

San Jose City College
ACADEMIC SENATE

Approved Minutes
September 15, 2015

Senators Present: Madeline Adamczeski, Michael Berke, Dong Mei Cao, Bill Carlson, Janet Chang, Gary Ledesma proxy for Carlos Chavez, Jesus Covarrubias, Philip Crawford, Juan Gamboa, Valentin Garcia, Fabio Gonzalez, Michelle Gregor, Rachel Hagan, Iyun Lazik, Alex Lopez, Linda Meyer, Isai Ulate, Ada Weeks, Bob Wing, Larry Harris (student rep.)

Parliamentarian: Lorenzo Cuesta

Senators Absent: Percy Carr, Renza Nassab (ill)

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:10pm.

II. Approval of Agenda – Approved as amended without objection

III. Approval of Minutes – postponed until amended

IV. Public Comments

1. VPAA Graham gave a singing endorsement of the production of Corridos at the Western Stage. Jesus is the musical director. There are two shows this Friday and Saturday at 7:30pm.
2. Celia Cruz shared copies of the BSI report draft which needs to be submitted to the state chancellor's office by October 1st. Send questions and input to Celia. Rachel and Linda are BSI committee members.
3. Madeline shared the METAS center's upcoming guest speaker's presentation regarding the path to medical school. Direct students to the METAS Center for more information.
4. Rachel encouraged everyone to check out Andy Nguyen's art exhibition gallery. The proceeds go to charity.
5. Jesus encouraged everyone to attend the Latino month activities and to watch for the calendar email.
6. President Breland reminded everyone to support the San Jose Earthquakes soccer game tomorrow night and wear SJCC gear. There is a SJCC section reserved and complimentary tickets are still available. The proceeds will go towards scholarships.

V. Committee Appointments

1. Standing Committees
 - a. SLOAC - Jessica Smay (Physical Sci.), Jason Adkins (Art), Meiko Daire (Counselor) – **Approved without objection**
 - b. Program Review - Scott Miller (EMS), Amber McCall (Dance) Gina Del Rosario (Cosmo) – **Approved without objection**
 - c. Student Success/Student Equity - Heather Jellison (ESL), ~~Janet Chang (Health Services)~~ – **Approved without objection**
 - d. Strategic Planning – Mary Cook (ADS) – **Approved without objection**
2. Screening Committees
 - a. Interim Counseling Dean - Gina Ronzano (Counselor), Rachel Hagan (Counselor), Carlos Chavez (Counselor), Tuan Ngo (Counselor)
Voting for Gina were (15): Mike, Rachel, Fabio, Iyun, Ada, Bill, Juan, Michelle, Dong Mei, Valentin, Isai, Madeline, Janet, Alex, Phil
Voting for Rachel were (2): Gary and Bob
Voting for Carlos were (15): Mike, Rachel, Fabio, Ada, Bill, Juan, Gary, Michelle, Dong Mei, Valentin, Isai, Madeline, Janet, Alex, Phil
Voting for Tuan were (2): Iyun and Bob
Gina and Carlos were selected via vote
 - b. A&R Tech – Karen Pullen – **Approved without objection**

VI. Information items - possible Action Item (limited to 6 minutes)

1. Adult Education Consortium/Steering Committee – Jesus said despite Senate disapproval of the lack of faculty/Senate involvement in the planning, and the Steering committee’s non-transparency, Deans Kishan Vujjeni and Carol Cohen were approved by the Board of Trustees to continue on the Consortium Steering committee. Discussion: Senators are concerned that deans Vujjeni and Cohen are bypassing the approved governance structure in creating curricula for these new programs.

Motion: The Senate directs the IPCC to defer all course approvals associated with AB86/AB104 until further notice from the Academic Senate. – Approved by vote

All voted for the motion except Rachel who abstained.

2. Faculty Hiring Priority List Update – Iyun reminded the group that the forms are due on Sept. 22. The Senate will develop the list on October 6th. Departments/programs may present in person or send written statements on Oct. 6th. The will be a repository of the program reviews available to senators.
3. Student Equity – Fabio said the committee members are Celia, Roland, Maria, Takeo, Janet, the researcher and himself. The Student Equity plan is due Dec 18th. They request feedback about their plan from the senate. Celia explained the plan to expand the SJCC services to students in need as outlined in the Student Equity Report (see pdf, <http://www.sjcc.edu/AdministrativeServices/Documents/A.%20Academic%20Senate%20Sept.%2015%2c%202015%20-%20Student%20Equity.pdf>). The entire report is available at the Student Success/Equity webpage: <http://www.sjcc.edu/PresidentOffice/Pages/Student-Success-and-Equity.aspx> Last year Student Success/Equity dollars contributed to Oncourse training, increased counseling, EOP&S services, and book supplies.
4. Student Success – Roland said the Student Success plan was approved last year. It was reviewed as being overall well done with some minor improvements needed. Senate feedback will be collected on Oct.6th and a final draft presentation on Nov. 17.
5. Ethnic Studies Graduation Requirement – Jesus said in 2003 the senate endorsed the Criteria Checklist for Ethnic Studies Requirement which he re-submitted.

Motion: The Academic Senate approves these Ethnic Studies requirements. – Approved by vote

There was discussion about whether there is a difference between ethnic studies and cultural pluralism. It was suggested to get district faculty input before a senate vote. Some thought this needs to be a broader discussion because it concerns graduation requirements.

Voting against the motion were: Rachel, Iyun, Bill and Bob; all others voted for the motion

6. Distance Ed Update - Heidi Kozlowski said gave a DE update from their first meeting on Monday. They meet on 2nd & 4th Mondays from 3:30-5pm. The committee reports to the senate. They are working on a DE plan for the college. They are focusing on Canvas (common course management system) first before considering OEI. Canvas is used at SJSU and supported by a grant from CCC. There is a Canvas sandbox available to try. DSPS is evaluating Canvas for ADA issues. The EVC Academic Senate has approved Canvas. The district is waiting for SJCC’s decision before moving onto Canvas. The Remote Learner (Moodle) contract ends in June/July. Contact Heidi to arrange a Canvas shell. Phil said faculty needs to be compensated for migrating courses to new management systems. Heidi said there may be a remote Canvas demo available.
7. District Senate Update – Jesus said he will present this item to the district council on this Thursday.
8. EMP Update – Jesus said Fred Trapp attended the executive committee meeting. Jesus encouraged the senators to read the Educational Master Plan on the website, especially chapter 9. There are two weeks remaining to give feedback. (<http://www.sjcc.edu/discover-sjcc/college-plans-and-program-review>

VII. Committee Reports (Notes)

1. President’s Report: Jesus said this semester’s 1st newsletter is 95% complete.
2. Fabio is sending an ACR171 by Rita Cepeda regarding ethnic pluralism.

VIII. The chair adjourned the meeting at 4:15pm.