

District Academic Senate Meeting

Thursday, April 13, 2017

West Los Angeles College, HLRC, 4CD

MINUTES

Attendance

	Present (Senate Presidents in parentheses)
Officers	Don Gauthier (President), Angela Echeverri (1 st VP), Elizabeth Atondo (2 nd VP), Vic Fusilero (Secretary), Alex Immerblum (Treasurer)
City	
East	(Alex Immerblum), Jeff Hernandez, Lurelean Gaines
Harbor	William Hernandez, Van Chaney
Mission	(Leslie Milke), Mi Chong Park, Curt Riesberg
Pierce	(Anna Bruzzese), Lauren Saslow, Joe Perret
Southwest	(Naja El Khoury)
Trade	Inhae Ahn, Lourdes Brent, Larry Pogoler, Alicia Rodriguez-Estrada
Valley	(Josh Miller), LaVergne Rosow, Vic Fusilero
West	(Adrienne Foster)
Guests	

Call to Order @ 1:40 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda @LAHC (Rosow/Gaines MSC). As amended.

Approval of the Minutes of March 9, 2017 (Rosow/Immerblum MSC). Unanimous.
The senators suggested keeping large documents at the end of the minutes.

Public Speaker(s): None.

Action Items: None.

Old Business

1. Adjunct Hiring Policy – possible resolution in support of adjunct diversity:

Gauthier thanked everyone who worked on the document. Gauthier reported that deans will not be voting members of adjunct hiring committees. In response to the Chancellor's expressed desire to add more language to the document, Gauthier informed him that adding more language may be too late. Vice Chancellor Roman informed Gauthier that the Chancellor's office is under pressure to get the policy passed before an audit happens. Brent suggested that the situation of faculty who teach outside of their discipline is an apportionment issue. Brent also suggested that EEO representatives be culled from the faculty membership in order to ensure diversity in the hiring process.

2. Election Committee report and Attendance/Verification of eligible voters/candidates:

Candidate statements are due by the end of today's meeting. Fusilero will update eligible voter lists and send out by the end of today.

37 **New Business**

38 1. Digital Badging proposal – Discussion:

39 Gauthier reported that digital badges are supposed to work with ePortfolio. It has
40 been the hope that preliminary discussions (e.g. regarding individual badges and
41 badges individualized for each school) would lead to policy suggestions by May 2017.
42 Brent reported that PDC is also discussing badges for its own courses. To Bruzzese’s
43 question about connections between Curriculum and digital badges, Atondo replied
44 that only district courses would be listed on transcripts. Atondo reaffirmed the need
45 for a unified district policy. Miller suggested that discussion of digital badges take
46 place in local senates as well as in the curriculum committees.

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48 2. District Consultation Process E-XX – Discussion:

49 Gauthier provided a history of the document, which was originally produced by the
50 educational support staff at District who felt that the Chancellor’s Directive 70 was
51 out of date. The current document traces pathways along which consultation should
52 occur in order that all interested bodies can give input in a timely manner. Gauthier
53 asked the senators to consider how different types of consultation might occur and if
54 the suggested lines of discussion in the document allow for timely input. Foster
55 would like a definition of a shared governance committee, especially in contrast to an
56 operational committee. Bruzzese noted that some of the original language is unclear
57 regarding membership of various consulting bodies. Immerblum asked for volunteers
58 for a task force to edit this document: Echeverri, Immerblum, and J. Hernandez
59 volunteered.

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61 3. Bylaws changes (officer terms, staggering terms, etc.) – Discussion:

62 Gauthier noted that it will be important to examine the Bylaws, especially because
63 many faculty across the District might be accepting the early retirement incentive
64 package. Gauthier emphasized the need for the DAS to grow as an organization and
65 suggested possible changes for overlapping terms. Gauthier also noted that five of
66 the nine colleges would be having elections for senate president. Various district-
67 wide committees would also require DAS members in their own committees. Pogoler
68 reported that Cuesta College has a system in which newly elected officers serve as
69 officer-elect and shadow the current officer. Pogoler also reported on a system in
70 which newly elected senate presidents served for four years: one as apprentice, two
71 years as actual president, and one final year as mentor. Rosow described another
72 system in which officers moved through all the positions in the organization.
73 Bruzzese agreed that although DAS needs to bring in new people, the people
74 remaining with DAS would still be able to fill in the positions of those leaving. In the
75 interest of protecting the historical memory of the DAS, Immerblum suggested
76 preparing a historical account of the DAS: the leadership, the issues that came
77 before, and how these issues were solved. Immerblum suggested referring this issue
78 to the DAS Exec: reviewing the Bylaws and preparing a historical account. Gauthier
79 will also look at how SMC has improved their senate bylaws.

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81 4. Items for discussion for Plenary:

82 Gauthier requested discussion items for Plenary. Members discussed requesting a
83 treasurer’s report. After much discussion as to the details of such a treasurer’s
84 report, Gauthier decided that he would request a line-item report from the ASCCC
85 Treasurer. Gaines suggested that DAS members caucus in order to gain greater
86 support. **Motion to instruct the DAS Treasurer to request of the ASCCC State
87 Treasurer to give a line-item accounting of the ASCCC budget.** (Pogoler/Milke
88 **MSC**). Unanimous.

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Reports

I. President's Report:

1. Bond Steering: The AECOM-LACCD project management contract is up for renewal, but they will re-apply along with other companies. Prop CC conversation is moving forward and will arrive on local campuses soon. Immerblum reported that individual colleges were being asked for project requests by May 24, which will then be ranked according to three criteria. Immerblum recommended that local colleges examine the criteria being used on their campuses in order to improve the chances of their projects being realized.

2. DW-IT project: Ongoing. Standards are being raised across the district in order to establish a baseline across the district. Perret asked for names of faculty serving. Gauthier will give him the list.

3. TPPC: Ongoing.

4. Adult Ed: Kick-Off tomorrow at Van de Kamp.

5. ECDBC/DBC: Discussed allocation model. 60 people have signed up for the Supplemental Retirement Program (SRP); District is looking for more takers. The Board will make its decision on May 10, and affected employees will be informed at the end of May.

II. First VP Report: Equivalency

The committee met on March 13 and examined proposal by Pierce to establish Digital Arts and Motion Design. This issue is being referred to DAS Exec and they are looking at the role of the Curriculum Committee. Echeverri presented a list of District committees that require DAS participation. Echeverri asked senators to examine the list and to update if necessary.

III. Second VP – Curriculum Report:

There are items noticed for the May Exec meeting. Senators are asked to look at Waitlist Policy for Closed Classes. Foster announced that registration will start in May, but if this Waitlist policy for Closed Classes is not adopted, then the default policy will be in effect.

IV. Treasurer's Report:

Next year's DAS budget should include funding to support faculty to take care of curriculum. There is money to send a few elected leaders to the Leadership Institute.

V. Standing Committee Reports

1. PDC

New curriculum is wending its way through Valley's curriculum process. Discussions with George Dekermenjian are ongoing to offer Mathematica workshop in Summer 2017. Current courses include Education 240: Online Teaching and Pedagogy. The next PDC meeting will be April 28 @ 10am in LATTTC (change from original date).

Other items: None

Noticed for Next Meeting

E-110 Advanced Placement

E-79 Competency Requirement

Adjunct Hiring Policy

Adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

143 **Future dates**
144 *ASCCC Spring Plenary, Marriott San Mateo, CA, April 20-22, 2017*
145 *Consultation – Monday, May 1, 2017 @ESC*
146 *DAS, Thursday, May 11, 2017 @LATTC – DAS Elections*
147 *Consultation – Friday, June 9, 2017 @ESC*
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149 Respectfully submitted by Vic Fusilero, DAS Secretary