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| **COA Academic Senate**  **Meeting Minutes**  **Thursday, April 27, 2023** | | |
| Meeting Called To Order at College of Alameda, A232 at 12:20 pm  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**: Jennifer Fowler, Rich Kaeser, Matthew Goldstein, Bruce Pettyjohn, George Cruz, Jacob Schlegel, Jacinda Marshall, Sue Altenbach, Andrew Park (note-taker), Fathia Mohamed,  **Senators in Attendance Online:**  **Guests in attendance**: Jody Campbell | | |
| **Agenda Item** | **Summary** | **Motion** |
| Agenda Review & Approval for April 27, 2023 |  | Motion to approve Agenda April 27, 2023  **First**: Jenn Fowler  **Second:** George Cruz  **M.S.U.** |
| Review of minutes from March 16, 2023 | April 6 meeting minutes don’t need to be approved, due to lack of quorum at that meeting.  Any grammatical changes can be sent directly to M. Nakano or M. Goldstein. | Motion to approve minutes from Thursday, March 16, 2023  **First**: Sue Altenbach  **Second**: Bruce Pettyjohn  **M.S.U.** |
| Action Items:   1. Resolution re Formation of Ethnic Studies Dept (J. Campbell) 2. Resolution re DE Budget (A. Park) 3. Emeritus Luncheon Budget Proposal (J. Fowler) 4. Approval for CoA Academic Senate Scholarship Finalists (A. Park) | 1. Jody Campbell spoke for the resolution as the author of the resolution. Excited to complete this process supporting Ethnic Studies Department, a growing department at CoA also in support of the new Area F CSU GE requirement. Matt Goldstein emphasized the necessity for additional resources to be prioritized in this area. 2. Andrew Park introduced the resolution; resolution from district DE committee; DAS waiting for college academic senate approval. Matt Goldstein spoke of funding challenges for DE, both LTI funding and DE coordinator release time from the district. At yesterday’s college council, the college president spoke in favor of supplementing DE coordinator release at the college level. We need to put our money where our mouth is, esp. with the Peralta Online Equity Conference going on right now, and Peralta Colleges becoming Teaching Colleges in CVC-OEI.   Q: Would individual letters in support to the board help? A: Yes.  Discussion around DE coordinator positions being funded as release time vs. stipends. Also other areas where district is spending money in admin travel stipends, housing, etc.  Q: Part-timers likely to be selected for DE coordinator? A: Yes. 3. Jenn Fowler introduced the topic. We have following retirees: Deidre Baker (MATH), Susan Leffingwell (ART), Manny Uy (CIS), Dietmar Krauss-Varban (ASTR/PHYS). Reached out to everyone and will have at least one retiree attending to honor. Office of President offered to pay $2,000 of the cost for the emeritus luncheon (might be able to host the event without any cost to the attendees who are part-time faculty or classified professionals; only FT and admin being asked to contribute). Event will be at the Encinal Yacht Club (at Pacific Marina), May 12th, 12-2 p.m.  Heartbreaking to hear from retirees who seem to be ignored by the district after they retire; maybe send a card or something soon after they retire, because emeritus luncheon comes several months later for Fall retirees.  Discussion about the term “emeritus” as used by the district (specified in the AP) vs. CoA’s use of “emeritus” in emeritus luncheon.  Also a discussion about PRO (Peralta Retirees Organization). 4. Andrew Park distributed the memo drafted by the treasurer recommending awarding the CoA AS scholarship to four of the six semi-finalists forwarded by the general scholarship review committee. Also would like to recognize the 2 semi-finalists we aren’t able to award scholarship to (a little over $4,000 in the fund, each award is $1,000). | **Motion to approve the resolution by super acclimation.**  **First:** Bruce Pettyjohn  **Second:** George Cruz  **M.S.U.**  **Motion to approve the DE resolution.**  **First:** Jacinda Marshall  **Second:** Jenn Fowler  **M.S.U.**  **Motion to approve the proposed budget of $2,000 from the academic senate.**  **First**: Fathia Mohamed  **Second**: Bruce Pettyjohn  **M.S.U.**  **Motion to award scholarship to the following 4 students: Ailleen Perez, Batsaikhan Batmunkh, Chak Ming Leung, and Inga Langford**  **First**: Jacob Schlegel  **Second**: Bruce Pettyjohn  **M.S.U.** |
| Discussion Items:   1. Spring Plenary report (M. Goldstein, A.Park) 2. Proposed BP on class size (J. Sanceri) 3. Senate Election update (J. Fowler, M. Goldstein, A.Park) | 1. Matt Goldstein introduced the topic. Main news: ASCCC president Ginny May is not seeking a second term. Cheryl Aschenbach (current VP) was elected president, and she’ll take over in summer. Resolutions: - a lot of interest in questions around the Brown Act. Competing/complementary resolutions on what ASCCC should do about Brown Act. Majority of faculty support a complete overhaul that allows virtual meeting. President Ginny May’s argument for softening the resolution to try to maintain a cordial relationship with the state legislature prevailed and is reflected in the resolution passed by ASCCC. Ongoing topic of debate on how much virtual participation is allowed and encouraged.  Some discussion around ongoing availability of student housing discussed at ASCCC meeting and college council yesterday. Ongoing discussion around the efforts at Peralta and CoA itself, especially around organizational competency for managing student housing on top of our ongoing facility issues.  Also related, want more consultation on issues that affect faculty, more opportunity to weigh in. 2. Matt Goldstein spoke briefly on the BP draft sent around. Please take a look at it for the next meeting. (Side note: Our own Jeff Sanceri was elected PFT president. Good to have CoA represented at the top of our faculty union.) 3. Jenn Fowler introduced the topic: Nominations close tomorrow 11:59 p.m. Reminder sent this morning; please consider nominating people in your area. After the elections conclude, we will have officer elections at our meeting, which will drive the DAS officer elections.  Q: How long is the term? A: 2 years if elected; until the end of academic year if appointed. |  |
| Officer Reports | Vice President: Everything covered in action item.  Treasurer: Nothing new to report.  Secretary: absent |  |
| Announcements | Fathia Mohamed: SALAAM event today; everyone is invited. Authentic pastry from Yemen in H building, 4:30 to 6 p.m. |  |
| DAS Updates/Announcements | DAS authorized the subcommittee/blue ribbon etc. for Enrollment Management. Also some discussion around CoA’s own Enrollment Management Task Force. |  |
| Public Comment |  |  |
| Proposed agenda items for next meeting Thursday May 4, 2023 on Zoom and in person, A-232 | * Enrollment management task force at CoA.   Email M. Goldstein for agenda items. |  |
| Adjournment |  | Motion to adjourn at 1:23 p.m.  **First**: Jacob Schlegel  **Second**: Jacinda Marshall |