Minutes August 24, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 12:49 PM AC 303 and Zoom

Senators Present: Beattie, Coulson, Cullen, Dunn, France, Jones, King, Kreit, Perrone, Rolston, Schmidt, Seery, Wood

Торіс	Notes/Actions
Agenda	Approved (Kreit/Perrone) by all Senators present.
Public Requests	None
	Minutes from Meeting #1 on May 18, 2023 Minutes from Meeting #2 on May 18, 2023
Minutes	Approved (Schmidt/Wood) with no amendments by all Senators present, Jason Dunn abstaining.

Membership

Senate Membership Update: Jason Dunn, Ceramics, has joined the Senate, filling in temporarily for Kevin Muller who is on sabbatical leave. Professor Dunn is also filling in as Art Department Chair. Gina Cullen, Curriculum Committee and Counseling Department chair, is also joining. Secretary Caitlin Rolston resigned as PT Senator and was appointed as FT Senator.

Officers' Reports

President:

- The Senate President has power to act on behalf of the Senate between semesters, so President Coulson was called upon over the summer to review a grant application, and approved it. The Grant is for Rising Scholars – Juvenile Justice, and will provide online classes and counseling for incarcerated students, around 350k. Professor Susan Rahman wrote the application, and the award will go through UDWC.
- Upcoming: ESL department discussing possible name change to more inclusive, equity-focused terminology. The department will bring this matter back to the Senate after more internal conversations and consultation with students.
- Screen down period for the Superintendent Search Committee is progressing.

Vice President:

- ASCCC: Accreditation Institute: Rising up to Meet the New Standards: Continuing the Pursuit of Excellence and Equity, September 29-30, San Mateo/hybrid
- ASCCC: Fall Plenary, November 16-18, Costa Mesa
- ASCCC: Curriculum Institute this past July: "a resounding success"
- **ASCCC:** The ASCCC is currently accepting <u>proposals to revise the Disciplines List</u> for the 2023-2024 cycle, deadline September 30th
- **ASCCC:** Requesting <u>volunteer participation</u> in statewide service to various committees, work groups, and task forces both within our system and inter-segmentally. Notably, COM Senator Alex Jones recently joined the CTE State Committee. He will share what this is like after his first meeting on 8/25/2023.

Committees

CC (Gina Cullen) - coming soon

PLC (Cara Kreit) - Flex week was successful. More coming soon.

DEC (Maria Coulson) — a meeting was held with VP Torres, Kathleen Smith, Gina Cullen and Maria Coulson to examine the membership of DEC and its umbrella committee. After much discussion, the group concluded that:

- DEC is well placed as a subcommittee of Senate with staff resource members.
- DEC will send any recommendations that are 10+1 to Senate for final approval.
- DE Policies including Hyflex and AI will be on the agendas this fall.

TPC: Caitlin Rolston reported that she had resigned from the committee at the end of Spring 2023 after serving since 2018. The committee had recently gained a more robust faculty presence with Lance Barthelemy, Jamie Terhune, Irina Roderick, and Hector Saéz Núñez.

All committees have open faculty seats. President Coulson asked that Senators encourage interest in shared governance as well as hiring committees.

Hiring committees: there will be another bias in hiring training on Thursday, September 7, at 11:10 am. Instructors serving on hiring committees receive 5 flex hours as incentive.

ISER

The college hired an independent reader to give feedback on our Institutional Self-Evaluation Report. SLO reporting was identified as one of the only weaknesses, so as a part of the ISER, COM will submit an improvement plan. SLOs will now be reported every two years. All sections of all courses will be reported during the reporting year, during both semesters, and reminders will be issued until they are completed. During the non-reporting year, departments will engage in analysis and reflection. Since SLO reporting is vital for the College's accreditation, the Senate will seek the support of UPM as well as VP Eldridge to make sure the college gets on board.

AP/BPs

BP 4040 Library and Other Support Services

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This AP is being sent back to the librarians for further clarification.

BP 5500 Standards of Conduct: legal changes only, but President Coulson/DEC will pull it again immediately to insert language about artificial intelligence.

AP 5300 Student Equity

BP 5500 Standards of Conduct and AP 5300 Student Equity were approved (King/Wood) by Roll Call Vote. **Ayes**: Beattie, Coulson, Cullen, Dunn, France, Jones, King, Kreit, Perrone, Rolston, Schmidt, Seery, Wood.

Looking Forward	We need to update the Senate Constitution, and this may require a full faculty
	vote.
Adjourn	2:00 pm.
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