



San Diego Mesa College
Academic Senate
September 22, 2014: H117/H118 (3:00PM-4:00PM)
Minutes

PRESENT:

Becca Arnold, Christine Balderas, Jennifer Carmichael, Aulani Chun, Leslie Cloud, Jennifer Cost, Nellie Dougherty, Rob Fremland, Kimberly Hart, Martina Hesser, Erika Higginbotham, Bill Hoefer, Laleh Howard, Inna Kanevsky, Terry Kohlenberg, Ken Kuniyuki, Guillermo Marrujo, Thekima Mayasa, Jonathan McLeod, Phyllis Meckstroth, Devin Milner, Dina Miyoshi, Ron Ryno, Robert Sanchez, Marilynn Schenk, Leslie Seiger, Shannon Shi, Steven Siegel, Chris Sullivan, Judy Sundayo, Walter "Duane" Wesley, Farshid Zand and guests Angela Arreaga, Michael Fitzgerald, Ana Fuentes and other members of the Fall 2014 Classified Leadership Class, Jennifer Simes and Scott Starbuck

ABSENT:

Mark Abajian, Kris Clark, John Crocitti, Sarah Elghraoui (Excused), Veronica Gerace (Excused), Lupe Gonzalez (Excused), Michelle "Toni" Parsons (Proxy to Rob Fremland), Francisca Rascon, Jim Romeo (Excused), Leslie Styles and Manuel Velez

I. CALL TO ORDER and Welcome by Academic Senate President Terry Kohlenberg @ 3:14PM.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve with the removal of "FACT - Committee Start Up" from New Business:
M/S Cost/McLeod

UNANIMOUS

III. PUBLIC PRESENTATION:

A. Associated Student Government (ASG) Representative: (Senator Angela Arreaga) No Report

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

IV. GUESTS:

A. Dean of Matriculation Susan Topham/Chair of Counseling Ailene Crakes/Counselor Cynthia Rico:

Student Success Services Programs (SSSP):

1. The Senate received updates regarding implementation of the SB1456 Mandates of the Student Success Act of 2012.
2. The Mesa College Academic Senate will need to sign off on the Student Services document requesting funds for providing student services programs mandated by SB1456.

B. Inna Kanevsky - Academic Affairs Committee Chair: Tabled due to the limited time for today's meeting.

1. Academic Affairs Committee's Position Paper on Learning Communities (LCOMs):

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 8, 2014

Motion to approve with changes from Marilynn Schenk:

M/S McLeod/Fremland

UNANIMOUS

VI. ROUND TABLE TOPIC: None

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 14.4.3 – Compensation for Program Review Lead Writers: (Bruce Naschak & Marilyn Schenk) 2nd Reading

1. Expands upon Senate Resolution 10.9.4 approved in October 2010 urging Administration to Compensate Lead Writers for their work.
2. Tabled on September 8th pending verification from Jim Mahler that the Senate can discuss the issue.
 - a. Jim Mahler determined the issue in open for discussion by the Senate under free speech.

Motion to bring the resolution back for discussion and vote:

M/S

McLeod/Fremland

UNANIMOUS

Motion to table the resolution: The mover (Manuel Velez) and (second (Lupe Gonzalez) are not present today.

M/S

Ryno/Mayasa

UNANIMOUS

B. Resolution 14.4.4 – Cell Phone Electromagnetic Radiation on Campus: (Bruce Naschak & Scott Starbuck) 2nd Reading (Revised September 2014)

1. Tabled on September 8th pending verification from Jim Mahler that the Senate can discuss the issue.
 - a. Jim Mahler determined the issue in open for discussion by the Senate under free speech.

Motion to bring the resolution back for discussion and vote:

M/S

McLeod/Kanevsky

UNANIMOUS

Inna Kanevsky's friendly amendment to remove specific data from the resolution and add the following statement was accepted by Scott Starbuck:

"Whereas a large number of faculty working in and around G building are concerned, based on their interpretation of available evidence, about potentially harmful effects from exposure to radio-frequency electromagnetic fields (RF-EMF) from the cell panels currently on the G-100 building,

And whereas these cell panels are not essential to the functioning of the San Diego Mesa Community College,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Mesa College Academic Senate urges the college's administration to promptly remove cell panels on the Humanities Building in order to alleviate these health-related concerns and to create better working conditions for everyone in and around the G-100 building."

Statements in support of the resolution:

- Becca Arnold said there is a possibility that there will be scientific data to support the concerns addressed in the resolution in the future.
- Inna Kanevsky said removing the cell phone tower/panels would improve working conditions for the Faculty members who are distressed about their health and for the colleagues who have to work closely with them.
- Scott Starbuck said some people are sensitive to very low levels of radiation. This sensitivity is recognized as a disability in Sweden."

Statements opposing the resolution:

- Don Barrie said the vast majority of scientific research does not find a link between low levels of radiation and health issues.
- Steven Siegel said there are no convincing data that cell phone towers emit radiation.
- Leslie Seiger said the resolution puts aside the current scientific data.
- Farshid Zand said there are benefits of having the cell phone tower including revenue for the college and the district.

Motion to approve the resolution with the friendly amendment:

The votes are delineated in the Senate Resolution 14.4.4 Document for the Senate Executive Members and Senators eligible to vote on the resolution who casted votes:

M/S

McLeod/Seiger

**8 (Eight) Ayes
16 Opposed
3 (Three) Abstained**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Resolution 14.9.1 – Academic Affairs Committee Constitutional Changes:** Chair Inna Kanevsky
 1. Inna introduced the resolution for constitutional changes to the Academic Affairs Committee.

IX. SENATE EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

- A. President - Elect:** (Rob Fremland) No Report
- B. Secretary:** (Becca Arnold) No Report
- C. Treasurer:** (Ken Kuniyuki) No Report
- D. Senator at Large #1:** (Position is Vacant)
- E. Senator at Large #2:** : (Position is Vacant)
- F. President:** (Terry Kohlenberg)
1. Faculty Hiring Prioritization Committee (FHPC):
 b. There is a proposal to add additional Administrative and Faculty representatives to the committee.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Academic Affairs:** (Co-Chair Inna Kanevsky) No Report
- B. Professional Development Committee (PDC):** (Chair Lupe Gonzalez) No Report
- C. Committee of Chairs (COC):** (Chair of Chairs Jennifer Cost)
1. There is a Joint Chairs and Deans Meeting scheduled for this Wednesday, September 24, 2014.
- D. Curriculum Review Committee (CRC):** (Co-Chair Toni Parsons) No Report
- E. Program Review Committee (PRC):** (Co-Chair Dina Miyoshi) No Report
- F. Basic Skills Committee (BSC):** (Coordinator Chris Sullivan)
 As reported by Chris Sullivan:
1. "Faculty from the Southern California region met to work on C-ID course descriptors for courses below the transfer level.
- a. Representatives from mathematics, ESL, reading, and English worked with colleagues to align basic skills curriculum from one level below transfer to however many levels below transfer were necessary or offered on any given campus.
 - b. Courses that were coded CB-21 (Course Prior to College Level) were reviewed and their corresponding rubrics revised.
 - c. These revisions informed the completion of the C-ID descriptors.
 - d. Revision of the CB-21 rubrics will also come into play as the working group for the Common Assessment Initiative furthers and completes its charge.
 - e. The idea is to have a clear and consistent pathway for students and faculty to follow, from matriculation through basic skills coursework (when needed), and on to the transfer level.
2. The following links may be helpful in developing a context:
- <http://www.c-id.net/>
 - <http://cccbsi.org/cb21-information>
 - <http://cccassess.org/>

XI. Announcements:

- A.** The next Academic Senate meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2014 in H117/H118 @ 2:15PM.
- B.** The next Joint Chairs and Deans meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2014 in H117/H118 @ 2:15PM.

XII. ADJOURNMENT @ 4:11PM.

Submitted by Sue Saetia

Approved by the Senate: October 6, 2014 (Votes are delineated on the following page.)

AYES	
Becca	Arnold
Christine	Balderas
Jennifer	Carmichael
Bill	Clary
John	Crocitti
Robert	Fremland
Veronica	Gerace
Lou Ann	Gibson
Kimberly	Hart
Erika	Higginbotham
Laleh	Howard
Inna	Kanevsky
Ken	Kuniyuki
Jonathan	McLeod
Phyllis	Meckstroth
Devin	Milner
Dina	Miyoshi
Toni	Parsons
Ron	Ryno
Robert	Sanchez
Marilynn	Schenk
Leslie	Seiger
Shannon	Shi
Steven	Siegel
Judy	Sundayo
George	Svoboda
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OPPOSED
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ABSTAINED	
Francisca	Rascon
Proxy	Leticia Lopez
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