

Academic Senate Council Minutes
Contra Costa College
2600 Mission Bell Drive, San Pablo, California 94806
November 1, 2021

Online meeting called to order at 2:15 p.m.

Academic Senate President: Gabriela Segade

CIC/Vice President: Anthony Gordon

Distance Ed: Maritez Apigo

Voting Representatives:

LA: Erika Watson, Randy Carver

SS: Sarah Boland, Lorena Gonzalez

AACE: Michell Naidoo, Brianne Ayala

NSAS: Agustin Palacios, Deborah Dixon

Adjunct Faculty: Vacant

Non-Voting Representatives:

Classified Senate: Carla Matute, Karen Ruskowski

CTE: Romus Reese

ASU: Raul Gonzalez

Members not in attendance: Lorena Gonzalez, Carla Matute, Romus Reese, Raul Gonzalez

Guests in attendance: Steve Robertson, Brandy Gibson, Jennifer Ounjian

AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of Agenda of November 1

Sarah approved; Agustin seconds; all in favor.

Approval of Minutes from October 18

Brianna approved; Agustin seconds; all in favor.

Public Comment

Steve Robertson voiced concern about AB928 just signed in to law that looks like there will only be one pathway of UC/CSU transfer. He felt that the way its written seems like there are cuts for transfer students and his area (Speech) looks like it may be cut. The concern is that AB928 says that there cannot be more GE unit requirements than IGETC allowed. His position, or question, to the ASC is are we having any discussions with state if they are working on any of these pathway guidelines and if faculty have any input to this issue. Gabriela said the UF hasn't talked about it yet, but that she would speak to the officers at the state level and see what their perception is. She will get back to Steve of anything she learns.

Academic and Professional Matters

Classified employee morale Brandy discussed with the ASC how the faculty could support classified employees to create a more positive working environment, particularly the hourly classified. Brandy said classified is having problems. There is no bargaining agreement for hourlies. Faculty members can help by expressing their concerns to the District.

Time expectations for students in courses Jennifer discussed with the ASC regarding publishing time expectations for student work on the course schedule (online, on-campus, and including outside classwork expectations) to help students with time management problems during intersession, and pandemic fatigue and commitment. Gabriela will recommend this to the Instructional Committee, Tim Gleason, and Liz Vega, and send out a survey. Maritez said she will take this to Scheduling Committee.

Selecting ASC member to report at next Council of Chairs Gabriela Segade expressed the importance of a ASC faculty department chair giving a report to the senate council. Anthony will attend the next meeting and will give a report at the next ASC.

Social Committee Gabriela asked for an ad hoc committee to help her with creating a morale and community workgroup, or playgroup of the ASC.

State Academic Senate Resolutions – Gabriela reviewed the resolutions that will be voted on at the State Academic Senate.

Results of Senate vote on By-laws and Adjunct Faculty Representative to ASC Gabriela announced that the bylaws were approved and that Ivy Johnson will be the Adjunct Faculty Representative to ASC. Ivy is from the ESL department and elected

by the adjunct faculty to represent the part-time faculty as a voting member of the ASC with full senate council participation rights.

ASC Committees and Continuous Improvement

Distance Education Committee Update Maritez reported that modifications to Title V sections 55200, 55204, 55206, 55208, and 55005 regarding distance education were made [Link here](#) and [here](#) and that there is an additional 15-day comment period, effective October 22 with comments due prior to 4 p.m. on November 6, to achieve these goals:

1. To align federal and state distance education regulations;
2. To disclose additional online course requirements to students; and
3. To define accessibility in distance education course design.

OER/ZTC Committee Update Maritez reviewed the draft of the student-facing webpage [Link here](#) that explains what ZTC means and how it is utilized. Gabriela mentioned that Jason Cifra, Interim Vice President Student Services, said that faculty haven't let them know if their courses are ZTC. When Maritez goes to the Council of Chairs she'll remind chairs to tell their faculty.

CIC Update Anthony reported that the CIC is finalizing the GE approval procedure. Karen and he attended the Regional Curriculum Committee but it was not too informative. The universal numbering system was discussed but he doesn't think it's reasonable. There is now a rationale box in eLumen for how a course fits into the department goals and strategic plans.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is November 12 from 2:15-4:00 p.m.

Submitted by,
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Academic Senate Office