

Santa Monica College Academic Senate

Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: September 17, 2019

Location: BUS 144

Chairs: Nate Donahue

Attendees:

I. Call to Order

11:23 pm

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda subject to reordering of items

M/S A. Misaghi/E Meyers

Passed 11:24 pm

III. Public Comments

Benny Blades from Student Life addressed the Senate concerning false rumours circulating on campus about the club Young Americans for Freedom. He introduced club leaders Gabriela and Jacob who informed the senate that their club is part of a group founded in the 1960's around the ideals of individual liberty, limited government, and free speech. They do not advocate violence or white supremacy. For 9/11 they planted flags to remember victims, they host debates and they welcome all to their meetings to hear a conservative viewpoint. Faculty advisors are Sam Soleymani and Mark Foster.

IV. Announcements

Luis Andrade announced that SMC has finalized the formation of an Institutional Review Board (IRB). This board will be used to protect the rights of students or employees as individuals or institutions want gather data from our population. Committee members have gone through the official training as required by federal rules and have been assigned specific responsibilities. Individuals or institutions wishing to gather research data now have an official pathway through which to make a request to access existing data or to use our database for survey purposes.

ERC – Moya Mazorow reminded the Senate that nominations for Department Chairs for the impacted Departments will close September 27th.

Clare Battista announced that a survey will go live today seeking faculty input on CVC-OEI. It is expected that an invitation will be issued soon for schools to join this group and this survey is the beginning of the discussion to determine the college's position on this matter.

V. Reports

a. Redesign of the Student Experience Update (J. Hernandez)

The redesign group is currently in the process of forming a team to discuss the budget in relation to redesign and pathways. The initial report is due in November to present to board to have the budget ready to submit to the state by January. The guided pathways is being funded by SEAP which has no formal process for how the money is used. The group will determine guiding principals to be used in evaluating requests for this money.

Discussion ensued over the Redesign Project. Redesign is a massive project with many elements. It is not clear that the District sees the bigger picture and this has impacted long-term planning. Subcommittees and individual responsibilities are in state of flux. From the Redesign website it is unclear which committees have finished their work and which haven't. It is unclear what has happened to the recommendations made by earlier committees. The Redesign website needs to accurately reflect which committees have completed their work and which are continuing to work in the newest iteration.

Faculty work responsibilities are often not well spelled out by a clear job description, timeline and contact with the FA to ensure proper reimbursement for work performed.

Additionally, SMC has received two major grants related to this project (Pathways and.....) ; the impact of how this money was used needs to be examined to inform the new budget process.

VI. Old Business

a. Community Agreements

M/S J. Hernandez/B Antrim

Passed 12:00 pm

b. Goals and Objectives

Reviewed the goals and objectives. Changes from Exec were highlighted – we can only guide but can't take responsibility and the inclusion of online classes in objectives. Questions were raised about how do we integrate equity, redesign, pathways, and DPAC with the budget process and how do we institutionalize and scale our current projects?

Friendly Amendment: Greg Brookins – To include in item 4 students among the population groups mentioned.

M/S V. Drake/E. Meyer

Passed 12:14 pm

Friendly Amendment: Brenda Antrim – To include bullet point with student action related to item 4: involved with creating mentorship opportunities

M/S E. Narey/J. Hernandez

Passed 12:15 pm

Subject to friendly amendments

M/S A. Tower/V. Drake

Passed 12:17 pm

VII. New Business

a. Curriculum

Health 20 and 21 Passed 12:20 pm

Anim 3a Passed 12:21

Distance Ed classes taken as a group Passed 12:22 pm

b. Approval of Senate Redesign Liaison

VIII. Information Items

a. Global Citizenship Funding

A. Tower announced that the deposits for study abroad has been reduced. Additionally, SMC Associates has donated \$10,000 and she has donated \$5000. This money will be used to reduce the cost for student participation.

It was additionally requested that Senators talk to their colleagues to encourage participation in the Global Symposium Project. A recent survey showed very little interest in this. The Senate should examine all existing contests (English, History...) to see if these will provide applicants.

IX. Adjournment

M/S V. Narey/Jadet/B. Magallon

Passed 12:33 pm

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Next scheduled meeting: October 1 2019