

Meeting Minutes of the Academic Senate

Grossmont College

4/19/2021

11:00 AM – 12:20 PM via Zoom and YouTube live stream

I		CALL TO ORDER			
	A.	Public Comment:  Jeff Waller	Jeff shared that he was offered a chance to teach on campus this coming summer, and he accepted, thinking policies and procedures for teaching on campus would be forthcoming. The summer schedule went live showing courses on campus in the summer with no updates to the website nor more information for instructors or students. Jeff reported that he had been getting emails from students asking how things were going to work but he could not provide an answer for them. Further, at the DEC meeting last Friday it was revealed that the Union was not involved in this any way. Jim Mahler spoke up saying he was not made aware that courses would be taught on campus in the summer. Jeff stated that we need to stop letting decisions like this get made with apparently no faculty input. Jeff would like to find out how the summer will work so that those of us who have on campus courses can plan fully and communicate with students effectively. Jeff requested that the Senate do all it can to keep faculty apprised of what's going with the situation.		
	B.	Vote to approve the Meeting Agenda	Yes	48	No 0
	C.	Approval of February 1 Meeting Minutes	Yes	45	No 0
	D.	Approval of March 1 Meeting Minutes	Yes	48	No 0
II.		PRESIDENTS REPORT			
	A.	Reminder to vote in Senate Officers election. Faculty should have received an email with instructions on how to vote; email was sent early Friday afternoon. Faculty will vote for Vice President and at-large officers. Voting will end on April 29 <sup>th</sup> at 11:59p.m. Faculty are encouraged to vote early. Denise will send an email reminder to vote, but faculty should hang on to the email that was sent from district research as that email is unique to each faculty member because it has a unique username and password that is only for the recipient of email.			
	B.	Security at Academic Senate Meetings: This is something we take very seriously and we're always looking for ways to improve things. Pearl and Denise met with Karen Kilber Rebman the week before last to express our concerns to her regarding security of virtual meetings. It was mentioned at the last Senate meeting that during the area D Academic Senate Meeting there was an attack during which somebody pretending to be Denise wrote inappropriate comments in the chat box. Pearl and I are advocating for the use of Microsoft Teams for virtual Senate meetings. For today's Senate meeting non senators were encouraged to watch the liver stream on YouTube to make it easier for Senate Officers to monitor the waiting room and letting only those in that we know are affiliated with the district and the names that we recognize.			
		Academic Senate Plenary was this past weekend Thursday, Friday and Saturday and the Statewide Senate President Dolores Davis mentioned that Governor Newsom has proclaimed that California will be completely open as of June 15. This does not mean that we're going to be open, as Chancellor			

	<p>Oakley is encouraging community colleges to go as slowly needed. But this did raise a question about how we conduct our Senate meetings. A little over a year ago Governor Newsom issued an executive order that suspended certain elements of the Brown Act which has enabled us to conduct meetings virtually. Not just our Senate meetings but the Governing Board and City Council, County Board of Supervisors meetings can all conduct meetings remotely. The question is if Newsom is proclaiming the entire state to be open does that mean that we will no longer be able to do our meeting remotely? There was a resolution passed at plenary that is asking ASCCC Executive Council to work to extend the provisions that allow us to conduct our meeting remotely. We may have to have an on-campus presence for Senate meetings and we are looking into incorporating some additional technology to help us do this. Over the next few weeks and over summer the Senate Officers will have discussions about the security of future meetings and how we can go forward with possibly being both in person and online. Stay tuned for messaging about that.</p>
C.	<p>Return to campus update: Also refer to the Public Comment; Newsome is opening California on June 15. Mix feeling some people are ready and some not but nonetheless Jim's concerned over working condition so we need to make sure that certain guidelines and protocols are made available for faculty teaching classes as well for students who are in those classes, so I'm not sure what that means for those classes that were scheduled to be on campus in the summertime as information becomes available we will share with you and will actually bring this up at our ADSOC meeting next week as well so stay tuned for more information on that, but if you get the chance or did receive all the recommendation from the return the campus or repopulation teams and they are looking through that information and hopefully we'll have some information soon as to what's going to happen for the future with regard to returning to campus. I do know the Chancellor is still interested in and I don't think it's changed she want to have sort of a long on ramp that will slowly phase in, but she does expect to be fully gone on campus in January.</p>
D.	<p>Faculty receiving Academic Rank and faculty who are being recommended for Emeritus.  For Full Professor: Derek Cannon Congratulations to you  For Associate Professor: Jeanette Calo, Joyce Fries, Valerie Shadroff and Shahrokh Shahrokhi  For Assistant Professor: Natalia Aylett, Lara Braff, Michelle Crooks, Janette Diaz, John Brodney Fitzgerald, Sarah Moore, Sharon Samposon, Daniela Sow, Sumita Thukral and congratulate all. Well done all of you.  For Emeritus: Three faculty members are being recommended for Emeritus to the Governing Board at the May 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting:  Sue Gonda, Craig Milgrim, James Papageorge, and congratulation to all of you.  May 13<sup>th</sup> is our college recognition ceremony.</p>
E.	<p>Miscellaneous</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We would like to do a land acknowledgment in future Senate meetings. If you would like to help us craft the acknowledgement, please reach out to us. We are also seeking someone to do a presentation at a future Senate meeting on the significance of land acknowledgements.</li> <li>• Many faculty have reported a large number of students in their online courses who have not participated in any class activities. These students have outlook.com email addresses and do not have phone numbers on file. They might be fake students and this might be related to financial aid fraud. Other colleges in California are reporting similar experiences. District IT as well as Admissions &amp; Records are investigating. Right now there are more questions than answers. Stay tuned for additional information.</li> <li>• Make sure to read your email from Chancellor Neault about the President finalists.</li> <li>• We are seeking faculty reps to serve on the Equity, Diversity, and Transformative Campus Climate Committee. Please sign up if interested.</li> </ul>

III.		INFORMATION ITEMS
	A.	Items for General Discussion:
	1.	<p>Celebration of Life for Coach William “Bill” Gillespie</p> <p>We lost a member of our Grossmont College family. Coach William Bill Gillespie started with us shortly after the campus opened back in the 60s and worked with us in service for over five decades. His son, CSIS faculty member Robert Gillespie shared a little bit about his father’s life and legacy. Those who knew Coach Bill were encouraged input their memories of Coach Bill into chat.</p>
	2.	<p>Update on Equity, Gender, and Social Justice Studies Department—Quezada</p> <p>Earlier this semester the Senate approved the name change from Cross Culture Studies to Equity Gender and Social Justice Studies and also approved making the program an official department. Raymundo Quezada gave an update on the department change. First we still progressing through curriculum we’ve gotten not all of our classes in we have a couple more that we need to as well there’s also talks we were discussing having a Social Justice Studies major but there’s talks about putting a stall on that or at least reevaluating that and the specific reason is because there may be an ethnic studies Associates Degree for transfer that may bae coming up that doesn’t necessarily mean that we’re going to get rid of one and keep the other maybe we will do both or we might just stick with ethnic studies, I think we are going to let the Legislation guide us in a lot of the decision that we will be making and looking at the impact of how much a Social Justice Studies major is needed at our college if an Ethnic Studies major is available so that’s something we’re going to have continual conversation on. Just as reminder to submit any course outlines to me by May 1<sup>st</sup> that’s like a soft deadline, but I mean try to get it in as soon as you can. This is slow process we will always to be transparent and open and willing to answer questions on how to best move forward.</p> <p>One of the last things is this is a venture that we’re just taking part of now and it is in conjunction with the Philosophy, History and English department and the Ethnic studies department and also religious studies we are applying for grant to create an Asian American studies certificate we’ve been starting to have meeting to in regards to how to go about this, I will say that Grossmont college right now we offer classes in Chicano studies, Africana studies and native American studies the legislation that was passed to make ethnic studies a requirement talks about four groups those three and Asian American studies to focus on the experience of Asian American in the United States and we used to offer those courses but we don’t offer those anymore and the time to do this was a long time ago and we are now starting to have conversations on how we are going to do this and June Yang, Daniela Sow, Elizabeth Burke, Angela Feres and others are playing a really huge part being very supportive of this. Of course, this is multi discipline effort that these are that the Asian studies certificate isn’t just Ethnic Studies the different literature courses and so, we hope we get the grant, even if we don’t it’s still going to happen.</p>
	B.	Items for discussion/possible future action items:
	1.	<p><b>Brian Rickel:</b> Update on where it stands with making the Council of Chairs and Coordinators, a committee of the Senate. A vote was taken in the Council Chairs and Coordinators to determine whether or not we would live under Academic Senate as subcommittee of the Senate or be a body that advises and has a direct relationship with VPAA’s office. The vote results: Be a subcommittee of</p>

	<p>the Academic Senate. A formal charge is being developed and will be brought for a future Senate meeting for a vote.</p>
B.	<p><b>Dave Dillon:</b> Online Teaching and Learning Committee (Committee of Academic Senate) Charge. Dave brought a draft of a revised charge/composition to Senate. There are five things some cosmetic and some more functional OTLC has proposed and approved.</p> <p>First: OTLC voted to change the terminology from purpose and membership to charge and composition.</p> <p>Second: language for an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion equity type of statement and this is what we currently have. In the near future add something that was going to be more action related and to keep us accountable, but for now we were just working on the Equity, Inclusion, Diversity antiracist statement in itself, so our proposal to add the charge.</p> <p>Third: is a proposal to expand membership so prior to this committee becoming a committee of Senate there wasn't official membership. Especially for voting we wanted to propose expansion, specially because there's so much emphasis on online teaching during the pandemic and probably post pandemic so there are two things happening right now: Denise put a call out to recruit membership for current vacancies and then coupled with that we're also looking for expansion and I will make one point here that occasionally there were two divisions that sometimes got combined and we wanted to separate those because we believe that a member specifically from allied health and nursing would be valuable. For this particular committee so that one is standing by itself we also wanted to have specific faculty member representing open education resources so we have liaison position there we were looking to add a second part time faculty member so we're looking for two and then we wanted to add two students in that one I'm still learning about but Denise I think you confirm that the students would have an opportunity to be compensated which was important to us. There was some discussion both on OTLC and with the Senate Officer Committee regarding ex-officio members and composition and when I inherited being the chair of this committee as the Distance ED coordinator these two position which are faculty were technically called ex officio members and some of that discussion included should they be members should they not be members a long with there's no precedents for ex officio so I think the choice were really to propose moving them into general membership or not but to drop the ex officio category was clear so OTLC discuss that in thought it best to move them into general membership.</p> <p>Motion to move to action the approval of three additions to OTLC - 1) change in terminology to "charge and composition" - 2) equity statement, 3) additional faculty membership: Hurvitz 1<sup>st</sup>; Sampson 2<sup>nd</sup>  Yes: 50  No: 1  Motion passes</p> <p>Action item: Approve the three additions to OTLC - 1) change in terminology to "charge and composition" - 2) equity statement, 3) additional faculty membership  Yes: 42  No: 0  Motion passes</p>
Meeting Adjourned	12:30p.m.
Next Meeting	May 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2021 11:00am-12:20pm

Those Present:

Roxanne Tuscany	Senator	Communication
Beth Smith	Senator	Math
Alyona Gorokhova	Senator	ESL
Tate Hurvitz	Senator	English
Diana Vance	Senator	Chemistry and Science
Martin Larter	Senator	Chemistry
Jeanette Calo	Senator	Media Communications
Randy Abshier	Senator	ESW
Mark Pressnall	Senator	BOT
Amanda Clay	Senator	Orthopedic Technology
Felicia Kalker	Senator	Library
Eva Nicasio Mercier	Senator	Management, Marketing, IB
Cheryl Kerns-Campbell	Senator	ESW/HED/NUTR
Lara Braff	Senator	Behavioral Sciences/Anthropology
Adam Deutsch	Senator	English
Jamie Shatwell	Senator	ASL
Kathleen Banville	Senator	Theatre Arts
Raymundo Quezada	Senator	EGSJ
Sarah Moore	Senator	Counseling
June Yang	Senator	PHIL & RELG
Julie Middlemas	Senator	Library
Brian Carter	Senator	Physics/Astronomy
Tina Young	Senator	AOJ
Shahrokh Shahrokhi	Senator	Political Economy
Jeff Waller	Senator	Mathematics
Sara Ferguson	Senator	ESL
Patricia Chow	Senator	CTE/Business
Claire, Liu	Senator	World Languages Department
Wendy Cruzado	Senator	Counseling
Gregg Robinson	Senator	Behavioral Science
Robin Sepulveda	Senator	Child Development and Family Studies
Peggy Wells	Senator	Respiratory Therapy
Malia Molina	Senator	Visual Arts & Humanities
Sarah Martin	Senator	English
Brian Rickel	Senator	Theatre Arts

Derek Cannon	Senator	Music
Patrice Braswell	Senator	Accessibility Resource Center
Desmond Morente	Senator	Counseling
Sharon Sampson	Senator	AOJ
Bonnie Ripley	Senator	Biology
jennifer carmean	Senator	ASL
Rhonda Morris	Senator	Nursing
brian keliher	Senator	bus adm
Michele Perchez	Senator	Biology
Cindi Harris	Senator	English
sheri strothers	Senator	communication
Brodney Fitzgerald	Senator	Physics and Astronomy
Elisabeth Burke	Senator	Philosophy and Religious Studies
Sonia Ghattas-Soliman	Senator	World Languages
Christine Vicino	Senator	Occupational Therapy
Marion de Koning	Senator	Visual Arts and Humanities
Victoria Curran	Senator	Communication
Paul Vincent	Senator	World Languages
Tim Cliffe	Senator	Earth Science
Karolia Macias	Senator	Counseling
Sharon Sampson	Senator	AOJ
Gareth Davies-Morris	Senator	Visual Arts & Humanities
Liz Barrow	Senate Officer (Only SOC)	CVTE
Sébastien Cormier	Senate Officer (Only SOC)	Physics
Dee Aceves	Senate Officer (Only SOC)	Counseling
Steve Davis	Senate Officer (Only SOC)	Math
Richard Unis	Senate Officer (Only SOC)	Sociology
Michael Perez	Senate Officer (Only SOC)	EOPS/CARE/Next-Up
Kyleb Wild	Part Time Senator	Behavioral Sciences, Anthropology