

**Academic Senate Council Minutes of November 6, 2017**  
**Contra Costa College**  
**2600 Mission Bell Drive, San Pablo, California 94806**

**Call To Order with Introduction of Guests at 2:15 p.m. in GEB 305**

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Beth Goehring (President), Rick Ramos (VP/CIC), Judy Flum (DE), Katie Krolkowski (CTE), Bonnie Holt (LA), Randy Carver (LA), Leslie Alexander (NSAS), Randy Watkins (NSAS), Luci Castruita (SS), and Alissa Scanlin (SS).

**Members absent:** Aminta Mickles (LAVA) and Sandra Moore (LAVA).

**Visitors in Attendance:** Mayra Padilla

**CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS**

**November 6 agenda**

**October 16 minutes**

**ACTION:** Alissa motioned to approve the consent agenda action items; Leslie seconded; Beth, Rick, Judy, Katie, Bonnie, Randy C, Leslie, Randy W, Luci, and Alissa were all in favor; no abstentions.

**NEW BUSINESS/ PENDING BUSINESS/ UPDATES/DISCUSSION**

**Flex Week Topic Focus (Mayra)** College Council would like the Academic Senate faculty to join with the community to provide an effective plan to enhance Student Success by focusing institutional PD efforts on 2-3 topics to select from to meet their flex obligations. In particular, one of the topics that the Student Success Committee is recommending is equity informed pedagogical practices that show success with African American students. Professional development is a 10+1 and isn't directed by management but the topics can be in addition to the faculty flex choices. Pedagogy has changed with technology. Students aren't learning how to take notes. Mayra focused on professional development alignment with Student Success. She stated that faculty are receiving PD for projects that have nothing to do with PD. An example she used was a quilting group. She asked the Senate to focus on three top topics regarding PD focus on pedagogy and curriculum. Judy said that most PD money is spent on PD needs within their disciplines. Rick agreed that some educators need updates in their disciplines but he would like to work on retention. He said that there was a 1% increase in FTES with a 9% increase in head count which shows that students are not getting what they want and taking whatever classes they can get just to graduate. Katie would like PD explored as a whole as a flex activity. Judy would like to see flex done on All College Day because everyone is mandated to attend but few come to other flex activities. Mayra will send a summary of the strategic initiatives to the senate from Student Success to possibly begin conversation on how to reallocate funds. There is a need to follow up on students who drop out and find out why. A suggestion was made for guided pathway groups to possibly visit division meetings. Would release time or compensation attract more faculty to participate in guided pathway discussions? DVC gives 6% release time campus-wide. DVC received GP allocation of \$1.4 million, LMC \$750,000, and CCC \$700,000 for five years for entire college including classified and students.

**Plenary Resolutions** All resolutions passed. Information Competency will be included as a state strategic initiative and guided pathways will be faculty led.

**Report from IEPI Guided Pathways Conference** Katie previewed "Launch Pad" that showed colleges' transferable Math and English completion rates. Her understanding is that the Chancellor's Office is hoping that there will no longer be specialized programs geared toward one type of student, such as Puente, but that programs need to encompass all students. Katie went over the four pillars of guided pathways and recommends individual pathways, Clusters, Puente and other cohort ideas, Math/STEM conversation, reading apprenticeship, assessment group, and CTE contextualization. Katie asked for suggestions on how to bring in more people to discuss guided pathways. Comments made were finding the glue that the student needs to feel connection to the college, changing the culture of the student while they're here, and giving up the ways we do things. Katie took notes on the suggestions for later discussions.

**Faculty Schedule Committee** Beth reported that President's Cabinet is 100% aboard with the faculty led schedule committee. A call for nominations to select two reps from each division will go out. Reps will be selected by division vote. Reps will receive 15 hours flex credit for this committee work.

**DVC vs. Local Court Decision (Informational only)** DVC lost their case to refuse to give credit to a home-schooled student for a Spanish course from a non-accredited school. The court ruled against them and said it

must be approved so that the student could transfer.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports.

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

There were no presentations from the public.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. Next meeting will be November 20.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynette Kral