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**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
ACADEMIC SENATE
Virtual Meeting
<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/99023841887>
December 13, 2021: 2:20PM – 4:20PM
MINUTES**

Present:

Academic Senate President J. Crocitti, G. Abbate, I. Arguelles-Ibarra, J. Braun, M. Brewer, H. Browne, D. Budzynski, L. Creswell, N. Dougherty, I. Duckles, H. Eskew, S. Gallardo, V. Gerace, Helen Greenbergs, M. Gwin, A. Gurganus, J. Hernandez, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, C. Katungi, J. Keller, K. Lacher, D. Miyoshi, K. Naimark, R. Nichols, A. Primoza, W. Ray, R. Sanchez, K. Secor, I. Stojimirovic, J. Sundayo, G. Svoboda, O. V. Torres, M. Vélez, K. Wait, and **Guests** S. Belew, C. Allbee, J. Carmichael, S. Hughes, K. Spoon and C. Sullivan

Absent:

E. Adelson, R. Escamilla, A. Hoffman (Excused), I. Kanevsky, C. López (Excused), N. Mapes, P. Motaleb (Excused), A. Reuss (Proxy to J. Sundayo), J. Sardo and W. Wesley

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME by Academic Senate President John Crocitti @ 2:21PM.

Parliamentarian – Inna Kanevsky/Speaker Coordinator & Timekeeper – Waverly Ray

II. Approval of Draft Agenda:

Motion to approve:

M/S

G. Johnson/Duckles

25 Approve

Reuss

(Proxy to Sundayo)

III. Public Presentation:

A. Associated Student Government (ASG): President Natalia Trinh

Report sent by President Natalia Trinh via email:

1. The ASG held our last fall 2021 meeting on Wednesday.
2. The United Student Council also held our last fall 2021 meeting,
3. The district Student Trustees will have a presentation during a spring 2022 Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting.
4. The spring 2022 Welcome Back Bash is still in the planning stage.
 - a. Any suggestions and ideas are welcomed.
5. The ASG will also hold a leadership retreat soon.
6. There has been more discussions about providing Students with affordable transportation.
7. A resolution regarding the Asian American/Pacific Islander (AAPI) Curriculum is still in progress.
8. The ASG wishes you all a wonderful winter break!

IV. Public Comments:

A. Candace Katungi – Spring 2022 San Diego Mesa College Research Conference:

As reported by Candace Katungi:

The annual Mesa College Research Conference (MCRC) is coming back to campus in spring 2022. We want to encourage you all to reach out to your students now to let them know about the opportunity and also think about ways you might be able to encourage participation in your own classes. The MCRC Planning Group will be sending a flyer out on the DL that you can share with your students soon. We welcome participation from all disciplines!

MCRC will be on May 13, 2022. Applications will be due on March 25, 2022.

B. Statement from the District Student Textbook Affordability Committee:

As reported by Alison Gurganus:

It is crucial for Faculty to provide book orders even if students don't use the bookstore.

Faculty who use no-cost materials or OER need to complete the supplemental form in the email from the bookstore. If they need help they can call Scott or Rob at the bookstore and easily provide their information over the phone.

If there is no information - the course will be marked as ZTC potentially starting in spring 2022.

This is part of Senate Bill 1359 which requires textbook information be available to students when they register for classes.

Zero Textbook Cost degree pathways update- Mesa students can now complete general education as zero textbook cost pathway - there are multiple course offerings for all the required areas to meet Mesa's requirements. Art History is the first ZTC pathway at Mesa - students can complete the degree with no textbook costs.

V. Approval of Draft Minutes: November 29, 2021

Motion to approve:

M/S

Nichols/Brewer

29 Approve

Reuss

(Proxy to Sundayo)

1 Abstained

Abbate

VI. GUEST:

A. Vice President of Instruction (VPI) Isabel O'Connor:

1. I know everyone is concerned about spring 2022 enrollment.
2. Mesa College has held the most on campus classes in our district.
3. We worked really hard to determine how we can come back on campus in spring 2022.
4. Thank you to Donna Budzynski for creating the framework with Academic Senate President John Crocitti and Chair of Chairs Paula Gustin.
5. Mesa College plans to hold 65% of spring 2022 classes on campus.
6. The 2022 Intersession has high enrollment.
7. Spring 2022 enrollment is currently soft.
8. Fewer Students in our pipeline have been enrolling at Mesa College.
9. Will Mesa College adopt the National University class modality?
 - a. VPI O'Connor asked the Department Chairs and their Faculty to work with their School Dean.
 - b. Please reach out to VPI O'Connor if you do not feel that you are a part of the decision-making process.
 - c. Academic Senate President John Crocitti said the heart of Faculty concern is that the decision-making process will not include Faculty regarding the adoption of short-term online classes.
 - d. Oscar V. Torres asked how Faculty can be a part of the conversation regarding course modality and length.
 - VPI O'Connor asked Faculty to review the data for their courses during their school and department meetings.
 - * The best way to coordinate is for Faculty to look at the data for their programs in consultation with their School Dean.
10. VPI O'Connor said we are always in the schedule building mode and we are always reviewing data, curriculum and program needs.
 - a. Faculty needs to play a major role in the schedule development process.
11. Academic Senate President John Crocitti said the Chancellor seems to be highlighting distance education (DE) and City and Miramar College seem to be offering more DE courses.
 - a. In some instances, introductory courses are only being scheduled online.
 - VPI O'Connor reported she has asked for a review of waitlist practices that may be undermining our Students' ability to transfer to four year institutions.
 - * We are missing strategic planning across the district to address such issues.
 - * We need to look at our capacity.

12. VPI O'Connor will forward the district's FTE targets.
 - a. Vice Chancellor Susan Topham is open to Mesa College playing a greater role in determining the targets.
 - b. What resources do we need to support our Students that is necessary to reach the targets?
 - It is a bigger issue than how we schedule classes.
 - We need a coordinated process.
13. Academic Senate President John Crocitti said the main concern for Faculty is what is the most appropriate modality and course length to ensure that our Students succeed.
 - a. VPI O'Connor said the decisions regarding curriculum should be made by Faculty Discipline Experts.
 - It should be a Faculty decision based on curriculum.
14. Geoff Johnson asked what will happen to classes that need to be filled in spring 2022.
 - a. What is the notification process?
 - b. What is the chance that we will offer the same classes during the second eight week of the semester if the classes assigned to Adjunct Faculty during the first eight week have to be cancelled?
 - VPI O'Connor said we will take a good look at where we stand first.
 - VPI O'Connor has asked Vice Chancellor Susan Topham for an analysis of Priority Registration.
 - * My goal is we will make those decisions by mid-January.
 - * Deans' Council will make an analysis and develop plans with the Academic Senate President and the Chair of Chairs.
15. VPI O'Connor reported Mesa College has been monitoring our FTE closely this year.
 - a. Your School Dean and the VPI may have a small amount of FTEF available.
16. Chair of Chairs Paula Gustin thanked VPI O'Connor for advocating for Faculty.
 - a. I appreciate all your effort.
 - b. There is a pocket of programs that we are embracing.
 - c. We want to be a college that offers all our programs.
 - d. We have big plans for Mesa 2030.
 - e. The overarching perspective of the Department Chairs is we do not agree with our sister colleges' wait lists and modalities.
 - f. We may have to flip some classes to face to face that we are not comfortable teaching online due to transfer issues, pedagogy and other important factors.
17. VPI O'Connor said nothing happens without Faculty and the Department Chairs communicating what is needed to her.
18. VPI O'Connor said the belief that low enrollment courses will be automatically switched to the online modality is not correct.
19. VPI O'Connor said she wants to assure Faculty that it is not a simple process.
 - a. Please contact VPI O'Connor know if you need clarification.
20. English Department Chair Chris Sullivan asked if there is a strategic effort to encourage our Students to return to campus because safety protocols are in place.
 - a. VPI O'Connor reported the communication piece is essential.
 - The district has been trying to communicate to Students that they need to upload their vaccination documents or test regularly to return to campus.
21. ASG President Natalia Trinh said the main thing is that information is being communicated in the most efficient way.
 - a. The City and Mesa College Student Presidents and I made a video for the district to let Students know that classes are open in person and we made sure to mention the safety protocols for mask wearing and vaccinations.

22. VPI O'Connor said we need to focus on retention.
 - a. Mesa College lost thousands of Students during the pandemic.
 - b. We need to have a districtwide effort to increase enrollment.
23. English Department Chair Chris Sullivan asked how do we make long term plans without the stability of FTES allocations.
 - a. VPI O'Connor said we are currently under Hold Harmless.
 - How do we return the 4,000 FTES?
 - We need year round planning that helps our Students.
24. Languages Department Chair Alison Primoza thanked Chair of Chairs Paula Gustin for standing up for quality education.
 - a. Some Faculty are pushing for fully asynchronous online instruction for Languages.
 - They are not arguing that it supports quality of education.
 - We received some funding for exams, but it is not enough to test all Languages Students.
 - How much did the Students learn when they completed a Languages course that was fully online?
 - How do we objectively determine if the Students actually learned the course material?
 - b. VPI O'Connor said we need to find out if they are they prepared to take the next class.
 - c. Languages Department Chair Alison Primoza said there is a pernicious incentive on Rate my Professor about which Faculty Members give an easy "A" grade.
 - English Department Chair Chris Sullivan said there is a correlation to a waitlist
 - d. VPI O'Connor said Articulation is key here.
 - e. Academic Senate President John Crocitti said Rate my Professor is not linked to Faculty Evaluations.
 - Highly rated Instructors may be good Instructors who prepare their Students fully.
25. Immediate Past President Manuel Velez asked if the Enrollment Managing Task Force is meeting this semester.
 - a. VPI O'Connor reported we have been looking at the issues that impact enrollment.
 - The Enrollment Management Task Force is working on developing a comprehensive plan.
26. Chemistry Department Chair Donna Budzynski reported Chemistry is 93% back on campus this semester
 - a. A lot of the Students who took Chemistry classes online need extra help.
 - b. More Students are struggling.
 - c. It has been rough.
 - d. I do not need an assessment to tell me that it is not working online.
 - e. Face to Face classes provide the most equity.
 - f. I would look at persistency from one course to the next.
27. VPI O'Connor said we can look at the data and have conversations.
28. Physics Department Chair Irena Stojimirovic said only a small percent of Students can do really well online.
 - a. Physics lecture classes need to be taught in the face to face modality.
 - Students can't build their skills online.
29. Academic Affairs Committee Chair Oscar V. Torres asked VPI O'Connor what in your recalculation will incentivize more online classes.
30. Academic Affairs Committee Chair Oscar V. Torres also asked VPI O'Connor if there will be a forum to review the data from the Student Survey.
 - a. VPI O'Connor reported there were not a lot of responses.
 - The survey was sent shortly before we began planning for spring 2022 which was not timely.
 - The right questions were not asked.
31. President Luster will announced the approved Faculty Hiring Prioritization list tomorrow.

VII. Committee Report:**A. Committee on Diversity Action, Inclusion and Equity:**

Report sent by Judy Sundayo via email:

- CDAIE last met on 12-3-21, with 32 people attending. Scott Starbuck, Michelle Rodriguez and Erin Evans, representing Mesa's Environmental Sustainability Committee presented on the Disproportionate Impact of Climate Change on People of Color and those in impoverished communities. They are working with students to raise money for Mesa's Green Fund as a way of taking positive action steps to improve our campus' response to climate change.
- CDAIE made its annual presentation to PCAB on December 7th
- Over the break members will continue to work on CDAIE subcommittee objectives, including updating the Mesa College Diversity webpages, working with District partners on creating a meaningful Land Acknowledgement Statement, and preparing for the impending opening of the Mesa College Pride Center!
- Efforts continue to ramp up marketing for positive messages and images supporting our diverse campus population, including t-shirts and masks in preparation for spring 2022
- CDAIE invites support for December Recognitions for *World Aids Day* (Dec.1), *International Day of Persons with Disabilities* (Dec.3) and *Human Rights Day* (Dec.10).
- CDAIE is open for small funding requests for honorariums or activities supporting diversity, equity and inclusion. Please e-mail jsundayo@sdccd.edu if interested for your classroom or department
- CDAIE meets next on **Friday, February 4th, 2022** from 9 am - 11 am. Anyone wanting to attend as a guest may send an e-mail to jsundayo@sdccd.edu for the Zoom link.

VIII. New Business:**A. Reconsideration of the State of Emergency Circumstances (AB361):** Crocitti

1. Allows the Mesa College Academic Senate to continue to meet via Zoom.

Motion to move:

M/S

Budzynski/Velez

31 Approve

Reuss

(Proxy to Sundayo)

2 Disapprove

Creswell

Greenbergs

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A.** The next Academic Senate meeting is February 14, 2022 from 2:20PM – 4:20PM.
- B.** The next Academic Affairs meeting is February 7, 2022 from 4:15PM – 5:30PM.
- C.** The next Committee of Chairs (CoC) meeting is February 9, 2022 from 2:30PM – 4:00PM.
- D.** The next Professional Advancement meeting is February 2, 2022 @ 2:30PM.
- E.** The Chicana/o Studies Department at San Diego Mesa College is proud to present the 11th Annual Gracia Molina de Pick Feminist Lecture Series.
 1. Featured Guest Presentation by Alessandra Moctezuma (Professor of Fine Art, Museum Studies, and Chicana/o Studies and Gallery Director, San Diego Mesa College).
 - "Chicano Art: Building Community Through Culture - Spring 2022"
 - DATE: Tuesday, March 8, 2022
 - TIME: 9:35AM-11AM
 - ZOOM Pre-Register (please register before the date of the event)
 - <https://bit.ly/Gracia112022>
- F.** Please donate to the Resiliency Fund to keep the dream of a higher education alive for our Students. ([LINK](#))
- G.** Please donate to the Stand and help our Students succeed. ([LINK](#))

X. ADJOURNMENT @ 3:29PM.

Submitted by Sue Saetia

Approved by the SDMC AS: February 14, 2022