

San Jose City College
ACADEMIC SENATE
Approved Minutes
December 3, 2019

Senators Present: Judith Bell, Jose Cabrera, Bill Carlson, Guillermo Castilla, Carlos Chavez, Lezra Chenportillo, Jesus Covarrubias, Mary Crocker Cook, Jonathan Cronan, Chris Frazier, Michelle Gregor, David Hammerbeck, Kathy Haven, Heather Jellison, Lorraine Levy, Alex Lopez, Scott Miller, Olga Morales-Anaya, Jennifer Nestojko, Wendy Pio, Doug Robb, Kidane Sengal, Patricia Solano, Bob Wing

Parliamentarian: Lorenzo Cuesta

Absent Senators: Dedrick Griffin (excused)

- I. The meeting called to order at 2:10pm.**
- II. Approval of Agenda – Approved w/o objection**
- III. Approval of Minutes – Approved as amended w/o objection**
- IV. Public Comments**

- A. Anai announced the ASG's first annual Talent Show on this Thursday at 3pm in the theater. She asked faculty to encourage students to attend. There are 15 participants. Look for the email.
- B. Dr. Edina Rutland asked that Canvas accessibility be placed on the next agenda. Everything on the Canvas must be accessible.

V. Committee Appointments Standing Committee/Workgroup

- A. Guided Pathways – Rachel Hagan (Counseling) – **Approved w/o objection**

VI. Informational Items (6 Minute Limit)

- A. Honors Program Update – Dr. Betancourt Lopez said the Honors program restarted last spring and new applications grew from 133 in spring 2019 to 142 this fall. Honors contracts grew from 51 spring 2019 to 99 this fall. They addressed an underrepresentation of Latino students through increased focus of time and effort. The Phi Theta program was reintroduced in spring 2019 and had 44 inductees and 30 this fall. An Honors Program luncheon was held this fall with a talk with Professor Lucas Randall. Going forward they will propose and Honors Transfer program. Discussion: Senators voiced their support for the programs especially making SJCC students more UC competitive. Students have shared their concerns that not all instructors offer an Honors option. Dr. Betancourt Lopez said they are researching options to address underrepresented African American students also.
- B. Facilities Committee update on Swimming pool and Multicultural Center – Marilyn Morikang said the Jaguar Multicultural Center was always part of the Facilities Master Plan (FMP) to change the gym to increase student use. There is an RFP (Request for Proposal) out to find an architect for the project. In August 2019 the Board approved an amendment to add the swimming pool to the FMP. Discussion: Senators noted that the “old” gym is still in use. Dr. Pratt said there are 8 sections in the old gym on the spring 2020 schedule. Marilyn said the new Multicultural Center will be a more flexible space and will accommodate classes. Doug said the FMPs are dynamic, have changed since 2015, and the PE/Athletics faculty did not hear about the Center until PDD. PE/Athletic space is already an issue and they have rented space for practice off-campus. Dr. Pratt said the primary concerns should be student's needs over community needs. P.E. Lab Tech, Duane Bozic, said the trend is to push aside the athletics department. He said both gyms are used and they (PE) should be consulted about their use.
- C. Guided Pathways Scale of adoption update on process – Judith Bell distributed the Guided Pathways Scale of Adoption document. They have created a Scale of Adoption sub-committee to evaluate the pillar elements and report back to the Steering Committee. The Senate needs to approve by March 1. She asked the Senate to review and hold this document as this item will return.

VII. Information Items (6-minute limit/Possible Action)

- A. Proposal to develop an Honors Transfer Pathway at SJCC – Dr. Betancourt Lopez said they are proposing the implementation of an Honors Transfer Program using an UCLA articulation model. He also asked the Senate to consider developing faculty-informed standards for Honors contracts. These will provide UC pathways to students. He outlined a mirrored process to develop the Honors classes. The timeline would start in spring 2020 providing information to faculty and moving through IPCC and

the Board by the end of spring. In December it would move through the GE process and IGETC designation. Courses would begin in fall 2021. They ask the Senate to endorse the Honors efforts to implement this Honors program strategy, and request the creation of a faculty workgroup to review and adopt honors contract standards that address TAP requirements by spring 2020.

Discussion: Senators asked if Honors classes would run concurrently with regular courses. Dr. Betancourt Lopez said that would be a determination of the faculty and their dean. Judith suggested this is a learning community opportunity. Lezra said building structure holistically would streamline the process. Lezra said the courses are not mirrored but separate courses. Lorraine asked if questions could be answered before the Senate provides the endorsements. Dr. Betancourt Lopez agreed.

Motion/S: To bring Honors back to the next meeting – Approved w/o objection

- B. Holiday Social for December – Kathy Haven said a holiday party is planned at Luna’s in the Pruneyard at 4:30 or 5pm following the last fall senate meeting.
- C. Senate Spring Calendar – Olga Morales-Anaya said Lenora will email the spring 2020 dates. The Senate will continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays monthly. The executive committee will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays monthly.

VII. Committee Reports (1 minute each)

- A. Presidents Report: Alex reported San Jose Promise is expanding to the Milpitas campus. The District is currently determining its role in providing student services at the colleges. This is with the District Senate now. The Chancellor allocated \$50K for students to participate in this process. 508 compliance trainings are upcoming. The Center for Economic Mobility presented on inequality in Silicon Valley and community impact at the last Board of Trustee meeting. Regarding the issue of how the agenda is set, Alex said for six years the agenda moves issues forward. Lorenzo added that the agenda issue is really with the Ground Rules. In the governance hierarchy, the Ground Rules are at the bottom of the list below the Brown Act, the Senate Constitution, the Bylaws, and Roberts Rules. The current Ground Rules were written without consideration of the higher governance documents. The Ground Rules will be modified through the committee created to review/change them. Lorenzo has recommendations for that committee.
- B. Executive Committee: Heather distributed the Senate budget that showed the amount for the parliamentary contract and \$10K remaining for the conferences. The Fall Plenary expenses are not in yet. Kathy encouraged faculty to apply for the Hayward Awards for excellence in education. Full-time/Part-time may apply.
- C. District Academic Senate (DAC): Jesus reported the District Policy committee meets this Thursday at 1pm (location to be determined) and will review the AP/BPs. There is a lack of support from the District Office.
- D. Senators: Doug reported the money from facility rental does not come back to the PE/Athletics division.
- E. Art: Michelle invited everyone to Art/Music event in the Gallery tomorrow from 11:30am-1:30pm. Judith invited everyone to attend the Holiday Sale in the ceramics area on December 8th and 9th.
- F. Library: Bob reported the new Library system migration is starting to wrap up.
- G. DE: Lorraine reported the new DE handbook is up on the website.
- H. Guided Pathways: Judith said they had their event a week ago last Friday. They reviewed programs and meta-majors. They are planning college-wide events for spring. More faculty, especially counselors, are needed.
- I. Program Review: Judith reported major changes coming in the spring. They want to re-align the form more with Guided Pathways and equity.
- J. SLO: Judith reported the data is now downloaded from Colleague into eLumen.
- K. Student Equity committee: Heather reported the state Student Equity & Achievement report is due on January 1. They will bring it as an information item on the Senate’s December 17th meeting. The Senate President does not have to sign.
- L. Finance: Chris reported the committee has trouble reaching quorum and may try using Zoom. They are working on a dashboard model. The Program Review Budget template went out and there is help available.
- M. Lorenzo reminded the Senate that it may pass a motion to reduce quorum for its committees.

IX. The chair adjourned the meeting at 3:35pm.