



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. Roll Call

Members present in person: Robin Allyn (Coordinating officer), Angela Beltran-Aguilar, Curry Mitchell (Vice President), Shawn Firouzian, Jim Julius, Delores Loedel, Don Love, Tyrone Nagai, Gilbert Neri, Candy Owens, Brian Page, Hossein Ravanbaksh, Leila Safaralian (President), Krista Warren

Members present via Zoom: Ingrid Bairstow, Karla Cordero

Members absent: Sunny Cooke (ex-officio)

Others present: Adrean Askerneese, David Bonds, Sean Davis, Maria Figueroa, Mary Gross, Thao Ha, Denée Pescarmona, Angela Senigaglia

III. Teleconferencing for Meetings

A. Recertify the Resolution (R. 2-21) Authoring Teleconferencing for Meetings Pursuant to AB 361

The Academic Senate considered the circumstances of the state of emergency and determined if the emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person pursuant to AB 361.

MSU (Mitchell / Firouzian) to approve recertifying resolution (R. 2-21) authorizing teleconferencing for meetings pursuant to AB 361.

IV. Persons Wishing to Address the Senate – None.

V. Changes to Agenda Order

VI. Consent Calendar

A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 20, 2022

B. Ratify Updated to the Office Inventory List 2022-2023

Description: *One of the office spaces at the San Elijo Campus was listed incorrectly in the office inventory. Office space SAN502A should have been listed as SAN504.*

C. Approve one Equivalency for Biology – Ihara

D. Approve one Equivalency for Communication Studies – Ihara

The Consent Calendar was approved by unanimous consent.

VII. Reports

A. Academic Senate President

AS President, Leila Safaralian, welcomed everyone to the first meeting and the fall 2022 semester and, especially, new and returning members of Academic Senate. Many faculty and classified professionals will be attending tomorrow's Welcome Fest on the Oceanside Campus to welcome students and their families. During this summer, Safaralian attended a two-day faculty institute supported and facilitated by the Guided Pathways, called Light the Fire, led by Dr. Thao Ha. AS and Guided Pathways will partner to support faculty and students. More information to follow on upcoming events. Ideas on how to improve classrooms was discussed centering on teaching and learning and focusing on four areas: create syllabus, student sense of belonging, skillabus (how to teach skills in the classroom), and grading.

The ASCCC Fall Plenary Session is now open for registration. It will take place from November 3-5 in Sacramento as a hybrid event. If interested, contact the AS President and Debby Adler, for assistance. The constituent list for this academic year is being working on. There are discrepancies between our list and Workday but this will come for approval at the next meeting.

B. College Superintendent/President

Instructional Services Vice President, Denée Pescarmona reported on behalf of Superintendent / President Sunny Cooke welcoming everyone to the semester. She thanked everyone personally for their desire and willingness to serve as Senators and Officers on Academic Senate. She further thanked new PDP Coordinator, Aaron Roberts, and Debby Adler, for putting together a great Flex calendar noting that the Associate Faculty orientation will take place next Tuesday, the CLC open house is next Wednesday, and an in-person orientation at the SEC will take place next Tuesday night. Be on the lookout for a formal invitation to All College Day with a robust agenda including accreditation. The accreditation self-evaluation report will come to all constituent groups for approval. Recognition was also given to Thao Ha for the Light the Fire event with a focus on student voices noting we want to listen to what our students need to say. Next week, the CLC is hosting their Welcome Fest.

C. Classified Senate

Classified Senate Vice President, Ingrid Philips expressed excitement for the new semester. CS met for a retreat and has started work on their goals for '22-'23. They also ratified their committee assignments. They will be continuing the leadership program and accepting applications through September 24th.

D. Associated Student Government

It was noted that the ASG is off for the summer and has not yet met. They will decide on an AS representative at their first meeting report at the next AS meeting.

E. Redesigning the Student Experience

Adrean Askerneese is the new leader for Guided Pathways and working with Thao Ha. Ha thanked to Safaralian and Pescarmona for the shout out for the faculty institute. Faculty can get back to why we do what we do. The connection and relationships we are building offer a safe space to have challenging conversations around equity. There will be a presentation at ACP. There is a new student seminar. There are three cohorts of students teaching how to get a counselor, connect with financial aid, career exploration, and more. Ha will be attending the GP Institute in September and hopes to bring back new ideas.

F. Accreditation

Safaralian reminded everyone that Luke Lara reported at the last AS meeting. Pescarmona and Safaralian have been discussing accreditation over the summer and agreed that it would be beneficial for AS colleagues and all faculty to map the Accreditation Standards to the Academic and Professional matters (10+1). This document is in progress and they hope to bring it to the next AS meeting. Safaralian has also been working with Dean Chris Tarman to include AS goals from the last year in the accreditation report. Pescarmona noted that Cindy Dudley has been working very hard and Standard 4 is done, Standard 3 is almost done, and then she will moving onto Standard 2. The 10+1 gives Academic Senate the ability to provide input surrounding the roles and responsibilities of this body. Those standards have to be met for accreditation. The document can be used as a guide for review. This report will come to AS and all leadership groups for a first and second read.

VIII. Old Business

A. Academic Calendar 2022-2023 – Leila Safaralian

In Spring 2022, AAC and then AS approved the attached 23-24 academic calendar. This calendar followed the required Chancellor's Office mandated holiday schedule. According to the Chancellor's office, we were going to need to have Washington and Lincoln's Holidays on two Monday as opposed to previous years where we had the option of having the days be on a Friday and Monday. Later the Chancellor's Office sent another memo allowing the flexibility for 23-24 to have the holiday on either a Friday or a Monday. As such, the AAC will revisit the Academic Calendar on their first meeting of the fall and will forward their vote to the Academic Senate. It will come back to AS for approval at the next meeting.

IX. New Business

A. Full-Time Retiree List for Emeritus Status Consideration – Leila Safaralian

Each year, the college President presents to the Academic Senate the names of retiring faculty who meet

the qualification for emeritus status ([AP 7280.4](#)). The Senate reviews the information and makes a recommendation to the Board of Trustees. This process usually occurs only once per year in the spring semester. It was brought to the attention of the Academic Senate President that full-time faculty member, Leslie Nemour, was inadvertently left off the list in the spring of 2022. Therefore, the Senate is being asked to approve emeritus status for this faculty member off cycle. This will come back to the next meeting for approval.

B. AP 5075: Course Adds and Drops – David Bonds

David Bonds explained that terminology, pronouns, and the process regarding excused withdrawals was updated. Most of the changes were from the word 'enroll' to 'register' and compliance changes for pronouns. Further, reviewed and updated by the college registrar to reflect current practice. This is a first read and it will come back for approval at the next meeting.

X. Information / Discussion

A. Academic Senate Newsletter – Robin Allyn

The "Academic Senate News" online newsletter piloted last Spring 2022, with the main goal to improve the communication and accessibility of the work of the AS and AS subcommittees as well highlight ASG and Classified Senate events and happenings. The newsletter's three issues gained popularity last Spring with over 1000 views for the May edition. For the 2022-23 academic year, the plan is to continue the newsletter, and open this time for discussion on ways to improve it. Here is a [LINK](#) to the last issue for reference. The goal was to improve communication. CS and ASG has a report in each newsletter, as well. Would love to have more support. If anyone is interested in being a part of this group, let Allyn and/or Adler know.

B. Governance Survey Results Spring 2022 – Leila Safaralian

Academic Senate will discuss ways in which to improve the education on the governance process, including an onboarding process for new committee members so every subcommittee will provide training for new members. At the last meeting of Academic Senate on May 20th, the Governance Survey was discussed as a group. One thing that was highlighted in the survey was the need for improving the onboarding process for new committee members. With the AS subcommittee chairs in attendance at today's meeting, they are encouraged to provide training for new members and be available for questions new members may have. One option is to create a Canvas page for onboarding for new committee members. Videos can be a great tool and can be included such as what Jeff Ihara created regarding Equivalency.

XI. Senator Reports

All Senators expressed their excitement to join Academic Senate and look forward to a great year. As the credit for prior learning liaison, Delores Loedel noted a Flex workshop on Monday from 11:30am to 1:00pm in Hyflex room OC4802 with lunch. She also asked that as co-advisor of Phi Theta Kappa, she would like to participate in the AS newsletter.

XII. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 10:06am