



**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
ACADEMIC SENATE**

**March 16, 2015: Room H117/H118 (2:15PM – 4:00PM)
MINUTES**

Present:

Aulani Chun, Kris Clark, Bill Clary, Leslie Cloud, John Crocitti, Nellie Dougherty, Sarah Eighraoui, Rob Fremland, Veronica Gerace, Lou Ann Gibson, Kimberly Hart, Inna Kanevsky, Ken Kuniyuki, Terry Kohlenberg, Dina Miyoshi, Michelle "Toni" Parsons, Ron Ryno, Robert Sanchez, Marilynn Schenk, Steven Siegel, Leslie Seiger, Judy Sundayo, George Svoboda, Akunna Winston and Farshid Zand

Absent:

Mark Abajian, Jennifer Cost (Excused), Peggy Fischer, Guadalupe "Lupe" Gonzalez (Excused), Thekima Mayasa, Jonathan McLeod (Excused), Phyllis Meckstroth, Devin Milner (Excused), Shannon Shi, Manuel Velez and Walter "Duane" Wesley

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME by Academic Senate President Terry Kohlenberg @ 2:21PM.
Parliamentarian – Jonathan McLeod/Timekeeper – Rob Fremland/Speaker Coordinator – Inna Kanevsky

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve:

M/S

Gerace/Gibson

UNANIMOUS

III. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

A. Associated Student Government (ASG) Representative: Position is Vacant

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

IV. GUEST:

A. Dean Ashanti Hands: 2015 Commencement Ceremony

Saturday (May 16, 2015) @ 4:00 (University of San Diego Jenny Craig Pavilion):

1. Commencement is a celebration of our students and our Faculty members play a role in their success.
2. 77% of students who earn associate degrees go on to earn bachelor degrees.
3. Seating is available for all graduates and their families and parking is free.
4. Please encourage your students to register to participate in the 2015 commencement ceremony.
5. Faculty members have until March 25th to register to attend the ceremony and support our students.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 2, 2015

Motion to tentatively approve: (Please send any changes to Sue Saetia)

M/S

Gibson/Marrujo

UNANIMOUS

VI. ROUND TABLE TOPIC: None

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. UPDATED Academic Affairs Committee Research Paper on Learning Communities (Fall 2014): (Acting Chair Rob Fremland)

1. The Academic Affairs Committee was only asked to research Learning Communities at the spring 2014 President's Cabinet retreat without being given any specific goals.
2. The paper will serve to inform future conversations regarding Learning Communities at Mesa College and it will be part of the repository of information available on the topic, especially in the area of student equity.
3. Guillermo Marrujo (Puente) said we need to define what a true Learning Community is.
4. The Academic Affairs Committee's finding that Learning Communities are only successful when they are institutionalized and continually supported with the necessary funding and human resources (Administrative/Faculty/Staff) can serve to inform future decision making at Mesa College.
 - a. Faculty must inform Administration what resources they need in order for Learning Communities programs such as Mesa Academy and Puente to successfully support Mesa College's students.

Motion to accept the document:

M/S

Seiger/Parsons

7 Abstained

Crocitti
Dougherty
Gerace
Higginbotham
Kanevsky
Marrujo
Sundayo

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 15.3.1 – Against the Proactive Awarding of Associate Degrees: (Ben Weaver)

1. Our students are not being given informed consent and they do not need to submit petitions to graduate.
2. Students are not being told that they cannot earn a degree that will transfer to four-year institutions especially San Diego State University (SDSU) after the San Diego Community College District proactively awards an associate degree to them.
3. The proactive awarding of associate degrees can also hurt Mesa Colleges' programs.

Motion to forward the resolution for discussion and potential vote on April 6th under "Old Business"):

M/S Sundayo/Marrujo

B. Resolution 15.3.2 – C-ID Course Approval Process: (Juliette Parker)

1. The process needs to be led by articulation professionals and the process needs to be improved.
2. Course approvals have been delayed for as long as four (4) years, which negatively impacts our students.
3. Juliette met with the Mesa College Department Chairs on March 11th to discuss the issue.
4. San Diego State University (SDSU) is giving Local students without Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADTs) lower priority than local students with ADTs and non-local students with ADTS.

Motion to suspend the rules in order to vote of the resolution today:

M/S Fremland/Marrujo **Unanimous**

Motion to approve:

M/S Fremland/Marrujo **Unanimous**

IX. SENATE EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

A. President Elect: Rob Fremland

1. Filling Committee Vacancies:
 - a. Rob is continuing to work with the Committee Chairs to fill committee vacancies in the spring semester to allow our committees to have all their members at the beginning of the fall semester.

B. Interim Secretary: Inna Kanevsky (No Report)

C. Treasurer: Ken Kuniyuki (No Report)

D. Senator at Large (1): Leslie Seiger (No Report)

E. Senator at Large (2): (Position is Vacant)

F. President: Terry Kohlenberg

1. Area D Meeting: Terry will attend the meeting on March 28th.
2. Spring 2015 Academic Senate for CA Community Colleges (ASCCC) Plenary:
 - a. Terry and President Elect Rob Fremland and Curriculum Review Committee Faculty Co-Chair Toni Parsons will attend the session.
3. SSSP and Equity Plans:
 - a. Mesa College's schools have presented their plans.
 - b. Preparation is the best predictor of student success especially in the areas of Basic Skills English and Math.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Senate Executive Committees:

1. Academic Affairs Committee: Acting Chair Rob Fremland
 - a. Veronica Gerace will report on Student Success when the committee meets @ 4:15PM today.
2. Professional Development Committee (PDC) Chair: Lupe Gonzalez (No Report)
4. Committee of Chairs (COC): Chair of Chairs Jennifer Cost (No Report)
5. Curriculum Review Committee (CRC): Co-Chair Toni Parsons
 - a. New Accreditation Standards:
 - Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) are now required to be on the Course Outlines of Record.
 - * Course Outlines of Records are sent to four-year institutions for articulation purposes.
 - The statements must be in CurricUNET.
 - The SLOs for the same course are different for Mesa, City and Miramar Colleges and must be delineated.
6. Program Review Committee (PRC): Co-Chair Dina Miyoshi
 - a. The summary report will be presented to President's Cabinet tomorrow.
 - Acting Dean of Institutional Effectiveness Madeleine Hinkes prepared summaries for each of the programs at Mesa College.
 - b. Campus Based Researcher Bri Hays is reviewing the feedback from the Program Review Survey.
 - c. The Budget Allocation Resource Committee (BARC) will complete the ranking for fund requests on April 7th.

B. Other Committee Reports:

1. Basic Skills Committee (BSC): Coordinator Chris Sullivan (No Report)
2. Diversity Committee: Chair Judy Sundayo
 - a. There was a wonderful workshop on Islam last week that was well attended and our students are asking for more workshops on the topic. (Please encourage your students to attend future workshops on the topic.)
 - b. The Festival of Colors was also held last week, which was a fun event to attend.
3. Proyecto Exitto: (Title 5 Grant) Leticia Lopez
 - a. Sim Barhoum and Brad Hughes (Structured Learning Assistance Coordinators) will travel to San Jacinto on 3/17 (T) to learn about their classroom tutor programs.
 - b. Laura Mathis (Personal Growth Course Designer) is working with Counseling faculty for e-Portfolio training and is working on goal setting with students of color.
 - c. Wendy Smith (Curriculum Development Specialist) will meet with California Acceleration Project folks 3/21 (Sat) in Santa Clarita
 - d. Leticia Lopez (Professional Development Specialist) and the CED Taskforce created an HSI Speaker Series this spring 2015 (a) Ms. Jeannie Kim-Han 3/23 and 3/24; (b) Dr. Rudy Sanchez 4/13 and 4/14).

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A.** The next Academic Senate meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2015 in H117/H118 @ 2:15PM.
- B.** The next Joint Chairs and Deans meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2015 in H117/H118 @ 2:15PM.
- C.** The Mesa College Music Department will hold a Joint Vocal and Instrumental Ensemble Performance next Wednesday @ 7:30PM in the C100 building.
- D.** 2015 Commencement Ceremony – Saturday (May 16, 2015) @ 4:00 (University of San Diego Jenny Craig Pavilion).

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn @ 4:01PM:
M/S

Ryno/Sundayo

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Submitted by Sue Saetia

Approved by the Mesa College Academic Senate on: April 6, 2015