



## OFFICIAL MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 10:34am.
- 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, Sean Davis, Maria Figueroa, Mary Gross, Thao Ha, Violeta Sanchez, Angela Senigaglia
- III. **Retreat Agenda**

This retreat is to provide the opportunity for everyone to get to know each other and provide training for onboarding for Senators so they feel more comfortable and to set goals for the year.

**A. Introduction Activity – *curry mitchell***  
Attendees shared answers to ice-breaker questions in small groups, rotating and remixing from group to group. The goal of this activity is to interact with one another. The hope is to further help with Hyflex spaces and to learn how to merge these spaces.

**B. Team Building Activity – *Robin Allyn***  
This hands-on group activity highlighted the importance of working together to create and solve a challenge. The challenge was to use items supplied including, uncooked spaghetti, tape, string, and a marshmallow and build a tower with the whole marshmallow at the top of the tower. The activity was timed. The winners of the activity were Krista Warren, Candy Owens, and Jim Julius. They built the only structure that remained standing when time was up. The winning team talked about their strategy for winning. They looked up some strategies online. The rules didn't say you could not seek help in another way such as using online resources or looking at other groups while they were building their towers. Another goal of the activity was to collaborate, make new friends, and have fun together. It was noted that sometimes we set the bar so high that we don't focus on other things. As goals are set for Academic Senate this year, we need to focus on other things. Another take away from the activity was that if it does not work, start over again. Another group created their own rules, and they enjoyed working with others who were in the assigned online breakout rooms while they offered their ideas about creating the structure.

**C. Our Roll as Academic Senate – *Leila Safaralian***  
Discussed the role Academic Senate plays in shared governance and issues around Academic Senator responsibilities, the Brown Act, parliamentary procedure, meetings guidelines, and academic and professional matters (10+1). The presentation is attached to these minutes.  
The Senate body received and viewed two videos prior to the meeting including one from Luke Lara and one from Jeff Ihara about equivalency. Both new and returning members of this year's Senate body were welcomed along with curry mitchell as VP and Robin Allyn as returning Coordinating Officer.  
Two links to videos on ethics training were highlighted. Additionally, communication with constituents was emphasized. Only firsthand feedback should be shared and give constituents a deadline for their feedback is helpful.

**D. Working Lunch**  
Continued discussion about the Academic Senate role and responsibilities during lunch.

**E. Goals Setting – *Leila Safaralian / curry mitchell***  
Discussion was started about creating SMARTER goals: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Timebound, and have an Evaluation mechanism. Started with a recap of emerging themes, topics, issues, ideas, and goals from this retreat as a starting point. Also reviewed prior AS goals. Guiding

questions included: How can we partner with ASG and Classified Senate to strengthen our goals? How can AS Subcommittees align their committee goals to AS goals? How do these goals align with institutional work of redesigning the student experience? How do these goals align with the institution's Mission, Vision, Values, and Commitment?

It was noted that under teaching and learning, there were two goals. Goal #4 Engagement was discussed regarding land acknowledgement. This goal is continuing on to make connections and engagement. When thinking about goals for this year, thought should be given to if the goals are doable and are we listening to our constituents. What is our goal as AS senators and what can we accomplish. Participants divided into small groups and began conversations about goals. As time ran out, the Senate body will continue goal setting discussions at the next meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**IV. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 1:06pm.