

Victor Valley College Academic Senate Meeting - Thursday, November 4, 2021**Members present**

Kelley Beach, Debra Blanchard, Regina Brown, Richard Cerreto, Jamey Cooper, Tracy Davis, Peter Francev, Patty Golder, Ed Heaberlin, Justin Mott, Terry Truelove, Julia Wendt, David Wilkerson

Executive Officers present

Lynne Glickstein, Leslie Huiner, Henry Young

Meeting called to order at 3:30 PM

1. 10 + 1

Information: 1.1 ASCCC 10 + 1

2. OPENING ITEMS

Procedural: 2.1 Public Comments Related to Agenda Items

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

Information: 3.1 Curriculum Committee Minutes - 09/23/2021

4. ACTION ITEMS

Action, Minutes: 4.1 Academic Senate Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve by Julia Wendt, second by Kelley Beach.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Kelley Beach, Debra Blanchard, Regina Brown, Richard Cerreto, Jamey Cooper, Tracy Davis, Peter Francev, Patty Golder, Justin Mott, Terry Truelove, Julia Wendt, David Wilkerson

Not Present at Vote: Ed Heaberlin

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion: 5.1 8-week Mini-Mester: Academic Senate 10 plus 1 Issues

Discussion: concerns about science lab classes, prerequisites, 8-week will work for some courses; concern with math courses that are more than 3-units, AB705 placement, concern about support services such as tutoring and students' having adequate time to go to classes and receive tutoring and other support services; concern that students should be allowed the option to choose if they wish to take 8 or 16-week format, lack of break and overlapping classes; students who are polled about preference for 8-week have shown an interest in 8-week online or either 8 or 16 weeks, flexibility for working students, concern about support services such as textbooks, support service such as availability of transcripts at the end of a first 8-week course; at Odessa classes are F2F/hybrid and time blocks are same, but they don't appear to have lab classes; impact on kinesiology/dance classes and need for ample time to practice concepts in between course meeting days; noted that Pasadena City College has been honorable mention three times by Aspen but they have 16-weeks, California community college programs are not the same as Odessa; most universities have switched to 16-weeks from quarter systems, we are aligned with them for transitional purposes; concern about Guided Pathways for certificates and degrees built on a 16-week schedule, sequential sequencing would change the pathways, counselors put a lot of time and planning into those pathways; concern from student services side of house is we have high success in certain programs but concern there needs to be a long-term, predictable, institutional schedule for student planning and getting students through in a 2-year timeline; logistics concerns; concern about lack of student voice in this endeavor; concern about biased perspective sent to students for their listening session included suggestions such as students were promised higher grades for 8-week sessions, they would be taking only 2 classes at a time, and that it was more accessible to working students; not all instructors are DE certified to teach in hybrid model; six semester calendars need to be changed; concern about impact on teaching load for part-time faculty; need for contractual negotiations; concern that students who are surveyed may think it sounds good but then they run into trouble in middle of term when they realize how rough it is; some students mistakenly believe less content would be covered during the 8-weeks.

Discussion: 5.2 Faculty Hiring Prioritization Committee

Discussion: implementing new Faculty Hiring Prioritization process that was recently approved by senate. Dr. Wendt is serving as nonvoting member, she has contacted department chairs who requested faculty hire through PRAISE program review to update request in Nuventive. Per Wendt committee members have been nominated by administration and senate president, hope to have list of recommendations for new hires moved forward to Superintendent/President by Dec. 1. Will reconvene members of committee and task force for after action review to get feedback, planning and process improvement. Data-informed process can be tracked through time.

Discussion: 5.3 Increasing Academic Senate Meetings to Twice Per Month

Discussion: Administration requested senate be more nimble in responding to campus decision-making by meeting more frequently, will be moving forward with idea in future semester, meetings should be shorter if we meet more frequently.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Report: 6.1 President, Dr. Henry Young

Report: 8-week mini-mester listening sessions were held, need to consider if AS wants to write a resolution that defines our stance on this, district created planning teams to review different aspects of it. We are meeting our FON, CCCCCO allocating \$800,000 to hire 9 faculty members. High flex classrooms still being discussed in terms of restructured buildings 50 & 52. Visited CSUSB to view their high flex classrooms, teach face to face with "option" of having some hybrid or synchronous framework. VVC is moving forward developing classrooms because of funds provided through COVID relief. Prototype room being developed in CFIE for faculty feedback. Bldgs 50 & 52 should be ready in spring, 8 classrooms seat 40, 2 classrooms seat 60. Senate election in spring 2022 will include senate executive positions and area reps, and want to do committee chair reviews. Area reps involvement with discussion with faculty area members is very important. We want all faculty to be heard, engaged, collaborative and knowledgeable. Upgraded to new Nuventive, PRAISE due Dec 15, 2021. In-person meetings will resume in February, per Glickstein California is still in state of emergency and we may be able to continue to meet through Zoom if we vote on it at the beginning of each meeting or by resolution.

7. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

Report: 7.1 Vice President, Lynne Glickstein

Attended ASCCC Fall Plenary breakout on Brown Act and meeting flexibility during COVID. If any committees have had changes to membership please let her know. Election for senate will be held next spring.

Report: 7.2 Secretary, Leslie Huiner

Attended ASCCC Fall Plenary today, many technical issues with the combination of in-person, hybrid, Zoom, Pathable simultaneous meetings, it's a good example of how hyflex classes need strong technical support.

Report: 7.3 Treasurer, David Gibbs

Report: 7.4 Past President, Lee Bennett

8. SENATE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Report: 8.1 Part-Time Faculty Area Representatives - Dr. Jamey Cooper, Dr. Leontine Jefferies, David Wilkerson

Report: 8.2 Area Representatives

Heaberlin - The Good Doctor opens in Black Box Theater in November, first performance since pandemic, runs two weekends, masks required.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS OR SPECIAL REPORTS

Report: 9.1 Basic Skills Committee – Patty Golder

Meeting every week on Tuesday from 3-4pm heavy discussions with a dean about chair duties, canceling classes and planning classes in curriculum.

Report: 9.2 Curriculum Committee – Debby Blanchard

No meetings in November due to holidays, remaining meeting will be Dec. 9, working to get courses, certificates and degrees moved through system for catalog deadline. Discussion about correspondence courses for prisons, it's being discussed by VVCFA and discussed in curriculum regarding Title 5 regulations, there needs to be a separate addendum, prisons are not allowing any visitors due to COVID, or electronics, so no Zoom course option, correspondence would be packets sent to students to fill out and send back. More materials are being added to Canvas Curriculum course shell, let her know if you want items added.

Report: 9.3 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee - Dr. Henry Young

Have reached out to individuals who were interested in joining the committee, have created a Canvas shell for the committee, if anyone is interested he will send you a link to join the course shell to start talking about DEI, it's an important issue to move the institution forward and our local community and world. There is no chair yet, he will serve as de facto chair until committee meets and selects a chair.

Report: 9.5 Instructional Program Review (IPRC) - Dr. Julia Wendt

Moved to new Nuventive platform, deadline for program review is Dec. 15, open for chairs to begin working on it, Regina has been emailing chairs about training options, committee is meeting tomorrow. Per Regina, thank you to Jan Espinoza and Julia Wendt for new design in Nuventive, seamless and easy to go through, intuitive and user-friendly, but setback on timeline due to technical issues. Concern about the deadline conflicting with grading deadlines and end of semester, a later deadline of Jan 15 would give us more time to complete it, compile LMI and other research. Concern that faculty aren't under contract in winter, although chairs have extra duty days for winter session. Departments with multiple disciplines, and with no full time faculty so responsibility goes to part-time faculty, would benefit from deadline extension. Send concerns, comments to Julia.

Report: 9.6 Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment Committee (SLOAC) – Patty Golder

ILO testing on Nov 15-16 with multiple disciplines, should give good data. Pilot group moving through discussion about Nuventive integration with Canvas.

10. PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE REPORTS

Report: 10.1 College Council - Dr. Henry Young

Met Wednesday, nothing approved, discussion on SEM committee being formed, issues because we would like to see more faculty on that committee, College Council meeting agendas and info are available in BoardDocs.

Report: 10.2 Distance Education Advisory Committee – Michael Butros

Met Oct. 8, training was held on Oct. 22 at professional development workshop, DE Academy was held last Friday and CAT trainers gave workshops on Canvas issues, more trainings at Instructors Supporting Instructors workshops tomorrow. District and union did not come to an agreement on future CAT trainings because of requirements for minimum numbers of workshop attendees and recording trainings. Canvas is removing classic quizzes, timeline has been pushed to June 2023, but users won't be able to create new quizzes some time in 2022; will mean loss of survey feature which is used by Sociology students, DEAC will be recommending replacement survey tools to the VPI. Will be adding Harmonize to discussion boards for more interaction, multiple due dates for discussions, need to negotiate pricing. DE Coordinator Lisa Kennedy and Dean Trish Ellerson will be creating a DE Handbook, the DEAC will forward it to the senate for vetting.

Report: 10.3 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee - Dr. Henry Young

Met last month, approved operating charge with some changes, currently that document was approved by DEIC but has not been forwarded to College Council, will be brought back to senate to review. Goal is to merge work being done there with the senate's DEIC committee and tie-in with student equity and achievement in terms of monetization and equity gaps.

11. ADJOURN

Procedural: 11.1 Adjourn the Nov. 4, 2021 Academic Senate Meeting
Meeting adjourned at 4:45p.m.