information from faculty concerning working conditions and academic issues. Lara created a quantitative data report while mitchell created a report with qualitative data. This was presented to FA last week. They would be happy to report to other subcommittees as well. Lara's takeaway from the quantitative data was that he learned what the true definition of Hyflex is as a 3 in 1 simultaneous process. The majority of faculty were more inclined to do a 2 in 1 version, i.e. in-person and synchronous or in-person and asynchronous. This was about student choice and the need to be flexible and responsive to their needs. It was further shared by mitchell that there was good response to this survey and what stood out to him was that when you disaggregate full-time faculty from associate faculty, associate faculty express more interest in teaching in this modality which is likely because they are doing it at other colleges. We can benefit from supporting this modality for training.

Discussion ensued including Sean Davis being excited to help with training for Hyflex and some new things that can be done. Davis, Julius, and Pescarmona have met and are discussing this. Some issues of concern include roomers (those in the room) vs. Zoomers (those on Zoom). It was shared that the phone extension for someone in Media Services is x6701 to assist with possible issues. Julius further shared that this is a pilot mode and to not get wrapped up in what is not working. Rather, think long term and how it fits into the needs of the students. Hearing from students would be helpful, as well. Michael Potterf noted he has not heard of any complaints from students but will bring this issue to ASG and report back to AS. The fear factor is big, but the learning curve is small. Learning the technology and adjusting one's teaching method to fit the modality is not bad. It was further noted that a lot of classrooms are not set up for this modality and faculty would like to be involved in designing those spaces. Pescarmona noted the email that went out today with a survey on how to improve MCC. She noted this is a preliminary facilities survey, so that as you work with constituencies, it is an important survey to take. The last question is open-ended and a place to include thoughts as to what an ideal learning environment for students would be. The survey will help to inform the conversation. It was noted that the taskforce for each AS goal will meet after this meeting. When looking at the Hyflex notes for your departments in SURF, there needs to be more clarification. It was noted that when you log into SURF, the definition of the multiple modalities is included on the left bottom portion of the screen. Students are confused the names of the modalities and perhaps they should be listed as Zoom vs. in-person. AAC has a subgroup to look at and work on SURF. When it comes to the schedule, there may be a need to have more options and a choice from class session to class session. MCC is in an interactive stage of what Hyflex is. Seventeen more Hyflex rooms will be coming online effective fall 2023. This also needs to be discussed in department meetings including what courses to teach as Hyflex and who is interested in teaching in this modality. This will come back for further conversation.

#### **E. Routing Responsibilities for AS Agenda Items – Debby Adler**

Debby Adler presented a document describing items that come to Academic Senate for approval, the timeline for approval, how they are routed, and who is responsible for moving them forward. This document was created under the suggestion of the prior AS President, Luke Lara. She further noted that APs and BPs are routed through the Portal's BP-AP Change Management system which sends her an email if there is an AP and/or BP that needs approval by AS. Once approved, she logs back into the system to submit the approval so the AP and/or BP can move on to the next approving committee.

#### **X. Senator Reports**

Cordero has created a flier for a virtual workshop with 70 students already signed up to take place on 2/7 from 12-1:30pm. A Zoom link was sent to register. There will be the first open mic night 2/23 in Aztlan A&B from 5-7pm featuring Rudy Francisco.

Tyrone informed that a year ago some transitions program scholars spoke at AS. The program is growing organically with students getting family members and friends to join. Should be aware that the program accepts students year-round. Direct students to the office which is located at the Social Justice and Equity Center. There is the academic component and also the club which is more of a social and community-based component.

Love noted that last semester there was a breakfast every Monday morning in the cafeteria for the transitions program. It is a great way to get to know students and have dialogue with them. Also officered to take the opportunity to join in the activities for Black History month.

Hosseini gave a shoutout to the support staff and student services at the CLC for making it very welcoming for returning students.

Fiouzian noted an event of Data Science Educators on either April 20<sup>th</sup> or April 28<sup>th</sup> to be held on the

San Elijo Campus. An email is coming with more information from either Work-Based Learning or the Scholars Club.

Loedel noted that she and Candy Owens are attending the ASG meetings. ASG elected a new VP at SAN and a new VP of their DEI group who is doing research into the Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) programs at different colleges to see how those are being handled and trying to bring it to MCC. Loedel is also the liaison for CTE faculty. The CTE and noncredit are holding the North Regional Workshops and a South Regional Workshop. The first one is at Laney College and the one in the south is on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm during spring break at Compton College. PTK is up and running for the semester. Just invited new eligible students. Getting ready for the spring regional convention in March. They are having their first live induction ceremony in three years in March.

Potterf also discussed the work looking into EBT. The ASG VP of DEI recently connected with Christy Lundy in the Equity Center. Keep minds open to be involved with community nights that will occur bi-weekly. They only have one advisor and welcome more involvement.

Pescarmona provide a couple of legislative updates. Next Tuesday the Chancellor's office is hosting a webinar on the implementation of AB1705 which is the continuation of AB705. It directly impacts math and English courses and ESL. Any course that has an advisory is impacted. Should all be aware of what's going on system wide. The AB928 workgroup met on 1/26. There is a lot of contention around the loss of the lifelong education learning area. The Statewide Academic Senate workgroup continues to meet and are looking at the CalGETC requirements. The AB1111 workgroup is coming together to meet. This is the common course numbering workgroup and involved units and articulation. Everyone is encouraged to understand what is going on with these three assembly bills. AB1111 is supposed to be implemented by fall 2024. AB 928 is supposed to be implemented by fall 2025. These are academic and professional matter. The 5C which is the curriculum committee for all CA Community Colleges met and they are developing a crosswalk for UC, CSU, and CA community colleges standards and outcomes to better align and support articulation or ethnic studies classes.

mittchell spotlighted interdepartmental discussion around chat GPT and the AI issue. Encourage all departments to discuss. A steering committee focused on the possibility statements and ATD for professional learning has been formed with administrators, classified professionals, and faculty. The steering committee will work with their own constituent groups to form dream teams and look at what professional learning will look like and develop an umbrella apparatus. They are eager to work with PDP and MOE as well as, DEqCC and former leadership. The results of PDPs discussions will come to AS meeting of 3/3.

Safaralian shared that after encouragement by her students, she joined the Women's History Month Planning Committee. March is Women's History month, and the planning committee is meeting next week with students to plan for March events. She will be the voice for Middle Eastern women. In all MCC data, there is no mention of Middle Eastern students.

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Allyn asked everyone to encourage all of their students to attend the events for Black History.

Byrd mentioned that the San Elijo Campus has a new Dean, Russel Walden. There will be an event to get to know your new Dean at SAN on Monday, the 6<sup>th</sup>.

Warren noted that this semester is different, and students are adjusting to the new normal. She encouraged all to check in on your students and colleagues and practice the culture of care. Further, there is a noncredit class at SAN but there is no public transportation to that campus or Lyft. Pescarmona noted that there are upcoming meetings about this issue, and it is being addressed.

Julius reminded all that he runs the student online readiness workshops during the first couple of weeks of classes and he takes some time at the beginning of each session to get to know the students. We still have many students who are new to MiraCosta and new to online learning. It is very important that we keep that in mind in providing guidance and support to our students. The last MOE agenda had an item about state funding for @One classes not being renewed. This doesn't mean it will go away, but not certain what will happen. This spring the online mentors will be offering those classes and will offer more in the second half of the semester.

**XI. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 11:20am.