

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE
ACADEMIC
SENATE
MINUTES

Tuesday, March 22, 2016
11:15 am -12:35 pm, Business Building Room 144

[Attendance and Voting Sheets](#)

I. Call to Order at 11:18 am

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda with removal of the minutes (Mazorow) and AR 4111.6 (Nestler) from the consent agenda

Motion: Lucy Kluckhohn-Jones

Second: Michael Strathearn

Passed unanimously at 11:20 a.m.

II. Public Comments – none

III. Major Items of Business

A. [AR 4332 Progress Renewal](#), First Read, A. Tower

Motion: from Exec

Second: Jose Hernandez

Opposed: Andrew Nestler

Passed at 11:21 a.m.

B. [Textbook Affordability & Course Materials Affordability Resolution](#), F. Chandler on behalf of J. Darwiche.

-The textbook adoption survey results will be analyzed and brought to the body.

They will go to the Board in May.

Qualifying for a \$50,000 AB798 grant was discussed. The grant will make available up to \$50,000 if we can find 50 sections that can reduce textbook materials costs by at least 30%.

-To qualify we need a coordinator (Jinan), a Senate resolution, and proof that students and the District support our efforts.

Questions were raised about the bookstore's margins. Discussions with the Board have revolved around streamlining bookstore operations to accommodate an Amazon.com-like model.

Motion: from Exec

Second: Michael Strathearn

Passed unanimously at 11:38 a.m.

- C. "Early Summer," VP of Enrollment T. Rodriguez
- The impetus for this new session under consideration is that enrollment is declining and there is a desire to capture some of the available growth funding. It is believed that an early summer would appeal to reverse transfer students. We could offer 30-50 high enrollment online classes. The session would start May 16 and end June 20 (6 weeks). A decision must be made soon.
 - Many issues were raised including but not limited to the following: Will current students be able to take courses? Yes. Will we cannibalize our summer session? Maybe. Some students would not be able to enroll in early summer until placement information is determined by their spring grades.
 - Mitra Moassessi pointed out that this was a faculty workload issue.
 - Senators were invited to forward ideas, questions, etc., to VP Rodriguez.
- D. Cross listing issue, G. Del Piccolo
- In an effort to handle cross listed courses differently going forward and because of the manual nature of managing enrollment in those courses, the administration has proposed a change. Currently, faculty who teach courses that are cross listed (Example: Dance 75 and ECE 75) get 2 rosters. Students may enroll in either course, but the total number of students in both sections should be 45. The manual nature of managing this is problematic and error prone.
 - Problems arise when students need a particular class to satisfy changing IGETC or CSU GE requirements. They may not take both Dance 75 and ECE 75 because, although they do not immediately appear to be so, they are the same class. Delineations for CSU GE will change in Jan 2017, and our current cross listing could be confusing.
 - The administration's proposal is to retain only one course; for example, we would delete ECE 75 but keep Dance 75. ECE listings would specify DANCE 75 as an interdisciplinary course under ECE.
 - Catalog rights would be maintained for continuous enrollees, but other issues might arise. For example, Econ 45 satisfies the CPA requirement, but Business 45 does not.
 - Suggestions: Coding these classes properly would handle both the administrative issues and would also help to guide students into the correct classes and away from others. Guido will take the proposal back to the drawing board.
- E. Pulled Consent Agenda Item: [Minutes of March 3, 2016](#).
Motion to correct Theater Arts to Theatre Arts and approve as corrected. Motion passed.

- F. Pulled Consent Agenda Item: [AR 4111.6 Transfer Credit from Foreign Institutions](#), First Read

Motion to approve for a first read with this correction: first paragraph, correct the reference to the Associate degree. Motion passed.

IV. Consent Agenda.

- A. [Curriculum Items](#)
B. Moved to major items above.
C. Moved to major items above.
D. [AR 4114 Student Success & Support Program](#), First Read

Motion to pass consent agenda items: Exec
Second: Mitra Moassessi
Passed unanimously at 12:28 p.m.

V. President's Report/Information Items

- A. Recognition of PDC for Success of 3/15 Professional Development Day
Fran thanked PDC chairs N. Donahue and K. Menton for spearheading a successful day; she urged Senators to complete their online flex reports.
- B. Plan for Bylaws Revisions. All Hands on Deck, April 5--First Read, April 26—Vote, A 2/3 vote is required of those qualified to vote. Therefore, attendance of all senators is critical on these days.
- C. Other

-May 7—The Social Committee is sponsoring a tour of the Broad Museum. Walter Meyer will conduct tour; lunch will be self-paid.

-Elections will open next week because of IT problems. If there are no nominees for department positions, elections must be delayed. English, Philosophy, and Psychology currently have no nominations for open seats.

-The early summer proposal will go to DPAC. The Senate has urged the District to get the contract issues out of the way so DPAC constituencies can focus on the academic issues.

VI. Announcements from floor--None

VII. Adjournment in memory of Jim Stramel at 12:37 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting, April 5, 2016, 11:15am-12:35pm, in B144