

District Academic Senate Retreat

Friday, Jan. 20, 2017, 12 p.m.

ESC, 1st Floor Hearing Room

MINUTES

Attendance

	Present:
Officers	Don Gauthier (President), Angela Echeverri (1 st VP), Elizabeth Atondo (2 nd VP: Curriculum), Vic Fusilero (Secretary), Alex Immerblum (Treasurer)
	(Local Senate Presidents)
City	
East	(Alex Immerblum)
Harbor	
Mission	(Leslie Milke), Curt Riesberg
Pierce	(Anna Bruzzese)
Southwest	(Naja El-Khoury)
Trade	Lourdes Brent
Valley	Vic Fusilero, LaVergne Rosow
West	(Adrienne Foster)
Guests	

Meeting called to order @ 12:23 p.m.

Public Speaker(s): None.

Open Discussion (for items not listed below):

1. College/District reports, issues: Rosow reported that the LAVC Academic Senate has a new meeting space; she advocated that each campus have a space for faculty to gather. Immerblum reported that ELAC has two spaces: A Faculty Center and a Staff Lounge. Immerblum suggested putting forward a recommendation to create faculty spaces.
2. 2017 DAS Goals: Immerblum suggested discussing 2017 goals for the DAS.
 - a. **More meetings of DAS officers:** DAS officers needs to meet more often (e.g. to help the DAS President set the agenda for DAS meetings). Foster reported that WLAC Academic Senate execs meet a week before their Academic Senate meeting to help set agenda.
 - b. **Improved support of the DAS President in his/her responsibilities:** DAS officers need to be clearer about their responsibilities; we need to give greater support to the DAS President in his/her role.
 - c. **Improved transparency:** Bruzzese suggested increasing transparency, e.g. posting on the DAS website meeting agendas and committee minutes as well as making the DAS website more user-friendly. People should also be able to call into meetings.
 - d. **Meeting schedules:** Rosow suggested that Master Calendar needs to be more involved in setting meeting schedules.

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- e. **Support programs for first-year students:** Riesberg suggested more robust support programs for first-year students. At Mission, students are put on a one-year track to do all their remedial work. Pierce, ELAC, and LAVC reported that they have good first-year student support initiatives. Immerblum reported that at the Plenary, several colleges reported having created “meta-majors,” which will lead to a major and that help students pick courses in a wider field/area, which will eventually lead to a major. Foster had heard a first iteration of this “meta-major” program in Sacramento; it would be valuable for DAS to become interested. Atondo said that the articulation officers have been advocating for such a “meta-major” program. Atondo said that Mission has an Associate Degree in General Studies with a concentration in, for example, Behavioral Sciences. Immerblum suggests that the individual colleges gather more information on these “meta-majors.” Atondo said that there will eventually have to be an agreement with the CSUs about acceptance of these “meta-majors.” Milke: The purpose of these “meta-majors” is to get our students to focus earlier. Immerblum suggested having a separate item on this issue; Foster suggested that this become an agenda item at a later meeting.
 - f. **Plenary:** Immerblum asked if it would be worth another day of meeting to write a summary of the items discussed and agreed upon at the Plenary. [*Don arrives now from previous meeting with AFT.*]
 - g. **Class scheduling:** El-Khoury would like to know about scheduling practices at other campuses. Gauthier reported that enrollment is currently soft for Spring 2017. Rosow suggested that the enrollment process is difficult. El-Khoury asked where do individual campuses discuss their concerns regarding scheduling. El-Khoury suggested that “re-branding” should be an important concern about improving enrollment; on this topic, Gauthier suggested beginning a discussion with deans and VPs.
 - h. **Safety:** Rosow discussed safety of students. Gauthier responded that DACA will definitely be a discussion item at later meetings.

66 **Reports:**

- 67 1. 1st VP Equivalency (Echeverri):
- 68 a. District Discipline Day, Fri., Jan. 24. Implementation of Multiple
 - 69 Measures for English and Math will be discussed. Echeverri encouraged
 - 70 DAS reps to discuss the District Discipline Day with their faculty. Milke
 - 71 asked to be sent more information. Echeverri reported that the
 - 72 registration link has been sent out. Discussion will also focus on LA
 - 73 College Promise and Adult Ed. Echeverri is looking for representatives
 - 74 from Counseling, EOPS, DSPS, and Logistics.
 - 75 b. Equivalency Committee heard a request from Pierce’s Art Department
 - 76 regarding the creating of a new subject and rejected the request.
 - 77 Equivalency will ask the two departments (Art & Media Arts) at odds to
 - 78 sit down together and hammer out an agreement.
 - 79 c. Vice Chancellor Cornner has 4000 responses about the state of student
 - 80 homelessness which shows housing insecurity. According to the Ed
 - 81 Code, homeless students shall retain enrollment priority for six years.
 - 82 Cornner is still working on the data; Gauthier has asked him to present
 - 83 his data. Echeverri believes that 10% of our student population
 - 84 qualifies as homeless. Milke: Is there discussion by the Board on the
 - 85 issue of homeless students? Gauthier: The District is looking at getting

- 86 housing for homeless students and at getting partners for providing
87 housing.
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- 89 2. 2nd VP Curriculum (Atondo):
90 a. E-64 (Approval of Programs) went through Consultation (Dec. 9) with
91 no feedback and will now come to DCC for a vote.
92 b. Atondo met with Cornner and others regarding CurricuNet and
93 PeopleSoft: Things have not been running smoothly. By the middle of
94 March, the interface between CurricuNet and PeopleSoft needs to be
95 up and running.
96 c. We need to have the same policy regarding certificates of achievement
97 residency
98 d. "Credit by exam": At LAVC, faculty decided that a credit-by-exam
99 could be graded only on a pass/no pass basis, which is a violation of
100 Title V.
101 e. E-79 (Competency) also needs to be cleaned up.
102 f. Atondo expressed a need to develop policy on the creation of digital
103 badges.
- 104 3. Treasurer (Immerblum): Petty cash status is ok. Budget for 2016-2017 is a
105 little tighter than in years past. Budget problems regarding 2017-2018 were
106 discussed with Cornner. Plenary registration is now open.
- 107 4. Secretary (Fusilero): Meeting has been requested with LACCD webmaster to
108 update DAS page on the LACCD website. Fusilero has asked Atondo and
109 Echeverri to send him their committee minutes for him to post.
- 110 5. President (Gauthier):
111 a. Topics at Consultation: District-wide equity plan will be discussed at
112 Consultation.
113 b. Is Consultation a Brown Act meeting: Gauthier discussed that
114 Consultation minutes are not posted, similar to the policy of posting
115 minutes at LAVC with consultations with the LAVC President. Bruzzese
116 suggested that Consultation is a Brown Act meeting; Gauthier
117 disagrees: Consultation is an informal meeting to discuss concerns.
118 Camille Goulet (LACCD General Counsel) had said that this meeting is
119 not a Brown Act meeting; Gauthier will ask Kevin D. Jeter (LACCD
120 Interim General Counsel) for his opinion. Both Milke and Immerblum
121 agree that the legal status of Consultations needs to be revisited.
122 Foster appreciates the confidentiality of items discussed at WLAC with
123 the WLAC President. Pierce College is the only college that has an
124 agenda and posts minutes of their consultations with their college
125 president. Foster shared Milke's frustrations about Consultations with
126 the Chancellor because no one is held accountable for their statements
127 during the meeting.
128 c. SIS Roster: Request for ability to print out rosters (new SIS system
129 only allows 3 printouts).
130 d. Bond Steering: New Prop CC will be discussed.
131 e. Area C: Requirements for attending Plenary is paid by the District
132 (Mar. 25, 2017, in Bay Area).
133 f. Possible By-Laws Change: To think about how we transition from one
134 DAS President to the next.
135 g. AFT: Requests that any issues regarding early retirement package be
136 sent to Gauthier (District will make up the remaining years so that
137 people may retire early). Retirement = 75% of final highest based
138 salary. The Board approved this early retirement package; they have a

- 139 number of who might accept early retirement. The last opportunity
140 that the Board has to vote on this is May 2017. Minimum participants
141 needed for the District to offer early retirement is 350. (Note: March
142 2017 is the Board election). Immerblum suggested that resignation
143 deadline for this program will be: 3rd week of April 2017. Gauthier
144 believes that the issues involved are 1) removing expensive faculty
145 and 2) redrawing and reorganizing the district. Brent hopes that
146 Gauthier (as DAS Representative to the AFT contract negotiations) acts
147 on Article 42. Next AFT meeting: Friday, Jan. 27, 2017.
- 148 h. CCCLC Board Rule Templates: Board Rules need to be revisited; some
149 E-Regs need to be Board Rules and vice versa.
 - 150 i. Freedom Festival (for formerly incarcerated individuals): Mar. 23-24,
151 2017: Will support LACC's "Break it to Make it" program.
- 152 6. PDC (Brent): Brent is awaiting section numbers for the Spring 2017 PDC
153 classes (note blanks on handout). Survey will go out to faculty regarding their
154 interests.
 - 155 7. Adjunct Faculty Hiring task force report: Gauthier, Echeverri will attend. Miller
156 may attend. Immerblum cannot attend. Immerblum will send task force
157 report. Task force suggests a minimum of 2 faculty on adjunct hiring
158 committee; Roman wants to see more. Gauthier emphasized that the adjunct
159 hiring committee requirements must be consistent across the district.
 - 160 8. Hiring Fair, Sat., Jan. 28. Milke suggested that faculty from all campuses be
161 present.
 - 162 9. LAVC: DAS meeting on Feb. 9, 2017

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164 **Informational / Discussion Items:**

- 165 1. AFT joint meeting:
 - 166 a. Adjunct hiring proposal
 - 167 b. DACA/Sanctuary & Adult Ed (Meet Jan. 27 1:00PM)
- 168 2. District Early Retirement Incentive
- 169 3. PreparED (formerly CBT Basic Skills Software)
- 170 4. CCLC Board Rule templates and review
- 171 5. Freedom Festival – Formerly Incarcerated Students – March 23-24 @ LACC

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174 **Adjourned @ 2:30 p.m.**

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177 **Future dates**

178 *Chancellor's Consultation, 1/23/17 ESC Hearing Room, 2 – 3:30 PM*

179 *Hiring Fair @ LAX Hilton, 1/29/17 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM*

180 *DAS Meeting, LAVC 2/9/17, Admin. Building 1st Floor Senate Offices (**NOT WLAC!**)*

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182 Respectfully submitted by Vic Fusilero, DAS Secretary