

**Academic Senate Council Minutes of April 4, 2016  
Contra Costa College AA216  
2600 Mission Bell Drive, San Pablo, California 94806**

**Call To Order with Introduction of Guests at 2:25 p.m.**

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Beth Goehring (President), Rick Ramos (VP/CIC), Bonnie Holt (LA), Wayne Organ (LA), Alissa Scanlin (SS), Andrea Phillips (SS), Judy Flum (DE) and Seti Sidharta (NSAS).

**Committee Members Absent:** Lucile Beatty (LAVA).

**Visitors in Attendance:** Ed Carney

**CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS**

**April 4 Agenda**

**ACTION:** Rick motioned to approve the agenda; Alissa seconded; Beth, Rick, Bonnie, Alissa, Seti, and Judy were all in favor; no abstentions. Wayne and Andrea arrived after agenda was approved.

**March 7 Minutes**

**ACTION:** Bonnie motioned to approve the minutes; Rick seconded; Beth, Rick, Alissa, Bonnie, and Judy were all in favor; no abstentions; Seti abstained because she was not at the March 7 meeting; Wayne and Andrea arrived after the minutes were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Introduction to Chief Ed Carney** The Council welcomed the new Director of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness District Police Chief, Ed Carney, who introduced himself. He originated from Cherry Hill, New Jersey with 30 years of law enforcement and community college-level leadership experience. He explained that his philosophy is focused on safety, training, and community policing. His objective is communication. Faculty need to feel that they can ask when help is needed with problems in the classroom. He is hoping to offer a number of professional development workshops focused on safety and training. His cell number is (925)812-6889 and direct office number is (925) 686-5547 where his assistant, Susan Sedillo, will be available.

**Open Educational Resources Grant** While the Academic Senate Council is supportive of OER, a motion was made and all were in favor to not apply for this particular OER. The Council would like to encourage faculty to research free books available in the OER bank, but has agreed to not write a resolution in support of applying for the \$50,000 grant money because there are too many strings attached and it would be costly to hire someone to administer the grant. The DVC faculty senate is also not applying for the grant. Alissa said that the DSPS program uses different media services and wouldn't utilize OER. Seti concurred that the Chemistry program also would not have a need to use the service. Wayne stated that since textbooks are just an organization of collected information, online research is used by most instructors.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Academic Renewal Update** Academic renewal was allowed once in a lifetime. It is now allowed once a year. Beth will check to see if this has yet been approved by the Governing Board.

**Mentor Program for Part-time Faculty Update** Beth will contact the UF regarding the availability of workshops for part-time faculty orientation here on the CCC campus; though these workshops focus more on college and campus policies than guidance through the campus system. Department Chairs should be made aware of the availability of these workshops. The UF needs a list of all new faculty.

**SLO Assessment Module Update** The CurricUNET SLO module should be introduced on campus within two weeks.

**Placement of Campus Maps, Walking and Driving Signage throughout the Campus Update** Beth requested a campus map near the tennis courts and said that money is available through Measure A to use for internal driving signage. Chief Carney said that there is a need for signage on all three campuses, but more so on the CCC campus, and fully supports the driving signage.

**District-wide Academic Senate Seminar April 11** Beth reminded the Council of the FSCC district-wide plenary. Members that have committed to attend are Beth, Rick, Wayne, Judy, Lucile, Bonnie, and Alissa. It will be held in the District 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room from 3 – 5 p.m.

**ASCCC Plenary in Sacramento April 21-23** Beth asked for any interested to contact the senate office.

**ASCCC Online Education Regionals April 8 at College of San Mateo** Beth asked if any council members were interested in attending this conference.

**Equivalency Power Point Presentation Update** Beth will be giving a presentation at the Council of Chairs. The video and quiz is now online and professional development hours can be earned by watching the video and taking the quiz.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** Committee reports were tabled for lack of time.

**PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC/ANNOUNCEMENTS/OPEN DISCUSSION**

There were no presentations from the public. Rick commented that faculty don't have time to participate on committees because they are too busy doing clerical work and grading papers. He feels that some committees should have release time. The council discussed which committees could be reduced, listing the Basic Skills, Safety, Sustainability, Technology, and the College Council committees.

**Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 18.