

District Academic Senate Meeting

Thursday, Apr. 14, 2016

LA Trade Tech

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Attendance

	Present
Officers	Don Gauthier (President), Elizabeth Atondo (2 nd VP), Alex Immerblum (Treasurer)
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East	Alex Immerblum, Jean Stapleton, Lurelean Gaines
Harbor	Susan McMurray
Mission	Leslie Milke, Tom Folland, Curt Riesberg
Pierce	Anna Bruzzese, Denise Robb, Blanca Adajian
Southwest	Alistaire Callender
Trade	Wally Hanley, Inhae Ahn, Lourdes Brent, Alicia Rodriguez-Estrada, Martin Dim, Ayesha Randall, Larry Pogoler
Valley	Josh Miller, LaVergne Rosow
West	Adrienne Foster, Helen Young
Guests	Jim Fenwick

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9 **Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda:** President Don Gauthier called the meeting
10 to order at 1:30pm. The agenda was adopted as amended with no objections
11 (Rosow/Adajian **MSC**)

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13 **Approval of the Minutes:** As corrected (Rosow/Gaines **MSC**). **Abstention:** Pogoler

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15 **Public Speakers:** Jim Fenwick (Athletic Director, LAVC).

16 Fenwick requests a change in the priority enrollment of student athletes, who often
17 cannot enroll in needed classes because of their restrictive game schedules. Although
18 the state of California has prioritized certain groups of students in the last five to six
19 years, the state has left it up to individual college districts to determine priority
20 enrollment status for student athletes. Fenwick reports that district college presidents
21 and athletics directors think it is time to give priority registration to student athletes in
22 the short 5-6 hour window right after registration opens. Whereas Tier 1 includes
23 special groups, Tier 2 includes all other students. The motion asks for a 4- to 6-hour
24 window ahead of Tier 2 students. Fenwick says that CSSO can program student athletes
25 in the system to move them ahead of Tier 2 students. McMurray believes that student
26 athletes deserve this opportunity, if the district is serious about giving them a chance.
27 Fenwick has requested DAS approval on his motion. District athletics directors have
28 provided an information sheet on the topic. Gauthier announces that DAS will discuss
29 the motion today and will vote on the motion at the DAS May meeting.

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31 **Action Items**32 **1. Vote on Student Affairs Committee Resolution re: AB 798 Textbook Affordability**33 **Act:** http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB798

34 Gauthier reports that textbook costs must be considered in the choice of textbooks. The
 35 DAS resolution is to support the Student Affairs Committee on their resolution. The
 36 State is also putting forward motions to get textbook prices down. The average debt per
 37 student for 4-5 years is \$35,000 for a BA; with interest at 7-8%, the costs are not going
 38 away. Immerblum supports lowering costs but does not support all Open Resources
 39 (OR). Not all Open Resources are quality materials since anyone can post materials.
 40 Pogoler reports that there are predatory publishers, who abandon faculty when these
 41 same publishers see the words "textbook affordability." Pogoler hopes that DAS will
 42 examine the entire picture. Gauthier encourages all faculty to look at all the available
 43 materials in their respective disciplines and to report any unacceptable materials.
 44 Gauthier advises that many Open Resource materials can be customized by individual
 45 faculty to include specific homework problems or adding additional material. Robb
 46 reports that faculty have looked at many online books, many of which are not very
 47 good. Miller stated that there are acceptable Online Educational Resource (OER)
 48 materials; however, some LAVC faculty report that some students prefer hard copies.
 49 Miller says that LAVC Senate will discuss this at their next meeting. **Motion: District**
 50 **Academic Senate supports the students in their quest to lower textbook costs**
 51 **providing academic freedom is maintained.** (Rosow/Gaines **MSC**). **Abstentions:**
 52 Riesberg. **Nays:** Pogoler.

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54 **2. BR 6200: Graduation Requirements (Section 6204): Clarifying Language on**
55 **Additional Degree Requirements:**

56 *"For local associate degrees, completion of a minimum of six (6) units in the major at the*
 57 *college awarding the degree. For the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADTs), there is no*
 58 *major unit minimum requirement that must be completed at the college awarding the*
 59 *degree."*

60 Atondo advises that this motion is just a cleanup of the Board Rule. (Milke/Immerblum
 61 **MSC**).

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64 **Old Business/Discussion**65 **1. Accreditation Letters:**

66 Gauthier reports that accreditation letters from ACCJC addressed to college presidents
 67 will be forthcoming and can be shared. Local senates should be privy to the content of
 68 these letters.

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70 **2. First Day, Second Tier Registration:**

71 Proposal for LACCD Student Athletes: Discussion above. Gauthier will review and rewrite
 72 the resolution motion.

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74 **3. E 65 Progress:**

75 Gauthier advised DAS that the chancellor, when approached about progress on E 65,
76 simply side-steps the issue. Gauthier has a meeting scheduled with the chancellor on
77 Monday, April 18, if the chancellor is available. Progress on E 65 needs to be monitored.
78 Atondo asked what further action was needed by the chancellor; he only needs to sign it
79 without edits. Local curriculum chairs are closest to this issue and should be the folks
80 monitoring E-65. Atondo suggests that, not local vice presidents, but rather DAS should
81 monitor E-65. Gauthier said that DAS will agree to monitor, if the chancellor signs off on
82 E-65 on April 18.

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85 **New Business**

86 **1. ASCCC Resolutions for Spring Plenary** (discussion)

87 **2. Area C Report on Communication Studies MQ Change:**

88 Miller reports that El Camino College is trying to limit the bachelor degree requirements
89 for Communications MQs. Currently, any bachelor degree is allowed to teach
90 communications, even if the classes taken are not in the discipline to be taught.
91 Gauthier reminded DAS that those currently teaching communications would be
92 grandfathered in; this might serve as a model for other disciplines (e.g. environmental
93 sciences). The input from the Area meetings matters. At plenary, the input from
94 multiple campuses can cause people to withdraw motions. Pogoler cautioned that an
95 MQ could still be written that would exclude a desired hire. Miller said that there are
96 retreat rights that have caused administrators who lost administrative positions to
97 retreat back into a department. The department finds the administrators are forced
98 upon the department. Miller warned that they can get an Ed.D. that has
99 communications in the title and then suddenly they are able to teach communications,
100 even without any background in communications.

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103 **Reports**

104 **1. President's Report**

105 **a. DBC:**

106 Gauthier reported that FBI has found that AsseTEK Corporation was involved in gifting.
107 There is now a court case that the District is involved in since AsseTEK was performing
108 work for the district inventory.

109 **b. Bond Proposal:**

110 The Board's new bond proposal is moving forward. The district team is conducting a
111 taxpayer survey to determine how receptive the public is to another bond. The Bond
112 Steering Committee still has problems getting things before items get to the Board; this
113 is not viewed as "steering." A study was conducted on the change order summary, in
114 which it was found that most construction changes (which typically occur with new
115 administration) were due to unforeseen circumstances, not human error. McMurray
116 advised that whenever a new president came in, this resulted in change orders. Trade
117 Tech has a flat line for its bond projects. Pogoler found this difficult to accept since
118 Trade was currently building a new parking lot. McMurray suggested that things had not

119 necessarily been changed by the same person; ADA compliance, for example, could
 120 produce changes. Pogoler advised that if campuses were having problems with ADA
 121 compliance, then campuses should consult with the person responsible for keeping
 122 campuses ADA compliant. Regarding a question on food service by Immerblum,
 123 Gauthier reported that LAVC had just opened its cafeteria with the owner of the food
 124 truck servicing the campus during construction. Immerblum said East had also opened
 125 their new facility, but they were not getting good food.

126 **c. Concurrent Enrollment:**

127 This Friday the District would be a meeting with LAUSD to discuss a number of issues
 128 including time in the classroom since our two systems calculate class time differently.

129 **d. Adult Education (AB 104 Implementation):**

130 Progress on this issue continues to be extremely slow.

131 **e. DW-IT Task Force:**

132 The Task Force, composed of VPs of Admin., District IT, TPPC members and the District
 133 Technology Council are currently working with a consultant group evaluating campus
 134 technology. The goal of the work is to bring various types of technology up to the same
 135 level across the district. Results should be announced by the end of June.

136 **f. Board Meeting:**

137 The BOT met on April 13, 2016, and passed a number of resolutions. The meeting ran
 138 until 9pm.

139 **g. April 27 2016 Denim Day:** (Informational).

140 **h. National Administrative Professionals Week:**

141 Upcoming.

142 **i. Lobbyist Panel:**

143 A new panel was created by the Board to lobby on behalf of LACCD in Sacramento,
 144 supplanting part of the work of the McCallum Group, which has served the district for
 145 decades. Included on the three-firm panel are two other firms, one with local political
 146 connections and the other with connections to individuals or organizations with dollars.
 147 The panel will execute the District's long-term plans. Gauthier would like to know how
 148 he should explain that three people have now been hired to do the job that previously
 149 had been done by a single firm. The Chancellor's Fund is paying for this lobbyist panel.
 150 Gauthier suggested that this change in policy ignored shared governance and said he
 151 would discuss this with the Chancellor as soon as possible. Pogoler urged that DAS come
 152 up with a resolution at the May meeting to voice concern regarding this BOT action.

153 **j. Senate Rostrum:**

154 The new issue's article on the chancellor search is recommended reading.

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156 **2. First VP Report:** (Absent).

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158 **3. Second VP Report:**

159 **a. DCC: ***check Atondo's edits by email**

160 Atondo reported that MQs and course numbering for Computer Science were
 161 challenged by state auditors last Fall. DAS is leading the charge to standardize and the
 162 District will do the work for the colleges. The auditors will not push on deadlines as long

163 as we are making progress. Echeverri, Gauthier, and Eloise Crippens are working on
164 MQs. Gauthier assured that those currently teaching will be grandfathered in when
165 changes occur. Atondo reported that DCC passed a 21-unit plan (with 18 units
166 minimum). An exemption would allow for students completing 18 units minimum as
167 long as they complete Title V 15 units, which would leave three units for the 18. These
168 remaining three units would have to come from the 21. Trade, however, went a
169 different route and passed a resolution that the remaining three units could from
170 anywhere. Other colleges may decide to do likewise.

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172 **b. CurricuNET Report:**

173 Atondo reported that CurricuNET is moving forward smoothly. Atondo suggested that
174 CurricuNET needs to be given official status. Currently, programs and elements still need
175 to be entered manually, which goes against the official repository. Milke suggested that
176 the someone at the college has to manually input CCN data directly into PeopleSoft.
177 Pogoler recommended that DAS allocate funds for a DCC-appointed team to do this data
178 input. Gauthier reported that the SIS has courses with no uniformity across the district,
179 e.g. labs with different units. Atondo reported that this issue came up three years ago,
180 and there were good reasons for differences to exist.

181 **d. District Planning and Accreditation Committee Proposals:**

182 Gauthier reported that these were split because accreditation work was winding down.
183 The existing structure was also too complicated; there were too many members (making
184 a quorum difficult); and meetings were poorly attended because they were held on the
185 last Friday of the month in the afternoon at the ESC. Gauthier suggested taking more
186 time to discuss this.

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188 **4. Treasurer's Report:**

189 Immerblum reported changes from the previous report. Travel account \$4,558; Other
190 expenses \$16,638; Current petty cash balance (as of Mar. 30, 2016): \$450.02.

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192 **5. Other Items:**

193 Gauthier reported that the Fair Elections Legal Network is currently working to register
194 students. Costs to the District will be \$19,000. The action will end on June 15.

195 Dolores Huerta Labor Institute (DHLI) is currently undergoing changes: Kenadi Le is
196 moving into administration at Trade. The DHLI may move to another location so as to
197 differentiate its academic work from the advocacy work of the Labor Center. This will be
198 discussed at DAS Exec and the DHLI Steering Committee.

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200 **6. Standing Committee Reports:**

201 DAS Online Ed Committee: Gauthier reported City received a "needs improvement" on
202 its DE program, but the issue cannot be discussed since no representatives from City are
203 present.

204 Conference requests have to be submitted early. One receipt can be requested for
205 group dinners, but individuals should highlight their own food items. No alcohol billing
206 allowed. Tips are allowed up to 15%.

207 DAS PDC: Gauthier reported that Lourdes Brent received a commendation for her work
208 on the DAS Professional Development College. Bureaucratic inertia will be addressed.
209 There are two new courses that have been through the ELAC curriculum committee and
210 are ready to be scheduled.

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212 **Noticed for Future Actions:**

213 Vote on proposed priority enrollment for student-athletes (First Day, Second Tier)

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215 **Adjournment**

216 The meeting was adjourned at 3:34pm.

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219 **Future Dates:**

220 DAS Exec Meeting @ ESC Hearing Room: Originally scheduled for Fri., Apr. 15, 2016,
221 9:30am-12noon; this has been rescheduled to take place at ASCCC Plenary, Friday
222 evening, Apr. 22, 2016. Place TBA.

223 ASCCC Plenary @ Sacramento: April 21-23, 2016.

224 DAS Meeting @ LASC: Thurs., May 12, 2016, 12:30pm-3:30pm

225 DAS Exec Meeting @ ESC Hearing Room, Friday, May 20, 2016, 9:30am-12noon

226 Consultation @ ESC Hearing Room, Monday, May 23, 2016

227 DAS Exec Meeting @ ESC Hearing Room, Friday, June 17, 2016

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229 Respectfully submitted by LaVergne Rosow for Vic Fusilero, DAS Secretary, and edited
230 by Vic Fusilero