

COA Academic Senate

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 16, 2023

Meeting Called To Order: 12:21pm on Zoom

Note: For Virtual meetings, senators indicate in the Zoom Chat No's and Abstentions.

Quorum: 50% + 1

Senators in Attendance: Matthew Goldstein (chair), Andrew Park, Susanne Altenbach, Kwesi Wilson, Bruce Pettyjohn, Jennifer Fowler, Marissa Nakano (note-taker), Richard Kaeser, Cady Carmichael, George Cruz, Jacob Schlegel, Jeff Sanceri

Guests in attendance: Robert Brem

Agenda Item	Summary	Motion
Agenda Review & Approval for February 16, 2023		Motion to Approve Review of Agenda February 16, 2022 First: Cady Carmichael Second: Marissa Nakano MOU
Review of minutes from December 1, 2022, February 2, 2023, and February 14, 2023 (special joint meeting with Chairs)	Any grammatical changes can be sent directly to M. Nakano or M. Goldstein.	Motion to approve minutes from Dec 1, 2022; Feb 2, 2023; Feb 14, 2023

		<p>First: Andrew Park</p> <p>Second: Susanne Altenbach</p> <p>MOU</p>
<p>Action Items: None</p>		
<p>Discussion Items:</p> <p>1. Proposed resolution on class cutting as enrollment mgmt. (A. Park)</p>	<p><u>Summary #1:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew provided a draft of the resolution in the AS SharePoint, shared during meeting, and dropped link into the chat <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. Brem: commented on the historical practice of class cuts; commented that enrollment management and class cancellations are not connected • A. Park: commented how faculty can hold administrative accountable to the community to not cut classes (at least for COA) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• J. Schlegel: does COA have a reputation for class cancellations? A. Park responded that this is a PCCD-wide issue• J. Sanceri: what is the next step if Administration is not supportive? A. Park states he is optimistic, but if they are not in agreement, we expect this decision in writing• Discussion about having “fiscal competency” in our Mission (“ABC’s) as part of our statement. In creating the ABC’s, the administration at the time was numbers oriented <p>Suggestions for next draft:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Integrate comments regarding enrollment management; how it isn’t linked with class cuts• Add in information stating FTEF budgets are set before semester begins; there is no need to cut to save funding• Can add in a point about maximizing enrollment with FTEF• Directly write that we are not going to cancel classes• Adding a “Whereas” in anticipation of their argument• “Be in Resolved” adding in verbiage to include faculty in class scheduling decision as 10+1 <p><u>Summary #2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recently, the interpretation of the rules by administrators is requiring department chairs to meet in person. This interpretation is not in tune with the current time, post-pandemic	
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<p>2. Virtual meeting attendance (R. Brem)</p>	<p>Robust discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Department meetings are department business, not PCCD. Contract language does not speak directly to inter-departmental meetings with an in-person requirement• Remote learning and meetings have proven to be effective; Comments from Union Grievance officer J. Sanceri regarding modality (class or meeting), academic freedom, and pedagogies for remote and In-person learning• Clarification: accommodations from HR exempt from in-person requirement and accessing resources necessary to do your job. However, one can argue that if it's possible for those with accommodations, it's possible for all• Brown Act: no guidance from PCCD regarding in-person meetings at time of this meeting• C. Carmichael: interested in seeing the SCFF breakdown of in person, synchronous, and async because it's driving a lot of decisions. Chairs are asked to aim for 50-55% in person (admin did not provide info where this number comes from); admin acknowledges it varies by discipline; we need to hold admin accountable for facilities concerns for in person space• K. Wilson: PCCD needs to put effort into collecting data from students to assess what modality they're looking for. The online polls in previous semesters are not an accurate way to access. Ask the students: they are the ones affected!• B. Pettyjohn: facility maintenance needs to be prioritized (heating, AC, basic needs). Drop an email to your Trustees to convey that we ARE concerned about facilities (apparently, the Board meeting	
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	<p>believes faculty have not voiced their challenges)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. Brem: we have data! Each discipline can see which courses are slow and which fill up quickly. Will we have an action item in the future? M. Goldstein states it's likely 	
Officer Reports	<p>Vice President: tentatively investigate locations for Emeritus Luncheon. If folks know about any retirements, let her know</p> <p>Treasurer: have enough funding for one in person attendees for spring plenary (April 20-22 in Orange County)</p> <p>Secretary: none</p> <p>President:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our candidates (Kwesi Wilson and Carla Pegues) from ASCOA did not receive the Hayward nomination at ACCJC • Upcoming: a formal resolution to create a free-standing Ethnic Studies Department (comment from J. Campbell) 	
Announcements	<p>A. Park: PFT chapter meeting is online and in person. Contact Andrew Park if you need to link (check personal and Peralta emails)</p>	
DAS Updates/Announcements	<p>J. Sanceri:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues with facilities 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DE and modality issue discussions • Introduced Dr. Tina Vasconcellos at Chancellor’s office (involvement in Professional Development) • Proposal to district-level faculty enrollment management committee (DEMC) made of faculty: lots of questions and opposition at the time of DAS (happened to have many administrators present). Folks felt it was “another committee” to manage 	
Public Comment		
Proposed agenda items for next meeting March 2, 2023 on Zoom	<p>Email M. Goldstein for agenda items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution draft for Ethnic studies as a free-standing major support 	
Adjournment		<p>Motion to adjourn at 1:25pm</p> <p>First: Marissa Nakano</p> <p>Second: Andrew Park</p> <p>MOU</p>