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| **COA Academic Senate**  **Meeting Minutes**  **Thursday, February 15, 2024** | | |
| Meeting Called To Order at College of Alameda, H 280 & [Zoom](https://peralta-edu.zoom.us/my/fowler) at 12:26pm  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**: Jenn Fowler, Cady Carmichael, George Cruz, Sue Altenbach, Andrew Park (note-taker), Jody Campbell, Jacinda Marshall, Carla Pegues, and Rich Kaeser  **Guests in attendance**: Jayne Smithson (DAS rep), Matt Goldstein, Olga Fish, and Drew Burgess | | |
| **Agenda Item** | **Summary** | **Motion** |
| Agenda Review & Approval for February 15, 2024 | No changes. | Motion to approve Agenda February 15, 2024  **First**: J. Campbell **Second**: S. Altenbach M.S.U. |
| Review of minutes  February 1, 2024 | Question from A. Park regarding modality of recording senators’ attendance.  Any grammatical changes can be sent directly to A. Park or J. Fowler. | Motion to approve minutes from February 1, 2024  **First**: G. Cruz **Second**: S. Altenbach M.S.U. |
| Action Items  None | None |  |
| Discussion Items:   1. ZTC Acceleration Grant (O. Fish)        1. CoA Academic Senate Constitution Amendments Referendum Update (A. Park) 2. Laney College Faculty Senate Vote of No Confidence in District General Services (DGS) (J. Fowler) | **Summary of #1**  J. Fowler introduced Olga Fish, who presented on ZTC Acceleration grant.   * Tasks completed so far: completion of XB12 coding for Spring 2023 classes (100%); securing awards through the Acceleration Grant for Math, Psychology, Communication, ECON, Airframe, Powerplant, Dental Assistance, Apparel and Design, Anthropology and CalGETC (larger amounts for CE disciplines AMT, DENTL, ADAM). * Total grant amount close to $1mil   Q: Any additional communications from CCCCO? A: Additional communications will be via email.  Participated in discussion: J. Fowler, O. Fish, A. Park  **Summary of #2**  J. Fowler introduced the item and A. Park to present the result of the referendum.   * 23 people voted in the referendum (out of 160 or so; relatively low turnout but expected), of which there were 3 abstains and 1 no. The referendum passed with 95% of yes vote. * With the constitution updated, now need to address the issue of non-overlapping senator terms, where areas in CE, LS&LA, and Student Services having both full-time senator positions coming up for re-election this year. * A. Park recommends passing a resolution to designate one of the two positions (in each area) as 1-year term and the other as 2-year term, both for the nomination and voting process. Will bring a draft resolution to the next academic senate for consideration. As long as the issue is addressed in March, we’ll be ready for the elections in April.   **Summary of #3**  J. Fowler introduced item, describing the action taken at Laney Faculty Senate and the discussion at the DAS.   * Laney Faculty Senate passed the resolution unanimously in February, listing numerous facility issues at Laney. * DAS discussion last week: elevators were out again and the counselors had to meet with students in the lobby (not ideal). * Should we endorse the Laney resolution and/or write a CoA-focused resolution? This is resolution aimed at the process and the district.   Discussion   * Happy to see this: CoA also has numerous facilities issues in the Sciences, as well as non-working elevators in D & C buildings, and the G building. * Would support voting to support Laney FS resolution at a minimum (if we don’t write out own resolution). * No working drinking fountain in C & D buildings, and the all-gender bathrooms are padlocked. * Skylights in the gym leaks in a lot of places. * No food on campus other than snacks at the bookstore (discussion at DAS meeting); cafeteria in F building was shut down because of multiple health-code violations and would’ve cost too much to bring it up to code. (Recognition that we have Tasty Tuesdays, etc.; we need expanded food availability for students.) * Food is a potential attraction for students; Laney has cafeteria and bistro; Merritt has food court; CoA needs something, too. Free parking can be another attraction (if it’s marketed that way). * New signage for parking lots communicating the effective free parking?   J. Fowler invited senators interested in drafting CoA resolution focused on facilities processes and district issues. Will bring a draft resolution in future meetings for discussion and approval.  Participated in the Discussion: S. Altenbach, Jayne Smithson, R. Kaeser, C. Pegues, J. Fowler, C. Carmichael, J. Campbell |  |
| Officer Reports | **President**: Second faculty listening session with Chancellor Gilkerson is next Tuesday in H-153 from 12:30 to 1:30. Join on Zoom or in person. We may have funding to send one person virtually to ASCCC Spring Plenary (if interested, reach out). Flyers from I. Sodhy-Gereben (our rep on ASCCC Curriculum Committee) on regional and state-wide meetings.  Faculty listening session questions (from previous session and also will be the same questions in the upcoming session) were shared: 1. What does it mean to be a mission-driven organization? 2. What messages and expectations define our culture, and how does culture influence our behaviors?  **Vice President**: No report. Working on Emeritus Luncheon, potential date of May 16 (tentative).  **Treasurer**: Nothing to report. Funds are stable.  **Secretary**: No report. |  |
| Announcements | J. Campbell: One more Black History Month event is remaining, the Sunday Dinner. It’ll be on 27th (Tuesday), in H Building Lobby. |  |
| DAS Updates/Actions | Jayne Smithson (DAS rep):   * Already talked about Laney FS resolution of no confidence in DGS. * Gabriel Martinez presented on ongoing work on reforming the carceral language in our policies (“academic probation”, etc.). * A. Park presented on waitlist monitoring (we are turning away students who are on waitlists when we cancel classes, many of which are in person). * DVC curriculum “on pause” (because of overregulation, including AB1111) was discussed; they walked back what “on pause” means. * Tina Vasconcellos (AVC of Educational Services) is taking over DE coordinator duties with vacancy in district DE coordinator position.   J. Fowler will reach out to Dr. Vasconcellos and invite her to talk to us re. operation of waitlists and other issues. |  |
| Public Comment | None. |  |
| Proposed agenda items for next meeting  Thursday, Mar. 7, 2024 | Call for additional proposed agenda items was made.  Please email J. Fowler for any other agenda items. |  |
| Adjournment at 1:12 pm | Meeting closed in honor of Mary Shaughnessy, beloved colleague, fierce warrior and advocate for everyone on campus.  Meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m. with all agenda items having been addressed. |  |