

# District Academic Senate Exec Meeting

Friday, Mar. 18 2016

ESC, 9:30am-12:00pm

## MINUTES

### Attendance

	<b>Present:</b>
<b>Officers</b>	Don Gauthier (President), Angela Echeverri (1 <sup>st</sup> VP), Elizabeth Atondo (2 <sup>nd</sup> VP: Curriculum), Alex Immerblum (Treasurer)
	<b>Local Senate Presidents:</b>
<b>City</b>	Dan Wanner
<b>East</b>	Alex Immerblum
<b>Harbor</b>	Susan McMurray
<b>Mission</b>	Leslie Milke
<b>Pierce</b>	Anna Bruzzese
<b>Southwest</b>	Alistaire Callender
<b>Trade</b>	Wally Hanley
<b>Valley</b>	Josh Miller
<b>West</b>	Adrienne Foster
<b>Guests</b>	David Beaulieu

**Call to Order** at 9:56am

**Approval of Agenda:** Immerblum asked to add PD Coordinator to the agenda (Echeverri/Miller MSC).

**Approval of Minutes:** Approved as amended (**Hanley/McMurray MSC**). Abstentions: Bruzzese

**Public Speakers: none**

### Action Items:

#### 1. Vote to support Student Affairs Committee Resolution on AB798 and notice for April 14 DAS:

Gauthier explained there is \$4 million in play from SB 1052 for the adoption of these kinds of materials. It is tied to the desire of students to reduce the cost of textbooks.

This has been brought up in the past and the DAS has been supportive, but textbook prices continue to rise. It is difficult for faculty to accept the idea of not having the academic freedom to select their own textbooks.

The students have written a resolution. Trustee Hoffman is attending the SAC (Student Affairs Committee) meetings and wants to bring forth a resolution to the Board and asked Gauthier if DAS would support the resolution.

Miller sent this out to faculty and stated that faculty had expressed concern about CID accepting these open source textbooks.

31 The ASCCC supported AB 798. Each college was supposed to come up with a plan.  
32 Miller explained the ASCCC sent emails with a template, with each college able to  
33 apply for \$50,000 in grants to support the plan and to use the open educational  
34 resources. Gauthier stated each college needs to come up with a plan on its own and  
35 to develop a template. He asked DAS Exec members to take this back to their  
36 colleges for discussion. Immerblum expressed concern about both the quality of the  
37 materials and academic freedom. Bruzzese concurred. Gauthier recalled that  
38 Barbara Illowsky gave a Plenary presentation on open source materials for 50  
39 different disciplines. Beaulieu recalled that 3-4 years ago there was a push from the  
40 legislature and state senate, but there was a lot of concern from faculty. Gauthier  
41 will call for a vote on this and then take an explanation back to the SAC and Board.  
42 Gauthier stressed the urgency to come up with a plan by June 30, which would  
43 require that such plans go to the Board by May. DAS could prepare a resolution that  
44 expresses that DAS support the students, but this issue remains primarily one of  
45 academic freedom for faculty. Nevertheless, the faculty can still work on finding  
46 cheaper textbooks. McMurray asked about the markup; Gauthier replied it is 28%  
47 and set by Board rules. Echeverri suggested asking the Board to review the Board  
48 rule that sets the markup for the textbooks.

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## 50 **2. Professional Development Coordinator Position:**

51 Immerblum reported that East just hired a full-time PD Coordinator, who will  
52 coordinate both Flex and opening day. There is a classified director that will work  
53 with staff and administrators. These two will work together when needed. The Exec  
54 wants the freedom to have a faculty coordinator, but they are concerned about the  
55 Personnel Commission (PC) and the Board may threaten this. Pierce brought a  
56 position for a classified PD Director to the Personnel Commission, which was pulled  
57 due to objections from DAS and AFT. Ryan Cornner said the Personnel Commission  
58 would not allow both positions to exist on campuses. Bruzzese said a position was  
59 advertised to faculty. Pierce has 3 professional development committees: one that  
60 sits in Senate, one that is college wide, and, per the contract, a professional growth  
61 committee, which distributes money. Pierce is aspiring to have a similar structure to  
62 East's. Gauthier said if it uses the title of "Director," then the Personnel Commission  
63 would object. Immerblum stated this should have nothing to do with an ISA  
64 Coordinator position. Immerblum stated he wants the DAS to support our ability to  
65 push this director position through without waiting for Pierce, but Gauthier stated  
66 the Personnel Commission might object to this tactic. DAS must get the AFT and  
67 Board members to support us. Milke reported that Mission applied for the position  
68 of director for the Eagle's Nest in June, but it stalled because of the PC. Wanner  
69 stated City has another PD position and expressed concern whether this would  
70 prevent City from keeping their current position. **Motion to support a draft to**  
71 **immediately pursue a Professional Development position (Milke/Miller MSC).**  
72 Gauthier will bring the draft to consultation on March 28.

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76 **Old Business:**

77 **1. BR Chapter XVIII: Academic Senate and Board of Trustees Shared**  
78 **Governance Policy violations (E65):**

79 Gauthier reported there is no news, except that we can't get a date for the technical  
80 assistance visit until after April 2016. The new vice chancellor Ryan Cornner will be  
81 handling this. Miller stated his VP claimed that the paper gives VPs final approval  
82 before going to the Board; Atondo stated they get final review but not approval.  
83 Gauthier asked to take this back to the Curriculum committees and get feedback.  
84 Gauthier stated the paper includes the role of the articulation officer. The chancellor  
85 has been gone since the day of the exit interview (last Thursday). He will continue to  
86 prod Ryan and the Chancellor, to whom he sent a copy of the paper. Immerblum  
87 asked Atondo to meet with Cornner about this issue. Cornner called Pam Walker at  
88 State and asked why they were not supporting it. Immerblum recalled that DAS  
89 members challenged the Chancellor on E-65 for 20 minutes, but there was no  
90 movement. Local colleges can change the routing to bypass the administrator  
91 approval. Miller stated Endrijonas wanted clarity on E-65 and her concerns have  
92 been addressed; she has been routed out of the approval process. Atondo stated that  
93 at about 67% of colleges state-wide, curriculum goes straight from Curriculum  
94 Committee to Board. Atondo added that at most colleges, the curriculum dean is a  
95 nonvoting member of the committee.

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97 **New Business:**

98 **1. Reports on Accreditation visits:**

99 Gauthier asked about the things that the ACCJC visiting teams had missed.  
100 Immerblum replied that the team did not identify allocation problems. Gauthier  
101 stated that allocation was addressed in some of the college recommendations. He  
102 stated that it was obvious that the teams had trouble understanding how the District  
103 functions. McMurray felt that the teams were not as well prepared as she had hoped.  
104 Callender added that most team members were from multi-campus districts.  
105 Immerblum stated that two reps visited East's senate meeting and stopped the  
106 meeting to ask members questions (e.g. "Do you tie SLOs to grades?" "And  
107 evaluations?"), which he felt to be rude. Miller felt most of Valley questions were  
108 soft (e.g. "What are you most proud of?"). Hanley stated Trade's report was 3,000  
109 pages with documents and most had read it. The team questions were very gentle.  
110 McMurray reported that the food inspector shut Harbor's culinary down the  
111 morning of the exit interview. Pierce's exit interview was cryptic and its main  
112 recommendation was on technology. Echeverri stated that the commission was  
113 sometimes tougher on the colleges than the accreditation teams. McMurray  
114 expressed concern that Harbor's team had not read their midterm report.

115 **2. First Day, Second Tier Registration Proposal for LACCD-Athletes:**

116 Student athletes have priority enrollment in a period after that for the five  
117 mandatory priority groups (DSPS, EOPS, Foster, Veterans, etc.) but before the rest of  
118 the students. Registration is getting a lot of pressure from NCAA to give student  
119 athletes priority, which would require a change in the Board rule. We had a  
120 conversation about athletes and international students when student athlete

121 priority was discussed. Gauthier said athletes have very high success rates, and they  
122 are now asking us to consider their special needs. Miller added that the numbers are  
123 very low, because many athletes fall into one of the five protected categories  
124 already. Gauthier added student athletes make up less than 1% of students. They fall  
125 behind and lose both their eligibility and scholarships when they don't get the  
126 courses they need. Immerblum stated that student athlete priority needs to be  
127 discussed at the local senates. Gauthier will talk with Dean of Educational Support  
128 Services Bobbi Kimble or Vice Chancellor Ryan Cornner about how this can be done,  
129 if it requires special coding in the registration system as well as changing the Board  
130 Rule language. Immerblum asked if we could add another group and if we could  
131 know this before we bring it to the senates. Gauthier said the other approach would  
132 be for student athletes to get a waiver to be included among the five priority groups  
133 for a 4- to 6-hour registration window. Gauthier added it is not our problem to  
134 determine how it will happen; it is up to the District to decide. There may be an SIS  
135 change order for an additional cost. McMurray asked if other campuses had a  
136 CHAMPS program for athletes, which helps them get through their programs.  
137 Echeverri noted that Harbor had received a commendation for their CHAMPS  
138 program. Miller stated time is of the essence because Valley is seeking to implement  
139 this in the fall. **Support of LACCD Student Athlete Second Tier Registration  
140 Motion to support athletics directors request to have a window of time of 4-6  
141 hours for enrollment of student athletes each semester after the mandated  
142 tier 1 enrollment is completed (Milke/Hanley MSC). Bruzesse, Atondo,  
143 Immerblum were absent).**

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145 Dan Wanner stated his college has no student athletes.

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147 Miller talked about Board Rule 467: Reasons for Dismissal: Moodiness, resentment  
148 of authority, marked increase or loss of weight, necessity for frequent rest periods.

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150 AB798-College Textbook Affordability Act of 2015:

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152 PDC DHLI Connection:

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154 **Area C Resolutions + Publication (Discussion):**

155 Gauthier and others discussed several ASCCC resolutions to be discussed at Area C.

156 i) *19.01 S16 Support for Open Educational Resources Coordinators:*

157 This includes a Textbook Affordability Campus Coordinator position, which will  
158 coordinate the program. This would require the adoption of 10 course sections.

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160 ii) *18.01 Develop Retesting Guidelines for the Common Assessment:*

161 Gauthier stated they are urging local control, but he is awaiting guidelines.

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163 iii) *Papers: Equivalence to the Minimum Qualifications and Update 2008 Technology  
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**Reports:**

**President's Report**

**DBC:** There is a new representative from Pierce who will replace Joe Perret. There is a new Vice Chancellor of Finance and Resource Development, Dr. Robert Miller, who comes from Pasadena City College and is Jeanette Gordon's boss. Jeff Hernandez is an official member of the committee now. We have 18% in reserve (\$118 million) and are sitting on it. There are four colleges in the red (City, Harbor, Southwest, and West). East's balance is down to \$3 million, which they have spent and of which some has gone to the reserves. Beaulieu suggested that Gauthier bring it up in consultation. Last section is the plan for mandated cost reimbursement.

**Bond:** Problems include lack of shared governance and people being taken off projects. Tom Donovan will take over for AECOM, replacing Bill Sewell. Jim O'Reilly had recently returned from personal leave. The Bond Committee has been meeting and needs to address how decisions are being made at the campuses. Donovan stated these things happen when a program winds down. McMurray stated that the lack of transparency is a major problem because even the Harbor president was not kept in the decision-making loop when the project manager was removed. Milke discussed concerns about the multimedia building at Mission, the construction of which has been delayed for years and for which there is not enough funding to support the program. Gauthier reported that the Board is aggressively exploring the possibility of a new bond program. Miller stated that Valley's president is working on a new list of projects. Beaulieu presented the whole argument that the new bond is destroying AECOMM consolidation.

**Enrollment:** It looks like we are not going to make our 4.62%. They are going to have to revise the numbers. It will go to EC-DBC and DBC.

**Concurrent Enrollment:** Gauthier has been meeting with the LAUSD task force. A lot is happening behind the scenes as both district moves toward an MOU. Gauthier reminded the LAUSD of MQs needed to teach our classes.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report:** Atondo reported that CurricuNet is moving along. Dan Keller has been our faculty lead, but she will take over officially and Dan will assist. There are some technical things they are working out. CurricuNet needs to be the official repository for our course and program information. It feeds directly to the state chancellor system; there has been some tension with the new SIS system, specifically with the degree audit system. Our colleagues have spent hundreds of hours entering information into the degree audit system. However, that system is not talking to the state CCCC, even if it is entered into CurricuNet and it is connected to the state. If we use SIS, we have to input to CurricuNet and manually input into the SIS. Now we have ECD, but it doesn't talk to Protocol. Dean Bobbi Kimble suggested having SIS as the repository at the last DCC meeting. But the members of DCC do not think that will work because it cannot communicate with the state. We need to clarify and formalize how the decisions are being made

210 **Adult Ed AB 86 and 104:** Both are moving forward. Adrienne Mullen is trying to  
211 put together faculty teams to work on alignment.

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213 **District-wide IT Taskforce:** Gauthier met with the groups involved the other day  
214 and soon the taskforce will be doing assessment and evaluation of the findings of  
215 Burwood Group. June 30 is the delivery deadline.

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217 **Online Education:** The committee met yesterday, but they did not have a quorum.  
218 The meeting continued as a discussion group. There are two other agencies involved  
219 with the transition to Canvas (Portfolium, which is tied into LinkedIn). ePortfolium  
220 will be free for three years and can track employment. The committee feels that  
221 there should be a single point of contact working district-wide who will be a support  
222 person for academic technologies. It was noted that many campuses are  
223 transitioning to Canvas by July 1. Callender asked if there would be training for  
224 faculty. Gauthier stated there should be district-wide certification rather than the  
225 current patchwork of campus by campus certification, especially given the large  
226 number of adjunct teaching online across the district. We need consistent set of  
227 criteria for certification and then we can put together some common policies. We  
228 want district consistency in directions on how to get on the page and an  
229 introduction to online work that they can take on their own through YouTube. There  
230 are ADA libraries being put together at Trade; but this needs to be publicized.

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232 **1<sup>st</sup> VP Report:** Echeverri reported that the discipline-related committees met at  
233 District Discipline Day. They are hammering out the alignment and numbering for  
234 the Computer Science and Computer Information Systems courses. The next  
235 Equivalency Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday April 18, 2016. DPAC met  
236 on February 26, 2016, the same day as District Discipline Day.

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238 **Other items:** None

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240 **Adjournment:**  
241 The meeting was adjourned at 12:36pm.

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243 Respectfully taken by Angela Echeverri on behalf of and edited by Vic Fusilero, DAS  
244 Secretary