



**San Diego Mesa College
 Academic Senate
 May 5, 2014: H117/H118 (2:15PM-4:00PM)
 Minutes**

PRESENT:

Becca Arnold, Leslie Cloud, Jennifer Cost, Chris Dawes, Donna Duchow, Michael Fitzgerald, Lupe Gonzalez, Kimberly Hart, Martina Hesser, Erika Higginbotham, Madeleine Hinkes, Bill Hoefer, Katie Holton, Inna Kanevsky, Terry Kohlenberg, Ken Kuniyuki, Danielle Lauria, Leticia Lopez, Guillermo Marrujo, Thekima Mayasa, Joe "Mac" McKenzie, Jonathan McLeod, Phyllis Meckstroth, Dina Miyoshi, Val Ontell, Michelle "Toni" Parsons, Mayra Preciado, Ron Ryno, Robert Sanchez, Marilyn Schenk, Steven Siegel, Leslie Styles, Chris Sullivan, Judy Sundayo, Manuel Velez, Lois Wittner and guests Dean Margie Fritch, Barbara Buchanan, Lori Covington, Rob Fremland, Joseph Halcott, Mario Lara, Tina Recalde, Connie Renda, Denise Rogers and Scott Starbuck

ABSENT:

Mark Abajian, Aulani Chun, Kris Clark, John Crocitti, Laleh Howard, Angela Liewen, Devin Milner (Excused), Susheela Narayanan, Francisca Rascon, Jim Romeo, Walter "Duane" Wesley and Farshid Zand

I. CALL TO ORDER and Welcome by Academic Senate President Terry Kohlenberg @ 2:20PM.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve without changes:

M/S

Sullivan/McKenzie

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III. PUBLIC PRESENTATION:

A. Associated Student Government (ASG) Representative: (Secretary Mayra Preciado) No Report

B. Classified Senate Representative: (President Angela Liewen) No Report

IV. GUESTS: None

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 21, 2014

Motion to approve with a correction from Madeleine Hinkes:

M/S

Sullivan/McKenzie

1 ABTAINED

VI. ROUND TABLE TOPIC: None

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Black Studies (BLAS) Official Discipline Designation: (Chair Thekima Mayasa) 2nd Reading

1. Thekima began the process with the Academic Senate for CA Community Colleges (ASCCC) for approval of Black Studies as an Official Discipline designation.

a. Bachelors, Masters, and Doctoral Programs for African American/Black Studies are offered at the CA State University (CSU) System, Stanford University and nationwide.

b. Cultural Competency is becoming a requirement.

Motion to support Mesa College Black Studies Program's application for Official Discipline Designation:

M/S

Holton/Sundayo

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B. Resolution 14.4.2 - Reaffirming the Local Academic Senate's Responsibility for Discipline**Assignment:** (Thekima Mayasa and Manuel Velez) 2nd Reading

1. Thekima Mayasa said the resolution represents a proactive stance by the Academic Senate.
2. Thekima also said De Anza College has an alternative we should look at.
3. Curriculum Review Committee Faculty Co-Chair Toni Parsons said no courses are currently on hold.
 - a. The Chicano Studies (CHIC) designation is not in CurricUNET yet.
 - b. It is an Articulation and Transfer issue for the University of CA (UC) system.

Motion to approve:

M/S

Velez/Mayasa

**2 Opposed
4 Abstained****C. San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) Curriculum Instructional Council (CIC) Draft****Documents:** Introduced in October 2013. (The documents were approved by City and Miramar's Senates.)

1. Academic Policy 5025 – Philosophy and Criteria for Associate Degree General Education:

Motion to approve with changes from Jonathan McLeod:

M/S

Parsons/McLeod

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2. Academic Policy 5300.2 – Degree and Certificate Development:

Motion to approve:

M/S

Parsons/McLeod

UNANIMOUS**II. NEW BUSINESS:****A. Resolution 14.5.1 – Baccalaureate Degrees (Allied Health Program):** (Covington/Renda/Recalde)

1. The programs are Health Information Technology, Physical Therapy and Radiologic Technology.
2. The Mesa College Allied Health Program currently has Faculty who meet the Minimum Qualifications to teach Bachelor Degree Level Courses.
3. Students with Baccalaureate degrees are more prepared for the Health Care Field.

Motion to suspend the rules and vote on the resolution today:

M/S

Velez/Ontell

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Motion to approve:

M/S

Parsons/Hinkes

1 Abstained**B. Resolution 14.5.2 – Baccalaureate Degree (American Sign Language to English Interpretation):**

(Clary/Halcott/Nakaji)

1. Employment of interpreters and transliterators is projected to grow faster than the average for all occupations.
 - a. Demand for American Sign Language to English Interpreters is expected to grow rapidly, driven by the increasing use of video relay services, which allow people to conduct online video calls and use a Sign Language Interpreter.
 - b. The Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) established Bachelor's degree requirements for candidates to take their certification test in order to meet RID requirements.
2. The best qualified translators must have a Bachelors' Degree to be competitive in markets such as New York City, San Francisco and Washington DC.
3. Southern California needs to have a Bachelors' Degree Program for American Sign Language to English Interpretation.

Motion to suspend the rules and vote on the resolution today:

M/S

Velez/Ontell

UNANIMOUS

Motion to approve:

M/S

Lopez/Velez

UNANIMOUS**C. Mesa College Mission Statement (Draft):** (Madeleine Hinkes) Statement needs the Senate's thumbs up.

1. The mission statement meets accreditation standards and says Mesa College is a comprehensive college and still represents who we are and what we do.
2. There was a sense of the Senate to support the draft Mission Statement with suggested changes from the Senators.

D. Resolution 14.4.3 – Compensation for Program Review Lead Writers: (Bruce Naschak & Marilyn Schenk) First Reading

1. Expands upon Senate Resolution 10.9.4 approved in October 2010 supporting compensation for Lead Writers.

Motion to bring the resolution forward for discussion and potential vote at the September 8, 2014 meeting:

M/S

Lopez/Velez

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E. Educational Master Plan (2012-2013 to 2018-2019) Review: (Donna Duchow and Madeleine Hinkes)

Donna Duchow reported the committee is looking for Faculty feedback.

1. Dean Jill Baker and Campus Based Researcher Brianna "Bri" Hays met with 48 focus groups that included Faculty, staff, students and members of the community.
 - a. 80 hours of data was analyzed.
 - The forces that are driving Mesa College emerged from the data and will guide our planning.
2. Strategic Directions: (Draft)
 - Strategic Direction 1:
 - * Deliver, advance and support an inclusive teaching and learning environment that enables all students to achieve their educational goals.
 - Strategic Direction 2:
 - * Build and sustain a sense of community that extends across campus and constituencies; nurturing collaboration, learning, growth and diversity.
 - Strategic Direction 3:
 - * Build and sustain the pathways that support the comprehensive community college mission.
 - Strategic Direction 4:
 - * Support innovation in our practices.
 - Strategic Direction 5:
 - * Support personal growth and professional development of our employees.
 - Strategic Direction 6:
 - * Serve as stewards of our resources and advance effective practices in support of accountability.

F. Resolution 14.4.4 – Cell Phone Electromagnetic Radiation on Campus: (Bruce Naschak/Marilyn Schenk/Scott Starbuck) First Reading

As reported by Scott Starbuck:

1. Scott Starbuck noted two sets of studies led to the World Health Organization's 2B (possible carcinogen) designation of cell-based radiation: 1) the Interphone IRAC project (IARC stands for The International Agency for Research on Cancer which is part of the World Health Organization) and 2) research led by Lennart Hardell. Naschak's, Schenk's and Starbuck's resolution included a peer-reviewed study, accepted by The World Health Organization (WHO), finding that individuals who use cell phones more than 30 minutes per day show a 40% increase in contracting gliomas (brain cancers).
2. Starbuck noted that in response to updated peer-reviewed research, it was reported the Indian Government lowered radiation emitted by cell phone towers to one-tenth of their former standard, and, according to an article in Reuters, the Italian Supreme Court, based on Lennart Hardell's research, "upheld a ruling that said there was a link between a business executive's brain tumor and his heavy mobile phone usage."
3. Starbuck also reported the World Health Organization's 2B (possible carcinogen) designation for cell-based radiation (actually radio frequency radiation which is not limited to cell phones and cell panels), puts cell panel radiation in the same category as asbestos, car exhaust, and lead, certainly things we don't want professors, students, and their children exposed to 24/7.
4. Starbuck mentioned it was reported the IARC Director Christopher Wild called his group "the world's leading experts" on this issue, and that his group consisted "of more than two dozen scientists and doctors from 14 countries," according to the IARC Website at <http://www.iarc.fr/>

Motion to forward the resolution for discussion and potential vote at the September 8, 2014 meeting:

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IX. SENATE EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

A. Vice President: (Donna Duchow) No Report

B. Secretary: (Becca Arnold) No Report

C. Treasurer: (Ken Kuniyuki)

1. Our account balances are as follows:

Checking Account: \$ 734.13

Savings Account: \$ 571.89

Total: \$1306.02

2. Our \$500 scholarship recipients are Hannah Ayers and Dartanyon Shivers.

D. Senator at Large #1: (Position is Vacant)

E. Senator at Large #2: (Katie Holton) No Report

F. President: (Terry Kohlenberg)

1. Accreditation:

a. We have reached the next step of the accreditation process.

- The Administrative, Classified and Faculty Chairs will meet.

2. Terry thanked the Senate Exec for their hard work this academic year.

3. Terry also thanked the Senators for their participation this academic year.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Academic Affairs: (Co-Chair Inna Kanevsky) No Report

B. Professional Development Committee (PDC): (Chair Lupe Gonzalez)

1. 2014 - 2015 Sabbatical Award Recipients:

- Christie Allred (English)
- Becca Arnold (Business)
- Bill Brothers (Biology)
- Wendell Kling (Art)
- Susan Lazear (Fashion)
- Laura Mathis (Counseling)
- Bruce Naschak (Humanities)
- Pianta (English/ESOL)

C. Committee of Chairs (COC): (Chair of Chairs Jennifer Cost)

1. The Chairs are scheduled to meet on Wednesday, May 14, 2014.

2. Class Caps:

a. The class cap for the Online Business Communication Writing Course was increased without consultation.

- Dean Danene Brown took the lead with the support of Mark Abajian, Becca Arnold, Jennifer Cost and Tracy Tuttle and successfully restored the original class cap for the course.

b. Please speak up right away when your Class Caps are increased without consultation.

3. Course Approval Process:

a. Chemistry Chair Rob Fremland reported there seems to be a narrowing of courses being approved.

- Rob reported a Chemistry Course that is exclusively for the Allied Health Program was denied approval by his Dean and the Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) because it is not part of an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT).
- b. Chair of Chairs Jennifer Cost said we need to push back in an appropriate way when it is necessary to maintain our mission.
- c. CRC Co-Chair Toni Parsons said courses must meet five (5) criteria including a need for the course.
 - Jennifer Cost said we must work together to determine the need for courses.

C. Curriculum Review Committee (CRC): (Co-Chair Toni Parsons) No Report

D. Program Review Committee (PRC): (Co-Chair Dina Miyoshi) No Report

E. Basic Skills Committee (BSC): (Coordinator Chris Sullivan) No Report

XI. Announcements:

- A.** The next Academic Senate meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2014 in H117/H118 @ 2:15PM.
- B.** The next Committee of Chairs meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2014 in H117/H118 @ 2:15PM.
- C.** The 2014 Mesa College Commencement Ceremony is Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 4:00PM – 6:00PM at the University of San Diego (USD) Jenny Craig Pavilion.

XII. ADJOURNMENT @ 4:01PM.

Submitted by Sue Saetia

Approved by the Senate: September 8, 2014