

Academic Senate Council Minutes
Contra Costa College
2600 Mission Bell Drive, San Pablo, California 94806
November 15, 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: Ivy Johnson

Non-Voting Representatives:

Classified Senate: Carla Matute, Karen Ruskowski

CTE: Romus Reese

ASU: Raul Gonzalez

Members not in attendance: Carla Matute, Raul Gonzalez. Sarah Boland, Lorena Gonzalez, Brianne Ayala, Deborah Dixon, Ivy Johnson

Guests in attendance: Mayra Padilla, Jon Celesia

AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of Agenda of November 15

Agustin approved; Erika seconds; all in favor.

Approval of Minutes from November 1

Agustin approved; Michell seconds; all in favor.

Public Comment There were no public comments.

Academic and Professional Matters

Mayra Padilla - Racial and Social Justice Initiatives for Academic Senate Consideration

Mayra explained the Classified/Hourly problem and vacant admin and student services positions and asked for faculty support. Gabriela asked her for ideas of what the faculty could do to support. Mayra said they are updating the budget augmentation process and IEPI grant. Mayra said that a way faculty could support classified during Box2A is to give up one faculty position for two classified positions. Gabriela said that if this was done, that these classified would need to stay as faculty's classified. Mayra said we haven't done a strategic plan since 2008. Another area is academic calendar and is asking the district to consider other worship religious holidays. The UF controls the calendar. Since there are quite a number of faculty who are atheists, Gabriela would like more documentation to support this issue before the ASC can endorse it. Mayra said that Cile has been working on the calendar. Mayra said another issue is Equity mindedness and cultural consciousness. Her suggestions to faculty to help with this is that since fulltime faculty have a 30-hour flex requirement, they could devote half of the hours to racial and social justice. Maritez feels faculty may move towards those ideas but they need to be brought to union for stipends for Covid and equity training, and education unit credit for faculty. More incentives, more participation. Agustin feels that many faculty don't even complete their required flex hours with no consequences and maybe some peer pressure is needed. Gabriela wants the equity training meatier and needs more conversation. Jon said that faculty do not like being told to do, or go to trainings. Randy suggested that structural scheduled flex on Fridays would be easier for faculty to schedule. Mayra said that she needs faculty ideas to take back to the Racial and Social Justice Committee.

Maritez asked Mayra if there's anything specific she wants from senate. Mayra just wants more discussion, she likes the idea of a survey, and create spaces where people can learn together and say what they want. Agustin said we do have the Pedagogy Conference coming up.

Accomplishments from this discussion:

- Wait for classified lead on the issue.
- Cile is working on the calendar.
- People are avoiding trainings when they are told they have to.
- Create a safe space to voice personal idea.

- Do a survey.

Cile Beatty - Racial and Social Justice Committee report

Cile was not able to attend today's meeting and has been rescheduled for December 6.

Time expectations for students in courses – Update of voting results so far

Gabriela presented the 53 results of the survey and read comments received. Half of people surveyed, wanted it in schedule, other half didn't mind having less on schedule, few don't want anything more. Jon said that academic standards and rigor are not always upheld.

Agustin said it's not just us at CCC. He got the same while taking courses at UC Berkeley. Randy would like continued discussion at ASC.

This will be returned to the next agenda.

Social committee – Creating a morale and community workgroup of the ASC

This discussion item was tabled due to lack of time.

Committee Service – updating list of faculty who serve on committees

This discussion item was tabled due to lack of time.

Possible effects of AB-928 on COMM Studies courses

This would be a unified requirement for GE transfer for local, CSU, and UC, but neither UC or CSU require oral communication as a transfer requirement. Gabriela will continue monitoring what's going on.

ASC Committees and Continuous Improvement

Distance Education Committee Update

DE 5-year Strategic Plan Maritez said that the District DE 5-year Strategic Plan is expiring so there will be a District DE Strategic Planning Town Hall meeting this Thur. Nov. 18, 2-3:30pm on Zoom. This will also be asynchronous in Canvas.

Johanna Miller will be sending out the Zoom invitation this week.

DE Guidelines on schedule changes that affect Canvas courses [Link Here](#) Maritez is asking for senate endorsement with the change to recommended solution #1.

ACTION: Anthony motioned to approve the endorsement; Agustin seconds; all in favor.

Issues with combining sections in Canvas shells [Link Here](#)

Instructors who are combining course sections in one canvas shell are having issues. DVC has 60 faculty who do this, but we only have about 7 who do this. DVC has brought forward some issues with allowing combining sections and would like to stop the combining of sections in Canvas

Issues are:

FERPA (could be a privacy violation)

Lost course material

Data issues (more work for Canvas admin staff)

Starfish will not sync with combined sections

Response from ASC:

Cross listed sections are not impacted.

Multiple sections A, B, C, D are not impacted

Two sections of the same course are the only ones that are impacted.

OER/ZTC Committee Update (Maritez) [Link here](#)

This discussion item was tabled due to lack of time.

CIC Update

This discussion item was tabled due to lack of time.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is December 6 from 2:15-4:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Academic Senate Office