



**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
April 20, 2015: Room H117/H118 (2:15PM – 4:00PM)
MINUTES**

Present:

Aulani Chun Leslie Cloud, Jennifer Cost, Nellie Dougherty, Sarah Elghraoui, Peggy Fischer, Rob Fremland, Veronica Gerace, Lou Ann Gibson, Guadalupe "Lupe" Gonzalez, Kimberly Hart, Erika Higginbotham, Inna Kanevsky, Ken Kuniyuki, Terry Kohlenberg, Leticia Lopez, Jonathan McLeod, Phyllis Meckstroth, Devin Milner (Excused), Dina Miyoshi, Ron Ryno, Marilyn Schenk, Leslie Seiger, Steven Siegel, Judy Sundayo, George Svoboda, Akunna Winston, Walter "Duane" Wesley, George Ye and Farshid Zand

Absent:

Mark Abajian, Bill Clary, John Crocitti, Thekima Mayasa, Michelle "Toni" Parsons (Excused), Shannon Shi, Robert Sanchez (Proxy to Devin Milner and Manuel Velez

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 with the addition of Resolution 15.4.4 to "New Business":

M/S McLeod/Siegel

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III. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

A. Associated Student Government (ASG) Representative: Bill Newell

1. Faculty Appreciation Nominations: The External Committee is reviewing the nominations.
2. Mesa College ASG representatives will attend the California General Assembly Event on May 1, 2015
3. The ASG elections will be held from April 27, 2015 – May 8, 2015 and the candidates will be campaigning on campus.

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

IV. GUEST(s): None

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 6, 2015

Motion to approve with a correction from Leticia Lopez:

M/S McLeod/Gibson

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VI. ROUND TABLE TOPIC: None (Marilynn Schenk suggested "Homeless Students & Homeless Veteran Students as a topic for a future meeting.)

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 15.3.1 – Against the Proactive Awarding of Associate Degrees: Ben Weaver (Updated April 10, 2015)

1. The district is awarding degrees to our students without any input from our students.
2. Jonathan McLeod reported that the state has historically awarded funding to Mesa College based on the number of degrees we award back to when Chancellor Carroll was Mesa Colleges' President.
3. Students need to conduct a "Degree Audit" with a Counselor to determine their best course of action for graduation, especially if they want to earn an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT).
 - a. Our students need to earn the right degree in order for them to get the right job.
4. The district's new software system will not resolve any of the issues.
5. Counselor Guillermo Marrujo said students who need to improve their GPAs in order to get in to the college of their choice cannot do so when the district proactively awards degrees to them. (A student cannot change their degree after the district proactively awards a degree.)

6. Counselor Ben Weaver reported Counselor Cynthia Rico co-authored an article in the February 2015 Academic Senate for CA Community Colleges (ASCCC) Rostrum about this issue being part of the purview of the Academic Senate and requires collegial consultation with Faculty. Please find the link to the article below:
<http://www.asccc.org/content/automatic-awarding-degrees-and-certificates-%E2%80%93-considerations-local-senates>
7. Ron Ryno said the Academic Senate should not support this practice if it harms our students.

Motion to approve:

M/S

Sundayo/Marrujo

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B. Resolution 15.4.1 – Summer 2015 Responsibilities: Senate President Terry Kohlenberg (2nd Reading)

1. Laleh Howard suggested that the Senators designate a proxy if they will not be available in the summer.

Motion to approve:

M/S

McLeod/Fremland

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C. Resolution 15.4.2 – Faculty/Staff Online Education Committee: Joe Safdie (2nd Reading)

1. The committee would address issues that relate to the Online Education Initiative, BlackBoard and Best Practices.
2. Joe will contact President Rob Fremland regarding committee members needed and meeting dates and times.

Motion to approve:

M/S

McLeod/Fremland

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VIII. New Business:

A. Resolution 15.4.3 – SDCCD Hiring Procedures (Role of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Representatives on Screening/Hiring Committees): Rob Fremland (1st Reading)

1. The resolution clarifies the district's policy by stipulating that an EEO representative on a hiring/screening committee for a Contract Faculty position can only rank applicants, if they are a subject matter expert.

Motion to forward the item to the May 4, 2015 Academic Senate Meeting for discussion and potential vote as "Old Business":

M/S

Fremland/Milner

B. Resolution 15.4.4 – Equal Treatment of Tenure-Track and Tenured Faculty: Inna Kanevsky (1st Reading)

1. New tenure-track Faculty are being pressured to attend college events such as the commencement ceremony, but tenured Faculty are not being pressured to attend the commencement ceremony.

Motion to forward the item to the May 4, 2015 Academic Senate Meeting for discussion and potential vote as "Old Business":

M/S

Fremland/Milner

IX. SENATE EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

A. President Elect: Rob Fremland

1. Please poll your committees and let Rob know if you need new members for fall 2015.
2. Every department needs to have a representative at every Academic Senate meeting in order to keep the department's Faculty informed.

B. Interim Secretary: Inna Kanevsky (No Report)

C. Treasurer: Ken Kuniyuki (1 Minute)

1. The 2015 Mesa College Scholarship Awards Dessert Ceremony - April 24, 2014 at 6:00PM at the San Diego Marriott Mission Valley (Rio Vista Grand Ballroom).
 - a. A headcount is needed by this Wednesday.

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

E. President: Terry Kohlenberg

1. The Faculty Hiring Priorities Committee submitted their rankings to the Planning & Institutional Effectiveness Committee and the list will be presented at President's Cabinet tomorrow.
2. Terry, Rob Fremland and Toni Parsons attended the spring 2015 ASCCC plenary session.
3. The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) is looking for clear access to student services and regular contact with teaching Faculty for Online Courses.
4. Dual Enrollment: At Risk high school students are taking college courses that transfer to four-year institutions.
5. There is a lot of money available through the work force taskforce that Toni Parsons serv on.
6. The Miramar College Academic Senate is looking for support on a resolution that would require hiring/screening committees for contract Faculty positions to have a Faculty and an Administrative co-chair.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS: (3:30PM)

A. Senate Executive Committees:

1. Academic Affairs Committee: Acting Chair Rob Fremland (No Report)

2. Professional Development Committee (PDC): Chair Lupe Gonzalez
 - a. 2015 – 2016 Sabbatical Recipients:
 - Don Barrie (Physical Science)
 - Paula Hjorth-Gustin (Chemistry)
 - Christopher Kalck (Counseling)
 - Nancee Kesinger (English)
 - Susan Lazear (Fashion)
 - Jaeryoung Lee (Music)
 - Robert Pickford (English)
 - Alison Primoza (Spanish)
 - Joseph Safdie (English)
 - b. It is an extremely difficult process and task for the committee members to review numerous sabbatical applications and evaluate and rank each application. (Each member takes their responsibility very seriously.)
 - The committee members have to devote a great deal of their own time to reviewing the applications.
 - The committee received more sabbatical applications this year than in the previous years.
3. Committee of Chairs (COC): Chair of Chairs Jennifer Cost
 - a. A Joint Chairs & Deans meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday.
 - WE will be delineating processes that need to be delineated.
4. Curriculum Review Committee (CRC): Terry Kohlenberg
5. Program Review Committee (PRC): Co-Chair Dina Miyoshi
 - a. Ginger Davis informed the Lead Writers that they have until May 1, 2015 to update their program reviews in TaskStream.
 - b. All program reviews are going forward and can be reviewed.

B. Other Committees:

1. Basic Skills Committee (BSC): English Department Chair Jennifer Cost.
 - a. Our current English Placement Test is disproportionately impacting our minority students' access to higher education.
 - The test created systematic discrimination against our students.
2. The Committee for Diversity Action, Inclusion & Equity (CDAIE): Chair Judy Sundayo (1 Minute)
 - a. The committee co-chair accepted a tenure-track position at Southwestern College, but will serve on the committee as a community representative.
 - b. The Tents of Tolerance was held on April 15, 2015.
 - c. There was a successful event with a hip-hop artist and professor with over 300 attendees.
 - d. The year's Festival of Color was a great event and Veronica Gerace had a great booth that was well-attended.
3. Proyecto Exito: Leticia Lopez (1 Minute)
 - a. HSI Speaker Series (two this semester - great feedback, helping us shape PD programming for fall 2015)
 - b. Drafting Campus Employee Development (Professional Development) Master Plan, due Tues 5/5 to P.Cab
 - c. Peer Navigators -- Please forward to your students. Pays \$9.27/hour. Work commitment: 6 hours / week
4. Other(s): None

XI.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A.** The next Academic Senate meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2015 in H117/H118 @ 2:15PM.
- B.** The next Joint Chairs & Deans meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2015 in H117/H118 @ 2:15PM.
- C.** The 2015 Mesa College Scholarship Awards Dessert Ceremony - April 24, 2014 at 6:00PM at the San Diego Marriott Mission Valley (Rio Vista Grand Ballroom). New Location
- D.** The spring 2015 Common Grounds Event will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 in H117/H118 from 3:00PM- 4:00PM.
- E.** The Mesa College Theater Company will present the play "ART" starting May 1, 2015 and it is directed by George Ye.
- F.** The Mesa Visions Award Ceremony is May 11, 2015 in LRC 435 with contributions for students and faculty.
- G.** The 2015 Commencement Ceremony – Saturday, May 16, 2015 @ 4:00 (University of San Diego Jenny Craig Pavilion).

XII. ADJOURNMENT @ 4:02PM.

Motion to adjourn:

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McLeod/Fremland

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Submitted by Sue Saetia:

Approved by the SDMC AS: May 4, 2015