

Academic Senate Draft Minutes August 15th 2022

Meeting called to order at 2:04 p.m.

Roll call (attending)

Voltaire Villanueva x

Jordan Fong x

Eric Kuehnl x

Robert Cormia x

John Fox x

Donna Frankel x (joined at 3 p.m.)

Evan Gilstrap x

Voltaire welcomed everyone to our Academic Senate Summer Cabinet meeting. Adoption of the agenda was done by consensus. The resolution to affirm remote attendance (roll call vote) passed unanimously. Consent calendar included appointments to the integrated planning committee, including Cara Miasaki, Rosa Nguyen, Voltaire Villanueva, Katie Ha, Kas Pereira, and Vijay

Accreditation: Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER)

4 positions to the ISER accreditation committee

Voltaire Villanueva, Rosa Nguyen, Katia Ha, Kas Pereira, and Vijayalakshmi Kalyanaraman

Laura Gamaz was appointed to the library workgroup committee

The consent calendar was adopted by unanimously

There was a discussion about the District Health and Safety plans for COVID safety in fall 2022, will be discussed at the consultation task force Tuesday August 16th from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Robert Cormia asserted that masks will be required in his chemistry laboratory in fall. John Fox asserted that from a health and safety perspective, i.e, working conditions, masks should be required in indoor spaces.

Jordan Fong stated that he supported masking in the classroom, but to be aware that some or many students aren't wearing masks in all settings outside of campus.

John commented that masking works, and if COVID increases, masking reduces infections, and to ensure proper function of the College. Evan stated that reducing infection is a good idea, and is in favor of a mask mandate.

There was discussion about students who missed class because they had COVID, and weren't able to successfully continue the class. John commented on the need to be as flexible as possible, but (and) the institution only gives so much flexibility. Jordan commented that instructors weren't consistent in supporting students with COVID, and the importance of checking in with students who are sick.

Voltaire commented about the stigma of Monkeypox, and potential for increased anxiety around monkeypox for LGBTQ students. John talked about his leadership in the LGBTQ student community, and bringing up this topic in fall quarter.

Format of academic Senate meetings and AB 361. AB 361 will sunset January 1st, 2024.

Robert Cormia argued for remote meetings for access and VMT reduction, therefore it is "climate friendly". John Fox spoke that from the perspective of health and safety remote attendance is safer. Posting a Zoom link for the Academic Senate meeting is needed.

John did advocate for continued hybrid meetings, depending on the state of COVID. Voltaire commented that hybrid attendance is handy, but the technology still needs some practice.

Eric commented that Brown Act doesn't prohibit remote meetings, it just affects how quorum is determined. While some faculty may choose not to come to campus, there's no reason to continue the remote meeting resolution based on COVID. There was further comment that numerous faculty have left the area. John mentioned the FA survey, where 40% of faculty said they should be required to come to campus, 40% said they didn't, and 20% are unsure. Evan commented that SB 361 is written for a state of emergency, but that hybrid meetings might be the best route to go. Voltaire showed the Santa Clara department of public health that we are still in (a pandemic state of emergency) Eric commented that if there are two curriculum reps for each division, at least one faculty should agree to serve in person. Voltaire commented that we should revisit this issue at some time in the future.

California State Chancellor's Strategic Vision for Equity

Issue six - discussion of systemic racism in curriculum and pedagogy. Ajani addressed the global perspective, and the State Chancellor's office idea for a second effort, Strategic Vision for Equity 2.0. The version 2.0 is largely based on what we learned in the first six years. One of the sections is successful enrollment, he reviewed people assigned to each of the sections, including retention, completion and transfer. Less than 50% of our students who attend community college with the intention to transfer, do not succeed in that goal. One of the six success factors is engagement. There was a discussion about Equity 2.0 and College goal, as a goal, curriculum and pedagogy is, or should be, race conscious. There are 13 issues and five

goals. What are there 8 different sections, what are there 8 different plans? Eric talked about the need to think deeply on these issues, and how these topics affect curriculum that wasn't "boilerplate". Evan asked "what are the articulation implications. If changes are made to the course, does it need to be resubmitted for articulation? ASCCC is pushing this really hard, and wants to see more equity put into the curriculum.

Donna commented about the registration system, and our professional organizations, and how we make it difficult for many students to register.

Ajani talked about the timeline to get an Equity document together, having a good document to submit, and reaching issue 6 goals one and two. The planning process is this upcoming year.

There was a motion to approve aligning the strategic version equity section 6 goals one and two. Ajani commented that we are up against an aggressive timeline, and we did have a heads-up about this urgency in spring. How do we meet the goals of the document, and setting strategy is as important as discussing the timeline? If we affirm the goal but not the strategy, how can we go forward?

So affirm the goal, and then figure out the strategy for the next year.

If we are ready to move forward, we can undertake a motion to move forward. Jordan shared that this issue is time sensitive. Eric made a motion to suspend normal rules for a second read, to be able to move on the motion today. The motion to suspend the rules and vote on the original motion passed with 6 in favor and 1 no. We then voted on the original motion, with 6 in favor and 1 abstention. The motion to approve the resolution passed.

Voltaire suggested that we may meet again in early September.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Affirmation of resolution to continue to meet remotely.

Roll call vote

Voltaire Villanueva x
Jordan Fong x
Robert Cormia x
John Fox x
Eric Kuehnl x
Evan Gilstrap x