

Meeting Minutes of the Academic Senate

Grossmont College

10/19/2020

11:00 AM – 12:20 PM

I		CALL TO ORDER:11:00am	
	A.	Public Comment	Gregg Robinson – this is a historic election, he strongly urges everyone to remind their students to get out and vote. Make it a personal experience.
	B.	Motion to approve the Agenda	Approved
	C.	Approval of Minutes 10/5/20	No minutes were submitted. Will be voted on at next meeting.
II. PRESIDENTS REPORT			
	A.	Sabbatical reminders Sabbatical Applications are due Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 5:00 pm . That is a hard deadline. You must have taken a workshop on Sabbaticals to be considered. If you did not attend one of the workshops, please contact Denise and she can do a one on one instruction.	
	B.	Academic Senate President election: Call for nominations <i>(See handout for detail)</i> Nominating for the next academic Senate is open now. Denise shared the timeline of the election process. You have until October 29, 2020 to submit your nomination. Candidates should submit a written statement to the Senate Vice President (steve.davis@gcccd.edu) by noon on November 9, which will be placed on the AS website and attached to ballots, and will be given an opportunity to speak on the Nov 16, 2020 AS meeting. Voting opens on November 16, 2020 at 12:00 pm. Voting will close on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 11:59pm. The Senate Vice President will announce our new Senate President on December 7, 2020. Steve Davis still needs another volunteer to help with the voting process. Cindi Harris and Lara Braff.	
	C.	Screening and interview committee for next GC President <i>(see handout)</i> The administrative procedure was shared. The Academic Senate President or designee is the chair of this committee, and there will be two additional faculty members on the committee, one from the instructional side and one from student services. We have already had several volunteers. If you have submitted your interest but are not invited to serve on the committee please know that this is not personal, but rather the Senate Officers making the best recommendation to serve on this committee. Please be detailed on your submission.	
	D.	Debrief of October 13 Governing Board meeting Denise read the resolution that was passed at the last Academic Senate Meeting to the Governing Board. Denise added some comment to contextualize the resolution. The college support Rapid Response Teams is to be named the Virtual Innovation Group. On Wednesday morning a call was sent to faculty representatives to serve on that college support rapid response team as well as the district IT. The deadline for volunteers is today. Denise noted that the Governing Board is not required to respond to Senate resolutions.	
	E	Professional Development update	
	F.	Miscellaneous	

	<p>Early Lunch with the Senators -This Wednesday, October 21, 2020 we are having an “Early Lunch with Senators” from 11am-12pm. It is informal, everyone is invited. There are no agenda items.</p> <p>EWs In the spring semester there was an option for instructors to issue an EW (excused withdrawal) to a student, and this option was available until the semester’s end, to be used for students who dropped for Covid-related reasons. There were concerns over potential negative consequences for students on Financial Aid, Veterans, and International Students. A&R reports that many students petitioned to have these instructor-initiated grades changed to an F. District is considering making this option available for the fall, despite concerns over the effect it might have on students. This issue will be discussed at the next SISC meeting and Denise will update Senate at a future meeting.</p>
III.	INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
A.	<p>Update on President’s Task Force on Anti-Racism (Sampson)</p> <p>As our President will be retiring at the end of this Semester he has asked that we continue to do a deep dive into the procedure and not loose moment just because he will be gone. The members of this committee are splitting into groups, some members will be looking at hiring practices, another the culture and climate. The committee hopes this will help not only students but also faculty and staff. The committee wants to communicate and keep communication open.</p>
B.	<p>Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - A Curriculum Call to Action (Aceves)</p> <p>The California Community College chancellor's office and the academic Senate for California community colleges have agreed by consensus to incorporate questions around diversity, equity and inclusion. They want to encourage dialogue at the departmental and faculty level. They are reviewing and updating curriculum and want to be part of the call to action. By posing questions like How do we begin? How can we be intentional and be part of the change? We want to use our curriculum to ensure that it is inclusive, and our students are represented across the curriculum. We will begin to see best practices and starting points from a system wide perspective and from Academic Senate statewide. Saturday a few faculty members attended the area D meeting where this was discussed. This is a topic of discussion amongst all faculty. There will be more resolutions appearing and more calls to action specifically at the faculty level. At Grossmont College this is being discussed at the curriculum committee meetings. We would like to involve faculty and ensure discussions are going back to departments. We would like to start those conversations as you review your curriculum.</p>
C.	<p>Anti-Racism Resolution Hurvitz-Quezada-Sampson</p> <p>Public Comments were read: Cindy Emerson <i>Classified Senate</i>. She read a statement of the support of the Academic Senate Resolution. Joan Aherns - <i>Interim Senior Dean of College Planning and Institutional effectiveness</i> Read a statement in support of the Academic Senate Resolution.</p> <p><i>(See Resolution Handout)</i> Many senators spoke up with support Cindi Harris/Adam Deutsch moved to action.</p>
IV	ACTION ITEM

	A	<p>Anti-Racism Resolution Hurvitz-Quezada-Sampson</p> <p>There were no objections of bringing this to a vote.</p> <p>Yes votes: 51 yes No votes: none</p> <p>Resolution was passed.</p>
Meeting Adjourned	12:20pm	
Next Meeting	November 3, 2020	

Attendees

Please enter first and last name	Senate Title	Please enter your department
Denise Schulmeyer	Senate President	Communication
Dee Aceves	Senate Officer	Counseling
Liz Barrow	Senate Officer	CVTE
Steve Davis	Senate Officer	Math
Sébastien Cormier	Senate Officer	Physics
Richard unis	Senate Officer	sociology
Kyleb Wild	Part Time Senator	Behavioral Sciences, Anthropology
Claire K Liu	Part Time Senator	World Languages Department
Patrice Braswell	Senator	A.R.C.
Sharon Sampson	Senator	AOJ
Jamie Shatwell	Senator	ASL
jennifer carmean	Senator	ASL
Gregg Robinson	Senator	Behavioral Science
Israel Cardona-Gerena	Senator	Behavioral Sciences
Lara Braff	Senator	Behavioral Sciences
Michele Perchez	Senator	Bio
Bonnie Ripley	Senator	Biology
Mark Pressnall	Senator	BOT
Diana Vance	Senator	Chemistry and Science
Roxanne Tuscany	Senator	Communication
Victoria Curran	Senator	Communication
desmond morente	Senator	Counseling
Gary Johnson	Senator	Counseling
Karolia Macias	Senator	Counseling
Wendy Cruzado	Senator	Counseling
Sarah Moore	Senator	Counseling/Transfer Center
janet Gelb	Senator	CSIS/CE Coordinator
Patricia Chow	Senator	CTE- Business
David Mullen	Senator	Dance
Tim Cliffe	Senator	Earth Science
Judd Curran	Senator	Earth Sciences
Adam Deutsch	Senator	English
Cindi Harris	Senator	English
Sarah Martin	Senator	English
Tate Hurvitz	Senator	English
Randy Abshier	Senator	ES/HED/NUTR
Sara Ferguson	Senator	ESL
Angela Feres	Senator	History
Felicia Kalker	Senator	Library
Beth Smith	Senator	Math
Cierra Rawlings	Senator	Math
Shawn Hicks	Senator	Math

Dan Greenheck	Senator	Mathematics
Jeff Waller	Senator	Mathematics
Jeanette Calo	Senator	Media Communications
Eva Nicasio Mercier	Senator	MMIB
Derek Cannon	Senator	Music
Christine Vicino	Senator	Occupational Therapy Assistant
June Yang	Senator	PHIL and RELG
Elisabeth Burke	Senator	Philosophy and Religious Studies
Brodney Fitzgerald	Senator	Physics and Astronomy
Shahrokh Shahrokhi	Senator	Political Economy
Carey Flores	Senator	Respiratory Therapy
Peggy Wels	Senator	Respiratory Therapy
Brian Rickel	Senator	Theatre Arts
Kathleen Banville	Senator	Theatre Arts
Marion de Koning	Senator	Visual Arts and Humanities
Bill McGreevy	Guest	Administrative Services
Nancy Saks	Guest	AHN
Kelly menck	Guest	AOJ
Michelle Soltero	Guest	Child Development, Education and Family Studies
Michael McHan	Guest	Communication
Dave Dillon	Guest	Counseling
Natalie Ray	Guest	Counseling
Cindy Emerson	Guest	CPIE
Joan Ahrens	Guest	CPIE
scott therkalsen	Guest	Earth Sciences
Sam Rigby	Guest	EOPS
Michael Perez	Guest	EOPS/CARE/Next-Up
Daniel Craig	Guest	ESL
Nashona Andrade	Guest	HR
Cary Willard	Guest	Interim Dean MNSESW
Sonia Ghattas-Soliman	Guest	World Languages