COA Academic Senate

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 2, 2023

Meeting Called To Order at College of Alameda, A232 12:37pm

and Zoom https://peralta-edu.zoom.us/j/84378478000

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

Quorum: 50% + 1

In person Quorum: 8 or more senators

Senators in Attendance In Person: Matthew Goldstein (chair), Andrew Park, Jennifer Fowler, Jacinda Marshall, George Cruz, Richard Kaeser, Marissa Nakano (note-taker), Jacob Schlegel

Senators in Attendance Online: Cady Carmichael, Jeff Sanceri, Fathia Mohamed, Khalilah Beal-Uribe

Guests in attendance: Carla Pegues, Vanson Nguyen, Linda Dewrance, Jody Campbell, Drew Burgess

Agenda Item	Summary	Motion
Agenda Review &	Pending quorum, discussion will take place	Motion to add one
Approval for March 2,	starting at 12:25pm. Action item will occur when	more discussion
2023	quorum in-person occurs	item for Ethnic
		Studies at College of
		Alameda, and
		approve Review of
		Agenda March 2,
		2023
	M. Goldstein: request to add discussion item, for	
	the creation of Ethnic Studies (Jody Campbell)	
		First: J. Fowler

		Second: J. Marshall
		MOU
Review of minutes from	Any grammatical changes can be sent directly to M. Nakano or M. Goldstein.	Motion to approve minutes from Thursday, February 16, 2023
		First: A. Park
		Second: G. Cruz
		MOU
Action Items:		
Resolution re class cuts as enrollment mgmt (A.Park)	Summary: - A. Park highlighted where changes were made - Goal for this Resolution is to compel Administrators to respond in writing	Motion to approve Resolution with amendment to bring it to College Management and share with DAS to construct a similar resolution First: G. Cruz
	Motion to approve the resolution made with amendment to clarify what happens next: - Take it to college management and bring it to DAS to construct a similar resolution	Second: J. Marshall MOU

Discussion Items: 1. Virtual meetings & participatory	Summary #1: - 8 of us must be together in person. Must	
governance (M. Goldstein)	be in an accessible, public space M. Goldstein that virtual meetings have been successful, however since this is part of legislation, we are required to have in person If the committee is not brown act covered body, then they are not held to that same standard (D.E. Committee is required, but subcommittee is not). Recommend other committees follow up and see if they are Brown Act Covered J. Fowler: noticed that the brown act information on COA's website was last updated 2019-2020 Chairs meetings will be hy-flex	
	Summary #2:	
	 The constitution was a hybrid document. Small revisions are necessary to accommodate online/virtual formats, term limitations, etc. Modifications must be brought to the public and invite them to contribute M. Goldstein will bring this to the Exec board and provide a plan to all senators and public 	

2.	Constitution	
	revisions (M.	
	Goldstein)	

Summary #3

- Right now, it's a discipline, not a department. Coming to AS today for support to create a Ethnic Studies Department
- Originated from cultural conversations
 with then VPI Don Miller in 2020. As a
 result, 2021 was the first year offering
 Ethnic Studies 1 (first two weeks, course
 was full!). There is a need. We can
 formalize an official Ethnic Studies
 department. State is in support now.
 CSU and UC is requiring students to
 complete an ethnic studies course
- A. Park: are you asking about an independent cluster or independent department. Answer: Department within L&S. Goal is to be a significant part of COA. A. Park: this is great to plan an advocate for a cluster with VPI. M. Goldstein: this also impacts the college and how it funnels funding to department clusters. What can AS do to support (I.e. create a resolution)
- H. Walker, M. Wu, and A. Quezada are faculty who are teaching AFRAM, ASAME, and M/LAT courses. Long term plans to get other courses eligible across disciplines (HUMAN, COMM, PSYCH, SOC)
- M. Goldstein: we can work on drafting a resolution with J. Campbell and Senators within the next two weeks (timely because upcoming meeting with COA and PFT

 Creation of Ethnic Studies
 Department (J. Campbell)

Summary #4 One retiree thus far, but more are likely going to be more (deadline still not here) If you are interested, please send an email to J. Fowler by Tuesday Low time commitment; if you have recommendations for vendors. Once more info is gathered, J. Fowler will come with a proposal L. Dewrance volunteered to help plan virtually Likely going to have a gathering regardless Emeritus Status—heads up, this is in discussion as a proclamation by the Board that retirees are given (extended privileges)

4. Emeritus		
Luncheon (J. Fowler)		
Officer Reports	Vice President: none	
	Treasurer: voluntary donation via payroll deduction. Forms will be left in person	
	Secretary: none	
Announcements	None	
DAS Updates/Announcements	Summary of DAS:	

Public Comment	 Senate Plenary is coming up COA reps at the meeting wanted to vote on the resolution at the time, but Laney and Merritt approved it. BCC got its first reading yesterday and will come up for a vote in 2 weeks. Professional Development Center update: attendance is robust! Facilities discussion and robust discussion on what can be done as a committee (I.e. bring board members to one of our campuses to feel the temperature) 	
Proposed agenda items for next meeting March 16, 2023 on Zoom and in person, A-232	Email M. Goldstein for agenda items.	
Adjournment		Motion to adjourn at 1:09pm First: A. Park Second: R. Kaeser MOU