## COA Academic Senate Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 25, 2021

Meeting Called To Order: 12:22 pm via Zoom

**Senators in Attendance**: Matthew Goldstein (chair), Richard Kaeser, Susanne Altenbach, Bruce Pettyjohn, Hoi Ko, Andrew Park (note-taker), Jeffrey Sanceri, Jacinda Marshall, Reza Majlesi, Jennifer Fowler,

**Guests in attendance**: Peter Olds, Jayne Smithson

Motion to approve the agenda with the proposed addition
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First: Sue Altenbach
Second: Jacinda Marshall
In Favor: All senators present
Motion passes
Motion to approve the
e emailed to Marissa before minutes
First: Bruce Pettyjohn
Second: Rich Kaeser
In Favor: All senators present
Motion passes

Discuss	ion Items:	
		Summary #1
1.	Fab Lab funding (B. Pettyjohn)	<ul> <li>Fab Lab was very helpful in switching to remote instruction for AMT.</li> <li>(Previous) question of continued funding past May 2021</li> <li>Fab Lab is funded for the next semester</li> <li>Fab Lab was previously under STEAM division dean; (Q) who is administrator in charge of FabLab?</li> <li>Possibility of endorsing continued funding for Fab Lab.</li> <li>Currently trying to add curriculum/program specifically related to Fab Lab through curriculum committee (at the moment Fab Lab is acting only as support for existing curriculum; harder to justify continued funding without programs and graduates associated)</li> <li>"Maker Program" proposal currently being considered in curriculum committee, with current Fab Lab contractor as possible</li> </ul>
2.	Elections matter (M. Goldstein)	instructor/faculty  o In CurriQunet as "MAKR" discipline: MAKR 520A/B/C  Summary #2
		<ul> <li>Last year's elections committee was Rich, Hoi, and Jeff.</li> <li>Reach out to Dominique Benavides to set up Qualtrics system again (for the new elections committee members to consider, as we run online elections again).</li> </ul>
3.	DAS constitution, DEI statement (M.	<ul> <li>Calling for volunteers to serve on elections committee; reach out to Jenn Fowler after meeting.</li> </ul>
	Goldstein)	<ul> <li>Summary #3</li> <li>Revised DAS constitution will come to local academic senate (us) at the next meeting.</li> <li>One substantial change being proposed: eligibility for DAS president (change the letter of the language in DAS constitution to be consistent with some of the past practice; by agreement with incoming DAS delegates)</li> </ul>

4. District turnover (M. Goldstein)	<ul> <li>Senators J. Fowler, J. Sanceri, A. Park, and R. Majlesi participated in the discussion.</li> <li>DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion) statement:         <ul> <li>DAS statement (draft originally from BCC, the FDIP coordinator who is faculty at BCC). Possibility of adopting a local statement (possibly with some changes). We will address it at next meeting (with revisions, shared document, etc.).</li> <li>There was also a new administrative procedure in consideration (more of a heavy lift with legal implications).</li> <li>A potentially new acronym that we may see in the future: IDEA (inclusion, diversity, equity, and anti-racism)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Summary #4         <ul> <li>Resignation of interim chancellor Walter (personal reasons).</li> <li>Jennifer Shanoski (PFT president) gave a moving parting message at BoT meeting last Tuesday</li> <li>Dr. Jannett Jackson coming in as interim chancellor between Chancellor Walter's term and the new permanent chancellor</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Officer Reports	News: Fitch downgraded credit rating for PCCD (link).  VP: Nothing to report.  Treasurer: Nothing to report.  DAS rep: Nothing to report.  President: Please send any notes on resolutions being considered for area meeting and plenary.
Announcements	Announced at College Council on Wednesday: We will try to hire 5 new faculty for the upcoming year: top 4 (ESOL, MATH, LIBRARY, BIOL; same as department chairs' and senate recommendation), and second ESOL (college president's discretion, citing productivity in department not chosen). Subject to district approval (on the total number of positions).

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Updates given as part of discussion agenda above.	
No public comment.	
Please send any items to M. Goldstein prior to next meeting.	
Meeting adjourned at 1:19 p.m.	Motion to adjourn
	First: Reza Majlesi Second: Bruce Pettyjohn In Favor: All senators present Motion passes
	No public comment.  Please send any items to M. Goldstein prior to next meeting.