|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **COA Academic Senate**  **Meeting Minutes**  **Thursday, September 21, 2023** | | |
| Meeting Called To Order at College of Alameda, H 280 & [Zoom](https://peralta-edu.zoom.us/my/fowler) at 12:20pm  Note: For Virtual attendance, senators indicate their votes in the Zoom Chat  Quorum: 50% + 1  In person Quorum: 7 or more senators (15 seats, 2 vacant) | | |
| **Senators in Attendance In Person**: Jenn Fowler, Rich Kaeser, Andrew Park (note-taker), Sue Altenbach, Jacinda Marshall, and Carla Pegues  **Senators in Attendance Online:** George Cruz, Bruce Pettyjohn, Jody Campbell, Cady Carmichael, and Kwesi Wilson  **Guests in attendance**: Jeff Sanceri, Matt Goldstein, and Jayne Smithson | | |
| **Agenda Item** | **Summary** | **Motion** |
| Agenda Review & Approval for September 21, 2023 | Change the agenda to move public comment to the beginning of the agenda. | Motion to approve Agenda September 21, 2023  **First**: S. Altenbach **Second**: C. Pegues M.S.U. |
| Review of minutes September 7, 2023 | No corrections.  Any grammatical changes can be sent directly to A. Park or J. Fowler. | Motion to approve minutes from September 7, 2023  **First**: R. Kaeser **Second**: C. Pegues M.S.U. |
| Action Items   1. Election of District Academic Senate Representative (J. Fowler) | J. Fowler introduced the item and described the role of the DAS representative—appointed by the college academic senate president with majority vote by the senate.  J. Fowler would like to appoint Jayne Smithson. | Motion to approve appointment of Jayne Smithson as DAS representative.  **First:** C. Pegues **Second:**  J. Campbell M.S.U. |
| Discussion Items:   1. Academic Senate Constitutional Update (A. Park) | **Summary of #1** A. Park introduced the item, along with the two copies of the constitution (current one, and the version with “no substantive change”).  The version with “no substantive change” is the version in which Part 1, describing “organization of faculty”, has been removed, with the necessary language regarding faculty incorporated into the remaining parts (Part 2, “organization of the academic senate”, and the rest).  Seeking senate consensus to use the “no substantive change” as a beginning point to start making substantive changes, with track changes enabled. (Yes, general consensus.)  Discussion of some of the substantive changes:   * Bylaws: originally suggested by past president Rochelle Olive. Support for creation of a separate bylaws and placing some of the language in current constitution into bylaws was expressed. Bylaws meant to govern the operation of the academic senate as a body; the academic senate would be empowered to change the bylaws without needing to go for a secret vote of the whole faculty, as constitutional changes do. * Quorum: current quorum per current constitution is “majority of the entire [senate] membership”. Brown act doesn’t mandate a particular number for the quorum, only that a quorum must be present in-person for the deliberative body to conduct business. Some possible new quorum number (5, for number of officers—4—plus one) was discussed, with arguments presented in favor and against. Placing quorum rules into bylaws would lower the stakes of these decisions somewhat. * Staggered terms: Current constitution has some language about overlapping terms, but past practices have put the number of seats out of balance (only 3 seats not up for election this year); it might make sense to put explicit language into constitution or bylaws to keep the senate seats up for election in odd and even years balanced.   A link to the ASCCC Codex of academic senate constitutions and bylaws was shared. Suggestion made to borrow liberally from the bylaws that exist and have the body review.  Catalog all the changes we would like to make to the constitution and the bylaws, and do it in “one fell swoop” to update the constitution, and give the campus community a chance to weigh in, before a version is finalized for the academic senate approval and the up-or-down vote of the faculty.  Participated in discussion: Matt Goldstein, J. Fowler, A. Park, S. Altenbach, R. Kaeser, K. Wilson, B. Pettyjohn, and C. Pegues.  A. Park will create a draft of constitution and bylaws (and an updated “list of changes”) to share with senators for review by early next week.  J. Fowler: Please look at our current constitution on the website. |  |
| Officer Reports | **Vice President**: Nothing new to report.  **Treasurer**: Sent bank statement to officers. Would like to get senate approval to send email to people to donate to academic senate; ensure enough funds for emeritus luncheon.  General consensus from the senate on sending out the email soliciting donations.  **Secretary**: Nothing new to report.  **President**: No other new items to report. |  |
| Announcements | None. |  |
| DAS Updates/Announcements | Report from new DAS rep, who was present at the Sept. 19 DAS meeting.  Presentation on Waitlist monitoring (possibly a similar presentation at CoA?)  Matt Goldstein: Please respond to Chris Weidenbach’s FTEF survey (link in chat). Other presentation also on DAS website.  CoA will prioritize convening the enrollment management taskforce (admin body) when Acting VPI Maurice Jones returns. |  |
| Public Comment | Sue Altenbach: Looking forward to the future discussions about ASAA.  Jeff Sanceri: Tuesday (Sept. 26) BoT is considering the adopted budget. The adopted budget currently contains only 2% COLA for salaries; state has given us 8.22% COLA, and we want it to be passed through to us. Local 39 will be getting 7% (85% of state COLA), and SEIU should be to, via “me-too” clause in their contract. PFT is starting negotiations October 19; success at the negotiating table depends on demonstrated faculty support at the board meeting. Planning board action for September 26. Board meets at 6 p.m. Meet at PFT Office at 5 p.m. on September 26. Will be calling people to turn out for the board action. |  |
| Proposed agenda items for next meeting Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023 | Call for proposed agendas   * Follow-up Discussion of ASAA classes.   Please email J. Fowler for any other agenda items. |  |
| Adjournment at 1:16 pm | Meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m. with all agenda items having been addressed. |  |