



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 **9:00am**.

II. Remote Member Attendance

Krista Byrd and Krista Warren requested remote participation under the Just Cause provisions of AB2449. They were approved to attend remotely under the Just Cause provisions of AB2449, by unanimous consent.

III. Roll Call

Members present: Robin Allyn (Coordinating Officer), Angela Beltran-Aguilar, Sunny Cooke (ex-officio), Karla Cordero, Shawn Firouzian, Genevieve Griffin, Jim Julius, Delores Loedel, curry mitchell (Vice President), Tyrone Nagai, Candy Owens, Brian Page, Leila Safaralian (President),

Members via Zoom (Just Cause): Krista Byrd, Krista Warren

Members absent: Hossein Ravanbaksh

Others present: Scott Fallstrom, Trisha Hanada-Rogers, Stacey Hull, Ingrid Phillips, Michael Potterf, Aaron Roberts, Mariana Silva, Sonia Gutierrez

IV. Persons Wishing to Address the Senate

Mariana Silva made a statement on behalf of DEqCC. Their committee has a desire to have a two-year term with an option to renew for a second term for their chair position. They support identifying a chair-elect or incoming chair at least one semester in advance to facilitate a transition, they think a three-year term will aid in that process. They are concerned that extending the term to three years will deter colleagues from stepping into the role. Due to DEqCC's past and current mission and work, they believe a two-year term for chair would work best for their group. They also believe each committee should decide for itself chair term length and limits. Additionally, Silva read a statement on behalf of Sonia Gutierrez who agreed with Silva's statement.

V. Changes to Agenda Order – None.

VI. Consent Calendar

A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 3, 2023

B. Approve One Equivalency Request for International Languages/Spanish

The consent calendar was approved by unanimous consent.

VII. Reports

A. Academic Senate President

Academic Senate President, Leila Safaralian, congratulated incoming officers for the 2023-24 academic year. curry mitchell, President-Elect and Jim Julius, Coordinating Officer. Congratulations to new Senators, Erica Duran, Rachel Hastings, Nate Scharf, and Alexis Tucker-Sade. New Associate Faculty serving next year are Robin Allyn, Julie Graboi, Hossein Ravanbaksh, and Krista Warren. Thanks was extended to Genevieve Griffin for being here for the spring semester.

The Area D meeting will take place on March 25th over zoom from 9am-2pm. Anyone can vote during that meeting. Further, mark calendars for the AS meeting of May 19th where there will be a faculty recognition celebration. All faculty are invited from 11am-12pm just after the last regular AS meeting of the semester. The AS retreat will take place on Friday, August 11th from 9am – 2pm including lunch in OCT200.

Two emails were sent; one for the great committee call for all faculty and another for office assignments

for full-time faculty only, both with a deadline to respond by April 7th. Safaralian noted she is always available at 8:30am before each AS meeting.

Reported on behalf of Thao Ha for Guided Pathways. The team met with the ATD coach to discuss the future of the ACP structure as is related to the new forthcoming student center spaces. The idea is to make is a student-central space and create a large-scaled learning community. Colleges with successful models that were discussed were Alamo College in Ohio, Jackson College in Mississippi, and Riverside City College. A discussion of what this looks like at CLC and SEC will be in collaboration with leadership and faculty at those sites. For the ACP success teams, they are working to communicate more clarity of what success teams are and how the work is directly tied to our disproportionately impacted students to institutionalize ACPs as a central future of the student experience. In hiring success coaches, the district is moving forward with a new job description to make sure there is consistency in service for each ACP.

B. College Superintendent/President

Superintendent/President, Sunny Cooke, wished everyone a happy spring break and advised they take some time to rejuvenate and rest. Coming back will be a crescendo all the way up through graduation. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of spring break we will be celebrating classified professionals with breakfast on Monday and Tuesday and workshops all three days both on Zoom and in person.

MiraCosta has three scholars in the semi-final round for the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke scholarship.

We are in the process of our comprehensive accreditation. The ACCJC visiting team has done a preliminary review and are looking at our self-evaluation, website, systems on Canvas, program reviews, how we track that people are doing program review, and that they are actually engaging in that work and the same with outcomes. They have given us a list of additional evidence they want us to provide. This is an important phase as the last opportunity to nail down that we meet the accreditation standard.

The team will meet in a hotel near L.A.X. on March 30th to review everything and triangulate all their information. If they are not clear, they will come visit MCC in September and bring a focus team to look at those areas that are in question for meeting the standard. Cooke, Chris Tarman and the leadership of that team will meet on April 3rd and get more information then.

Mark calendars for April 21st at 3pm for the Celebration of Excellence to honor our employees. Thanks to Robin Allyn and the Awards Committee to help recognize our associate faculty

C. Classified Senate

CS Vice President, Ingrid Phillips reported that Classified Professional Days will be Monday 3/21, Tuesday 3/22, and Wednesday 3/24, during spring break. All classified professionals are encouraged to attend. The CS committee evaluation will be held during their meeting on 3/21. The Professional Development Steering Committee is preparing for a meeting with classified professionals, 4/26-27. CS elections are in progress. Nominations are open until 3/31. Elections will occur 4/10-14 and the results will be announced during their General Meeting in April. During the Spring Celebration of Excellence, the Outstanding Employee of the Semester and the Spotlight Awards: for an Individual and Team, will be awarded. Classified committee appointments are upcoming. Classified professionals are encouraged to apply to serve on a committee. Applications for the Classified Senate Employee Scholarship is now open. The scholarship offers classified professionals or their dependents, an opportunity to apply for a scholarship to help fund educational pursuits. The deadline to apply is 3/31 at this [LINK](#). Let Carl Banks know who is retiring and he will stop by the AS celebration to present a gift from Classified Senate.

D. Associated Student Government

ASG Public Relations representative, Michael Potterf, reported that in the past week they went over their appointment recommendations. They also approved the recommended budget for next year. ASG's Director of Legislative Affairs, Kenneth Pilco, presented recommendations for the SCCC general assembly and voted on resolutions.

VIII. New Business

A. HyFlex Recommendations – Julius, Safaralian

This is the first read of a document designed to guide the next steps in our pilot implementation of HyFlex classes at MiraCosta. A faculty taskforce composed of Sean Davis, Jim Julius, Luke Lara, curry mitchell, and Leila Safaralian developed this document following the Senate's discussion of the results of the HyFlex faculty survey jointly conducted by AS and FA. The training team is planning to have a series of trainings this semester, summer, and fall. Julius worked with folks to look at questions that had to be addressed including the 10+1 issues around Hyflex. The taskforce did a good job in how Hyflex is being defined. It is necessary to be clear with students and each other and support one another through the

trainings. Will move out of the exploratory phase and into the more structural phase. This is not a symbolic statement but should direct actions over the next couple of years as to Hyflex. This is a pilot at this point in time. The document presented describes the current pilot and is not a resolution. Will we also have a Hyflex hybrid. The Surf taskforce will make what is in the schedule clearer for students. Hull noted that the Surf taskforce has been meeting with students for the past couple of months. It was asked what the next steps for this document will be. This also concerns workload issues and how it will guide discussions with FA. There are specific directions for departments and MOE and CPC. It lays out clearly who this will need to go to. Faculty will be able to request support. It was suggested that counselors need to be trained as well. Posting something in the counselors' offices would be good to help students choose their classes. On the homepage of Surf, there is a link to a cheat sheet of five modalities describing each. They are also looking ahead with more student input, including what information students need. The presented document makes it clear that the departments need to make that determination. It was also noted to not share Julius's video with students.

B. AP 4232 Pass/No Pass – Stacey Hull

Language was updated to indicate that the last day for a student to elect a pass/no pass petition is the last day of instruction and not at the time of enrollment or before 30% of the class has elapsed. This is the first read. This AP was reviewed by a workgroup and changes are straightforward as change in Title 5 language. Since the pandemic, it has now become permanent to extend the deadline to the last day of instruction. It was noted that a P/NP does not impact the students' GPA. P/NP can also affect the student's financial aid and they should communicate with financial aid. Additionally, if a student petitions for P/NP, they can request to reverse it back to a letter grade. Universities do not accept P/NP grades. Students can go back and forth from letter grade to P/NP throughout the semester and can also go to the committee on exceptions to change this after the semester is over.

C. Sabbatical Leave Reports – Trisha Hanada-Rogers

Six (6) sabbatical leave reports come to Academic Senate for a first read for returning faculty members Sam Arenivar, Erica Duran, Matt Falker, Pierre Goueth, Jade Hidle, and Rosa Viramontes. Sabbatical leave reports are reviewed to meet the following standards: (a) Comprehensive, professional quality reports that clearly communicate and document the purpose, objectives, activities, and achievements of the sabbatical leave, (b) alignment of applications and reports, (c) adequate documentation, (c) minimum number of hours met, and writing reflects standard of profession. Sabbatical Leave Reports are forwarded to the President/Superintendent for approval. This is a first read.

IX. Old Business

A. Recommended Changes to Academic Senate Rules and Bylaws – Leila Safaralian

In accordance with Article #.H. of the AS Bylaws, a taskforce consisting of curry mitchell, Robin Allyn, Jim Julius, Debby Adler, and Leila Safaralian, was formed to conduct the annual review of the AS Bylaws and AS Rules. There are several recommended changes that impact both documents. Linked is a document with a summary of changes. These two documents come back for a second read and approval. One additional change was made to the document under #17. The addition notes that summer is an intersession and does not count for the purpose of five consecutive semesters.

MSU (Loedel / Page) to approve the recommended changes to the Academic Senate Rules and Bylaws as presented.

B. Academic Senate Subcommittee Chairs Length of Service Update – Leila Safaralian

The Academic Senate will review the length of service for the Academic Senate Subcommittee Chairs and propose new changes to create a more equitable approach.

The recommendation is to have a three-year term length with the option of a one-time renewable term limit for all AS subcommittee chairs with the exception of MOE, the Faculty Awards Committee, and DEqCC. The recommendation is amended to include DEqCC for a two-year term in this proposal.

It was noted there is no rush to approve this after two reads because some committees are still evaluating this. This agenda item is tabled to April 7th to give more subcommittees a chance to discuss it further.

C. Possibility Statements and Professional Learning Report – Aaron Roberts

The PDP committee approved the possibility statements at their meeting of February 10th. PDP Coordinator, Aaron Roberts, will report on the discussions that took place at that meeting. The statements now come to Academic Senate for a second read and approval.

MSU (Beltran / Owens) to approve the possibility statements and professional learning report as presented.

X. Information / Discussion

A. Legislative Updates – Scott Fallstrom

Scott Fallstrom, the legislative liaison, provided an update from the FACCC Legislative update on March 8th regarding any of the legislation in the current pipeline that may have impacts on Community Colleges. We are now in the next bill introduction cycle of February through May when the bills go through the State and people introduce new bills. From May to August, it switches to the House and from the Representatives to the Senate. In September there is a concurrence committee that puts them all together. Finally, October is when things get signed by the Governor or vetoed. Assembly members are limited to introducing 50 bills per legislative session. Senators are limited to introducing 40 bills. That means in a two-year cycle there is a possible 5,600 bills that could come forward, but they do not necessarily become law. For 2023, 2,640 new bills were introduced. Over 200 bills have impact on CCCs based on Chancellor's Office tracking. The amount successful bills put into law has been increasing steadily from 20 in 2020 to 90 and now at the 100 mark of successful bills related to CCCs.

The following are bills that have not yet been approved:

SB 444 codifies MESA programs. The MCC board approved a MESA program and this bill would codify that if it is passed.

AB 811 related to course repetitions. The State had limited the number of times students could repeat a course to three times. This bill would raise it from 3 to 5 times.

AB 1190 would provide compensation for AF office hours in an amount of one paid office hour for every two classes taught. The goal is to balance associate faculty pay closer to that of FT faculty.

SR 45 (senate resolution) related to codifying what academic freedom means in California.

There are a number of bills supporting student governance with minor changes. ASG and students who serve on governing boards are impacted by some of these bills. One is to provide a scholarship to students who are serving on the board of governors.

There are some campaigns to begin conversations about the 50% law.

Spot bills are those that can show up, but the language can change very rapidly. There are a number of them holding in place or holding the spot and the language can be completely different.

AB 1111 came from a spot bill and the original language had nothing to do with a common course numbering system yet, by the time it came through, it was a common course numbering system.

It was also noted that AB 91 would allow people within 50 miles of the border to receive in-state tuition and was amended to include MCC and Palomar. Previously the two colleges were not included.

B. Submitting an Annual Report for the Academic Senate and its Subcommittees – Leila Safaralian

The Academic Senate will submit an end-of-the-year report at the end of each spring to College Council. The last program review was written by Luke Lara. A conversation took place between Mitchell, Safaralian, and Cooke. It was felt that it was odd to write a program review for AS which is not a program. Instead, there should be a comprehensive report each year. Program review talks about the previous year; however, AS works on all goals currently and so it does not make sense to talk about the previous year. On March 3rd AS did a self-evaluation and subcommittees will also do self-evaluations. In addition to that, there was an internal survey. All subcommittees of AS will submit an end-of-year annual report which can be included and sent to College Council. This report is more meaningful and transparent than program review that no one gets to see. Senate agreed this is a great idea. You are welcome to ask constituents. If this is approved, it will go into the Bylaws. This will come back for approval at the next meeting.

XI. Senator Reports

Love thanked Loedel for reaching out to programs to have our students recognized for their hard work. On April 25th from 11:30am to 1pm in Aztlan in person, folks who were in Ghana in the fall will be reporting. Success week coming up in April. Attend what you can.

Cordero mentioned the launch of the pilot program Roots of Justice for writing student-centered stories from previously incarcerated students.

Allyn mentioned the upcoming work-based learning events including the first annual health and wellness expo on April 11th from 11a-1pm.

Loedel mentioned the PTK induction ceremony with 100 inductees and guests. Lynne Miller did keynote. Thanked Don Love and EOPS for their help with PTK to provide membership scholarships to join.

Firouzian announced the April 21st Data Science Educators event from 5:30 to 7:30pm. See the attached flyer for more information.

With the passing of AB 288 for first generation college students, Zhenya Lindstrom, Dean of Instructional Services, got the advisory board involved. This has to come to AS for involvement and Lindstrom will attend the May 5th meeting to share her report. Cooke noted emphasis from the Chancellor's Office is to build dual enrollment.

Julius mentioned he sent out the MOE newsletter and will have a second round of faculty @One courses including introduction to asynchronous online teaching and learning and creating accessible course content and humanizing online teaching and learning. All classes led by MCC faculty to begin in April. The Online Teaching Conference which is across the CCC system, is in Long Beach from June 21st to the 23rd. If interested in attending, reach out to Julius for some possible funding.

Nagai announced that Thao Ha is now the program coordinator for the transition scholars and Ashley Gerdo is still the program specialist.

Krysta Byrd announced that April is sexual assault awareness month. Share events with students.

Krista Warren highlighted the Spring Celebration of Excellence and recognition of Associate Faculty noting that AS talks about it here, but there has not been intentional messaging to AF about this. It is hard to figure out the best way to message our constituents, especially for the ones who are getting recognized for longevity. Cooke noted that the data for associate faculty recognition pins was pulled and verified. There is a project list. Invitations should be going out today or right after spring break or to those individuals. Specific invitations will go to those who will be recognized with a request to RSVP with a firm deadline. Certificates/pins will be mailed to those who cannot attend.

Warren noted that only 67 of the 527 associate faculty voted for the elections.

XII. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:11am.