

District Academic Senate Meeting

Thursday, September 10, 2015

Los Angeles Valley College, Student Services Conference Room

MINUTES

Attendance

	Present
Officers	Don Gauthier (President), Angela Echeverri (1 st VP), Elizabeth Atondo (2 nd VP), John Freitas (Secretary), Alex Immerblum (Treasurer)
City	Dan Wanner, John Freitas, Kamale Gray
East	Alex Immerblum, Jeff Hernandez, Lurelean Gaines
Harbor	Susan McMurray, William Hernandez
Mission	Leslie Milke, Angela Echeverri
Pierce	Anna Bruzzese, Joanna, Zimring-Towne
Southwest	Alistaire Callender
Trade	Wally Hanley, Inhae Ahn, Lourdes Brendt
Valley	Josh Miller, LaVergne Rosow, Vic Fusilero
West	Adrienne Foster, Young
Guests	Ayesha Randall (Trade Tech)

Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda: President Don Gauthier called the meeting to order at 1:42 PM. The agenda was adopted as amended with no objections
(Rosow/Milke MSC)

Approval of the Minutes: The May 14, 2015 minutes were approved. (Rosow/Gaines MSC)

Abstentions: Wanner

Public Speakers: None

Old Business/Discussion

1. Collegial Consultation Process and Task Force on Revising Chancellor Directive 70

Gauthier reported on the status of the review and revision of the consultation process. A task force was established to review Chancellor's Directive 70. It was noted that "collegial consultation" should be reserved for the DAS. Another term needs to be used. The members are Don Gauthier, Adrianna Barrera, Bobbi Kimble and a classified representative.

2. Hiring issues and FON Status

Gauthier noted that there will be 230 new hires for 2015-2016. It was noted that staffing in Human Resources needs to be increased to handle the workload. Zimring-Towne asked what kind of outreach and recruitment efforts would be

31 made beyond posting on the CCC Registry. There are concerns about the
32 diversity of our hiring pools. Gauthier noted that there are finds to advertise in
33 publications beyond the Registry. Milke noted that special efforts were made at
34 Mission to advertise more widely than usual and it made a significant difference.
35 Echeverri recommended that this be discussed at the next consultation with the
36 chancellor. Rosow noted that there used to be a centralized application process
37 and wondered if consideration could be given to return to that system. J.
38 Hernandez noted that this would require common desirable qualifications.
39 Milke noted that screening of minimum qualifications of applicants under the
40 current system needs to be improved. Freitas noted that the expanding the
41 diversity of faculty ranks through improved recruitment and hiring practices is a
42 top priority of the Chancellor's Office. Freitas asked about the possibility of extra
43 funds for mid-year hires. Hernandez noted that additional funds have been
44 made available by the state to move closer to 75/25, but the colleges have until
45 fall 2016 to fill additional positions.

46 **3. Single district CMS/LMS and savings**

47 Gauthier briefed the DAS on a proposal to adopt Canvas as the CMS and to use
48 the savings from adoption for additional professional development and
49 resources.

50 **4. Mathematica/Wolfram Software**

51 Gauthier noted that individual campus are spending \$50,000 for the software.
52 The district will purchase a district-wide license at a cost of \$57,000. Faculty will
53 and students will be able to download the software and use on their own
54 computers. An RFP for a three-year contract will be released to select a vendor
55 for the software beyond 2015-2016. McMurray noted concerns from online
56 faculty about price increases after the contract expires. Gauthier noted that this
57 is simply a district-wide resource that is available to use on a voluntary basis, and
58 the math faculty district-wide are supportive.

59 **5. DBC Membership Need**

60 Gauthier announced that two DAS appointees to the District Budget Committee
61 are needed. DBC meets 1:30-3:30 on the Wednesday between Board meetings.
62 The current DAS appointees are Don Gauthier, Jeff Hernandez, Joe Perret and
63 Leslie Milke.

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65 **Action items**

66 **1. Approve DCC Recommendation for aligning local GE patterns with new LACCD**
67 **21-unit GE**

68 Freitas introduced his concerns about the appearance that this appears to
69 require senates to assign specific GE plans to degrees and submitted an
70 amendment to the resolution, but also suggested that everything should be
71 referred to Exec for further clarification. There was much discussion and it was
72 unclear to some what the purpose of the main resolution was. J. Hernandez
73 noted that this resolution appeared to simply be about requesting that revise
74 their local GE policies to align with the revision to the board rules. Freitas

75 wondered why this needed to be done since the board rule applies the 21-unit
76 plan, CSU Breadth and IGETC across the district and no longer allows colleges to
77 establish additional GE patterns and suggested the resolution was moot since
78 there is no need for specific GE patterns to be aligned with degrees. Zimring-
79 Towne noted that colleges will need to make changes for the SIS degree auditing
80 function.

81 A motion was made to refer to the amendment and main motion to the
82 Executive Committee (**Rosow/J. Hernandez MSC**)

83 Nays: Brendt

84 Abstentions: None

85 **2. Approve DAS dues increase**

86 The motion to increase the dues to \$400 per campus was introduced and
87 approved without objection. (**Milke/Gaines, MSC**)

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90 **New Business**

91 **1. Announcement of DAS Secretary Election at October meeting**

92 Gauthier announced to the body that Freitas is stepping down as secretary of the
93 DAS due to increased statewide duties. Vic Fusilero had volunteered to run for
94 secretary. Gauthier recommended that he be approved as the secretary by
95 acclamation (**Hanley/Echeverri MSC**).

96 **2. District MOU with Mexican Consulate**

97 Gauthier stated that there is a program with the Mexican government that seeks
98 to bring 100,000 Mexican citizens to the United States the purpose of cultural
99 and intellectual exchange. The chancellor is working on a memorandum of
100 understanding with the Mexican Consulate.

101 **3. Student Success Scorecard Report**

102 Gauthier stated that the results of the latest Scorecard are not good and that we
103 as a district are near the bottom of the state. Biggest improvement was in
104 persistence. The district did worse than before in ESL, remedial English and in
105 completions.

106 **4. DAS Online Education Committee**

107 The first meeting of the DAS Online Education Committee will be September 22,
108 10:00 -12:00 in the 4th floor conference room at the Educational Services Center.
109 J. Hernandez expressed concern that there is still not a formal structure for the
110 committee and that Exec still needs to establish that structure. Gauthier noted
111 that the current DE Stakeholders are an informal group that doesn't really report
112 to any specific body.

113 **5. 2015-2016 Cohort Day**

114 Gauthier reported that the chancellor expressed interest in establishing a
115 program that would bring the newly/recently hired faculty together at an event
116 to welcome them to the LACCD. Zimring-Towne noted that concerns had been
117 expressed at Pierce that this would supersede college professional development
118 activities for new faculty. McMurray expressed concerns about who is going to

119 do this and when. J. Hernandez wondered why the college presidents weren't
120 being encouraged to consult collegially with the college senates on establishing
121 such programs for new faculty. Milke stated that the focus needs to be at the
122 campus level. Zimring-Towne expressed the opinion that the college presidents
123 don't put much effort into supporting local professional development efforts.
124 McMurray noted that tenure is a four-year process and that first-year faculty
125 need to focus on teaching in their first year and then through professional
126 development should grow as professionals during the remainder of their tenure
127 period.

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129 **Noticed for October/Future Actions**

130 **1. Election of Secretary to replace John Freitas**

131 Moot with the approval of Vic Fusilero as new secretary by acclamation. See
132 above.

133 **2. Resolutions**

134 **a. To adopt Instructure/Canvas as single District-wide CMS**

135 J. Hernandez inquired why the DAS needed to take a position on this
136 motion in October when colleges are still in the process of reviewing
137 possible adoption of Canvas. Gauthier indicated that the district is
138 concerned about making sure that the CMS can be linked to the new
139 PeopleSoft SIS system. Gauthier also noted the concern that if the faculty
140 don't establish support on their own, the Board is likely to make a
141 decision on their own. Freitas noted that the DE Stakeholders CMS task
142 force found moving to a single CMS is feasible. J. Hernandez noticed as a
143 motion for October that the district ensure that colleges maintain their
144 existing CMS contracts so that they can be maintained in parallel with
145 possible local adoptions of Canvas. Gauthier requested that senators go
146 back to their IT and DE people at their campuses to make sure that their
147 faculty take time to review it.

148 **b. To direct campus savings from adoption of Canvas to professional
149 development training in Canvas, online tutoring and other services**

150 There may be a special meeting in November to consider this motion.

151 **c. To encourage adoption of MOU with Mexican Consulate regarding
152 cultural/educational exchanges**

153 See earlier discussion.

154 **d. Resolution is support of DAS Professional Development College**

155 PowerPoint handout provided.

156 **Reports**

157 **1. Committee Reports**

158 **a. Election Committee**

159 No report.

160 **b. AB 86 Status Report**

161 Nothing really new to report at this time.

162 **2. President's Report**

163 Trustee Svonkin was appointed to Tuition-Free Task Force by President Obama.
164 Angela Echeverri was appointed to co-chair DPAC with Maury Pearl. Lourdes
165 Brendt is chairing the Professional Development College. Adrienne Foster was
166 appointed to the ASCCC Executive Committee as South Representative. A senate
167 appointee to the Bond Steering Committee is needed to replace David Beaulieu.
168 DAS appointees are needed for the Online Education Committee. The Student
169 Success Committee needs to be revamped to be a working committee. College
170 teams are needed for the DAS Summit ASAP. Colleges should send eight faculty
171 and eight administrators. It will be held in Monarch Hall. Membership for Alta-
172 Sea was approved and will go to the Board. Attempts will be made to schedule
173 TPPC meetings at times that more people can meet.

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175 **3. First VP Report**

176 **a. Equivalency Committee**

177 Next meeting is Monday, September 14. The committee needs
178 representatives from Trade, Mission and Southwest.

179 **b. DPAC**

180 A number of campuses were having issues with the accreditation
181 template the district put together. At the September 18th meeting DPAC
182 will discuss the template. Echeverri expressed concern that the
183 chancellor isn't really aware of the situation with accreditation efforts.

184 **4. Second VP Report**

185 No report. Gauthier explained that Atondo had to leave due to a personal
186 emergency.

187 **5. Treasurer's Report**

188 Immerblum provided his report on DAS finances.

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190 **Other Items**

191 Lourdes Brendt and Ayesha Randall made a presentation on the DAS Professional
192 Development College

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194 **Adjournment**

195 The meeting was adjourned at 4:24

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197 Respectfully submitted by John Freitas, DAS Secretary