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| **COA Academic Senate****Meeting Minutes****Thursday, October 3, 2024** |
| Meeting Called To Order at College of Alameda, H 280 & [Zoom](https://peralta-edu.zoom.us/my/fowler) at 12:22 pmNote: For Virtual attendance, senators indicate their votes in the Zoom ChatQuorum: 50% + 1 In person Quorum: 7 or more senators (15 seats, 2 vacant) |
| **Senators in Attendance**: Sue Altenbach, Jenn Fowler, Andrew Park (note-taker), George Cruz, Jody Campbell, Andrew Fittingoff, Rich Kaeser, Jacinda Marshall, Carla Pegues, and Edwin Ochong**Guests in attendance**: Drew Burgess (DAS rep), Matt Goldstein, Cynthia Haro, Olga Fish, and Linda Dewrance |
| **Agenda Item**  | **Summary**  | **Motion**  |
| Agenda Review & Approval for October 3, 2024 | No changes. | Motion to approve Agenda October 3, 2024**First**: J. Campbell**Second**: G. CruzM.S.U. |
| Review of minutes September 19, 2024  | Any grammatical changes can be sent directly to A. Park or J. Fowler. | Motion to approve minutes from September 19, 2024**First**: J. Campbell**Second**: S. AltenbachM.S.U. |
| Action Items:1. Committee Appointments
 | **Summary of #1**J. Fowler introduced the item with reference to the academic senate constitution. Appointments up for appointment and approval are:* DAS: Drew Burgess
* Budget: Jayne Smithson and Olga Fish
* IEC: Ann Chun
* PD: Cynthia Horn
 | Motion to approve all the committee appointments.**First**: J. Campbell**Second**: S. AltenbachM.S.U. |
| Discussion Items:  1. Fraudulent Students

1. Merritt College Academic Senate Resolution: Resolution on the Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza and Its Impact Locally
 | **Summary of #1**J. Fowler introduced the item.* Fraudulent/fake students are still an ongoing problem statewide. Affects primarily asynchronous online and possibly alphabetically earlier (“A”s) classes.
* There was a DAS discussion on the item (Sep. 17 meeting)
* Q: Why do students enroll fraudulently? (A: Financial aid.)
* Important to define “fraudulent students”
	+ Bot-generated students?
	+ Focus on the aim of these entities? (“Harvest financial aid funds” fraudulentnly)
* Currently onus is on the faculty to clean up the roster (assistance/technology through the district?)
* Requiring office hour meetings can be effective way to screen fake students; also introductory assignments, being mindful of equity impacts
* Other directory information characteristics may be used to detect fake students
* Instructors are obligated to drop no-shows.

District will put together a workgroup of faculty, administrators, and staff to tackle these issues.Participated in the discussion: G. Cruz, D. Burgess, J. Fowler, Matt Goldstein, R. Kaeser, Linda Dewrance, J. Campbell, and S. Altenbach**Summary of #2**J. Fowler introduced the agenda item by sharing the Merritt College Academic Senate resolution.* First decision at the local level is whether to endorse the Merritt resolution or to write our own.
* Connection to 10+1 is an issue to be mindful of; the one ASCCC resolution approved at Spring plenary (111.02) had a nexus to academic freedom.

Senators and guests participated in a robust discussion the salient points of which will be reflected in any future action taken by the academic senate. |  |
| Officer Reports   | **President**: Reminders – Common Course Numbering (CCN; AB1111) Phase 2 work (statewide, etc.) is starting, Phase 1 done at CoA; Still looking for volunteers to serve on Health & Safety committee and Facility & Technology committee; there is a new “living document” that lists committee details, linked from CoA website; Online catalog work commencing.**Vice President**: Nothing to report.**Treasurer**: Nothing to report.**Secretary**: Nothing to report. |   |
| Announcements  | Olga Fish (ASCCC OER liaison) – presented statewide work on OER expansion, implementation, and acceleration, via ASCCC OERI grants, totaling over $1 million in funded work. Also, discipline-specific events hosted by ASCCC OERI meeting in October. CoA OER taskforce meets on Tuesdays.Drew Burgess – related to AB607 (burden-free instructional materials) there will be outreach to faculty to make required reports.Matt Goldstein – invite faculty to take a look at the faculty art show being hosted at Laney College. |  |
| DAS Updates/Actions | During public comment, Donald Moore (past DAS president) raised objection that the Gaza resolution as discussed at Laney faculty senate meeting did not relate to 10+1.Other items discussed:* Logistics of running academic senate elections
* Common course numbering
* Fraudulent students
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| Public Comment  | None. |  |
| Proposed agenda items for next meeting Thursday, October 17, 2024 | Call for additional proposed agenda items was made. 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. |  |