

San Jose City College
ACADEMIC SENATE
Approved Minutes
March 2, 2021

Senators Present: President Alex Lopez, Vice President Judith Bell, Treasurer Heather Jellison, Executive Senator Elena Dutra, Executive Senator Jose Cabrera, John Banks, Carlos Chavez, Mary Crocker Cook, Jonathan Cronan, Jackie Gamboa, Juan Gamboa, Michelle Gregor, Dedrick Griffin, David Hammerbeck, Heidi Kozlowski proxy for Rachel Hagan, Rich Harlan, Kathy Haven, Clem Lundie, Scott Miller, Lezra Chenportillo proxy for Olga Morales-Anaya, Jennifer Nestojko, Wendy Pio, and Doug Robb

Absent senators: none

Parliamentarian: Lorenzo Cuesta

Classified Senate: Andrea Lopez

IPCC: Lezra Chenportillo

- I. The meeting called to order at 2:10pm via Zoom.**
- II. Approval of Agenda – Approved as amended w/o objection**
- III. Approval of Minutes – Approved w/o objection**
- IV. Public Comments**
 - A. President Tomaneng said she will happily support the Senate’s engagement of AB1460, the Ethnic Studies requirement. It is a 10+1 issue. The Chancellor’s office has asked curriculum committees to look at the Ethnic Studies discipline, the CSU core competencies, and review ADTs to determine if any 60-unit compliance is impacted. They want any new curriculum in place by fall of 2022.
 - B. VP Roland Montemayor introduced Rene Alvarez, the new Dean of Academic Success & Student Equity.
 - C. Dr. Edina Rutland encouraged everyone to complete the SAS survey emailed on Monday. All California Community Colleges must complete it for the State Chancellor’s office. It is due by March 15.
 - D. Doriann said there a resolution to rename the Student Center after the Robert N. Chang Charitable Foundation. It has provided \$1.2M to students. 5000-7500 transfer students apply for the award yearly. This is a way to honor the scholarship and the students who overcome barriers to achieve their goals. This was approved by the FaST Committee yesterday and will move through to President Tomaneng, CAC, and on to the Board of Trustees. Send questions to Doriann and Takeo Kubo. Doriann will return for Senate support.
 - E. Frank Espinoza, the District Academic Senate President, invited everyone to its second webinar on March 12th from 11am-12pm. The ASCCC VP Virginia May will discuss academic and professional matters (the 10+1) and address our board policies.

V. Committee Appointments

Evaluations – Approved w/o objection

Alex shared the Senate’s approved motion from March 2015 which states faculty within the same discipline will evaluate each other unless there are extenuating circumstances brought to the Academic Senate. It was agreed upon by SJCC, the AFT, and EVC.

- A. Dongmei Cao to be evaluated by Leslie Rice (both ESL)
- B. Guillermo Castilla (Physics) to be evaluated by Lucas Randall (Math)
Guillermo’s letter stated he is the only full-time Physics instructor and because Physics is applied Mathematics he has been evaluated by other Mathematics instructors.
- C. Javier Chapa to be evaluated by Scott Inguito (both English)
- D. Leslie Rice to be evaluated by Leslie Takei (both ESL)
- E. Michelle Blair (English) to be evaluated by Leslie Rice (ESL)
- F. Noé Torres to be evaluated by Lisa Vasquez (both English)
- G. Heidi M. Kozlowski to be evaluated by Dedrick Griffin (both English)
- H. Iko Fukui (JAPN) to be evaluated by Rebecca Gamez (SPAN)
- I. Dorothy Pucay to be evaluated by Leslie Rice (both ESL)
- J. Rebecca Gamez (SPAN) to be evaluated by Michael Berke (French)
- K. Leslie Takei to be evaluated by Dorothy Pucay (both ESL)

- L. Kim Loan Nguyen (SJCC Chem.) to be evaluated by Preeti Srinivasan (EVC Chem.)

Standing Committees

- M. Jaguar Multicultural Center (2) – Devin Aye (Kinesiology/PE), Elena Dutra (Counseling), Olga Morales-Anaya (Counseling), Heidi Kozlowski (English) – **Approved w/o objection**
- N. Accessibility Committee (1) – Rufus Blair (Sign Language), Waylon Baker (Communication Studies)
Rufus Blair selected by vote.

Dedrick voted for Waylon; all others voted for Rufus.

VI. Action Items

- A. District Evaluation Proposal Summary – Phil Hu reviewed the District’s evaluation language. (Judith/Clem) **Motion: To accept the District’s evaluation language as is – Unanimously Failed**
Discussion: Jennifer said there is anxiety about the unannounced evaluations. She noted that her high school may not include issues found in the unannounced walk-ins. Doug is against the proposed changes because they seem more punitive. There are no rewards and it seems like a one-way street. Lezra is against the motion because more information is needed. She asked how the institutional service will impact the non-instructional faculty. Phil said Lezra raised a valid point about the non-instructional faculty. The District’s intent is to include other administrators who have contact with the work. Clem spoke against the motion because the current process isn’t broken and these changes weaken it. Jackie asked Phil to clarify institutional service. Phil said the Union sees it as anything that helps the institution, i.e. clubs. Carlos is against the motion due to the unannounced visits and it seems punitive.

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

- A. District Policies, AP7120 and Title IX AP/BP Draft – **Postponed**
- B. Camera on requirement guidelines for distance education – Dr. Rutland said we have discussed cameras on in the classroom since October 2020. When cameras are on student’s personal information is being recorded and becomes part of the instructional record. Students should be protected. There is no current district policy which will protect the college also. The California Community College sent out guidelines last October. She asked for support to establish a taskforce and appoint faculty. Alex said this is a district issue and there is the districtwide AP/BP Committee which can vet the policy. It will be stronger if it’s districtwide policy from the beginning. Edina said Vice Chancellor Escobar is writing the Board Policy and requested the Accessibility Committee provide input on the Administrative Procedure. She can take this to Frank at the District Academic Senate if needed. VP Pratt recommended getting SJCC/EVC faculty to provide guidance to the District Office. Alex said the Senate will support this request and refer this to the District Policy Committee – **Approved w/o objection**

VIII. Information items

- A. SJCC Student-Athletes Academics Report – Debbie Huntze thanked everyone for the support of student-athletes. Doug shared there are 125 student-athletes. No one got to participate last year due to the pandemic. Six teams had a collective GPA of 3.0 or higher. There are four 4.0 students with at least 12 units. They have a 93.2 course success rate. Dean Lamel Harris said their success rates are because of the work of everyone especially the faculty. He also thanked Solomon Wilson and Veronica Harris. The athletes may be back on campus by next week.

IX. Committee Reports (1-minute each)

- A. President’s report: Alex reported there is a meeting with Resource Allocation on March 10. They will remain transparent and advocate for students. Alex, Chris Hawkins, Fabio Gonzalez, and Andrea Lopez represent SJCC. He thanked the Senate Executive Committee, the faculty, and President Tomaneng for working together to eliminate the 18% reduction. The Chancellor announced COVID vaccinations are now available for educators. It is not mandatory currently. We’re still waiting for the Chancellor’s decision for fall courses. There’s no detailed roll-out plan. The Vice Chancellor asked how much budget information he needs to provide to the public. Alex replied provide financials so that a lay person could understand them. The Vice Chancellor said there are no short-falls. The quarter reports are at 1.9% higher than last year. The ASCCC Plenary is April 15-17. We have our district training on March 12. Senators, especially new senators, deans and administrators are invited to attend. The Area B meeting takes place on March 26 via Zoom. Alex will ask for resolution feedback.
- B. Executive Reports: Judith said the DE and return to campus survey is important. She encouraged everyone to complete it. Heather said there are nine senators who have submitted their names to attend. Jose reported that Math/Science faculty have asked how our smart classroom technology compares to

other Bay 10 colleges. Will there be a technology improvement as we return to campus? They asked for the status of the HVAC systems in the Math/Science classes and fume hoods in Biology and Chemistry labs.

- C. Distance Education (DE): Audrey reported SJCC was granted admission to the CVC-OEI Consortium and it will be announced in the next few weeks. One of the next steps is an orientation with Jaime Alonzo. She encouraged everyone to complete the DE survey and ask colleagues to do so too.
- D. Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee (SLOAC): Judith reported the committee is collaborating with the Professional Development Committee to offer break-out sessions at the next PDD.
- E. Program Review (PR): Judith reported the PRs are in the last stages and moving into the next planning stages which she will bring to the Academic Senate.
- F. Guided Pathways (GP): Judith reported Alex has signed the SOAA (self-evaluation) and it's complete.
- G. Institutional Policies & Curriculum Committee (IPCC): Lezra reported this is her final semester as chair. They are updating the charge to allow for co-chairs. The next two co-chairs, Thuy Cao and Andres Rodriguez, have started attending meetings. IPCC is meeting with EVC to review graduation requirement policies. They will give presentations on these requirements. There have been few review submissions and it is time to get them in.
- H. Lorenzo reminded the Senate that more student participation is needed for this accreditation cycle.

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