



## Meeting Minutes for: November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### **Attendance:**

### **Voting Members:**

**Executive Committee:** President, Robert Simpkins; Vice-President, Rickelle Syrdahl (Natural Sciences)

**Representatives:** James Carson (CTE), Ben Makino (Fine and Applied Arts); Dave Kavern (Kinesiology), Elizabeth Buchanan (Language Arts), Miguel Ruelas (Math), Rebecca Baird (Proxy for Social Sciences); Ana Ceballos (Student Services), Jacqueline Escareno Salas (Adjunct Faculty Representative)

### **Advisory (Non-Voting) Members:**

Joel Wiens (PC Foundation), Dustin Acres (Curriculum), Joy Lawrence (CCA), Ben Makino (ASCCC OER Liaison)

### **Absent:**

Past President, Joel Wiens; Matthew Flummer (Secretary/Treasurer); Lupe Guillen (Health Careers), Melissa Long (Outcomes), Karen Bishop (DE Committee Chair)

**Guests:** PC Director of Equity and Student Success Ricardo Marmolejo, PC Safety and Security Manager Cameron Anderson

- I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. by Senate President Simpkins
- II. Roll Call, Introduction of New Members, Proxy Members, and Invited Guests
- III. Approval of Agenda: Rickelle Syrdahl, Rebecca Baird (M/S/P)
- IV. Approval of Minutes – 10/28/22 meeting: Tabled, Ben Makino, Jim Carson (M/S/P)
- V. Public Comments Section: None
- VI. New Business:
  - a. Student Equity Plan (Action Item)

Language Arts faculty expressed concerns about elements of the draft; the current deadline for submission is November 30<sup>th</sup>. Director of Equity and Student Success Ricardo Marmolejo can request an extension, but we don't know if it will be granted. In the absence of that information, this is the last Senate meeting to approve the plan prior to the current deadline. Motion to provisionally approve Student Equity Plan, contingent upon Senate President Simpkins confirming with Melissa Long that areas of concern have been addressed in the final draft prior to his signature: Jim Carson, Elizabeth Buchanan (M/S/P)

- b. Safety & Security Campus Policies/Faculty Role (Discussion Item)

PC Safety and Security Manager Cameron Anderson shared updates and addressed questions and concerns. CTE Representative Jim Carson expressed a concern that there was no clear campus plan and that many faculty have expressed safety concerns but feel they are not being taken seriously. He asked if a Senate resolution was an appropriate action. Senate President Simpkins indicated that he had initiated conversation with CCA because aspects of the concerns also related to the CCA contract and the area of faculty working conditions. Some faculty have functional key cards, but College President Habib will only consider allowing this on a case-by-case basis.

c. Senate Resolution on Faculty Professional Development – Revised Draft (Discussion Item)

An Academic Senate work group (Robert Simpkins, Jim Carson, Rickelle Syrdahl, Rebecca Baird), revised language to address concerns expressed in a prior Senate meeting by CTE Representative Jim Carson. This draft should be circulated back to divisions for discussion. Curriculum Committee Chair Dustin Acres and Kinsiology representative Dave Kavern expressed concerns that the language would limit the ability of faculty to participate in professional development opportunities on short notice or using their own funding sources, and would like further language clarification. Additional comments, from representatives Ana Ceballos and Jim Carson, focused on whether faculty participation in professional development required prior Senate approval, if a representative of the Senate could approve, or if the Senate simply needed to be informed. Representatives Ben Makino and Rickelle Syrdahl noted that this is statement of position and does not need the operational details, which can be determined later. Senate President Simpkins also noted that some of the examples cited are also situations that can lead to a lack of inclusivity, if opportunities and funding are not known or shared, and recommended that those with concerns draft alternative language for discussion. The Academic Senate work group discussed developing a process to allow attendance at professional development events all year to apply toward the contractually required Flex hours, per the Faculty Professional Development Proposal approved last year by the Senate, but working out the details of this process will require additional meetings.

d. Corrected Faculty Position Request Rankings (Discussion Item)

The tabulated ballot sheet of faculty position request rankings was corrected for an error on one ballot, and to fix the two positions with the same score to reflect a tie at #5. This corrected document has been shared with College President Habib as our official recommendations for faculty hiring priorities for the year. Senate President Simpkins recommended considering drafting formal language for this process for the future.

e. ASCCC Fall 2022 Plenary Final Resolutions Packet (Discussion Item)

Senate President Simpkins shared the ASCCC Fall 2022 Plenary Final Resolutions Packet and discussed some of the resolutions that may impact the college, including the ASCCC advocating for changes in GE and BA programs.

f. Academic Senate President Election (Discussion Item)

Senate President Simpkins shared that Past-President Joel Wiens has spoken with potential candidates, and will announce details about the election via email, with election planned for opening on the Monday after Thanksgiving. The election will close prior to the next Senate meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup>, and the President-elect will be introduced formally at that meeting and become a member of the Senate.

g. ASCCC/CCLC Scenarios document (Discussion Item)

Senate President Simpkins shared the ASCCC/CCLC Scenarios document, and recommended faculty read and save as a reference for different situations that may relate to our college. ASCCC also provides guidance for 10+1 concerns.

VII. Old Business:

- a. KCCD BPs & APs (Discussion Item)
  - i. BP/AP 4000s (Academic Affairs) & 5000s (Student Services)
  - ii. BP/AP 8900 (Temporary Full-time Faculty)

No updates were provided and no feedback was shared by Senate representatives.

VIII. Reports:

- a. Senate President

Senate President Simpkins reported on the ASCCC Fall 2022 Plenary, which he attended virtually. Several topics were discussed in the general sessions, as well as in the resolution voting, including a proposed CCC General Education pattern that aligns with the proposed CalGETC GE pattern; proposed changes to Title V language for General Education; how to ensure Lifelong Learning and Self-Development remains part of lower division general education; creating a common CCC lower division GE pattern for CCC-offered baccalaureate degrees; amending AB 928 to allow for community colleges to offer a baccalaureate program if no regional CSU offered it, rather than statewide; and the need to place language supporting academic freedom in legislation. Simpkins also reviewed the Board of Trustees meeting held on the PC campus on November 10<sup>th</sup>, in which the Board voted to change the language of BP/AP 6200 to increase the minimum amount held in district reserves from 15% to 20%, despite the joint resolution from all three Academic Senates not supporting the change. He noted that BC's Academic Senate had called for a district-wide task force to look at changing the Academic Calendar to close the colleges for the week of Thanksgiving and align BC with their local K-12. Simpkins informed BC's Senate President that PC's local K-12 district does not take the entire week off, so changing it would not align for PC, as well as require the fall semester to start in the week prior. Vice-President of Instruction Thad Russell requested to address the Senate on the topic and explained some of the additional complexity of making such a change. Simpkins will report on any additional discussion at the next meeting.

- b. Senate Subcommittees:
  - i. Curriculum – Curriculum Committee Chair Dustin Acres reported that local GE needs to change to be compliant with Title V requirements, change must be completed this year, a workgroup is working on this and other updates to GE
  - ii. Distance Education – Joy Lawrence reported that there is a ZTC funding stipend, POCR program received more funding, watch for an email from Karen Bishop
  - iii. Outcomes – No report
- c. Senate Task Forces:
  - i. OER/ZTC – Ben Makino reported that the taskforce is shifting focus to GE courses, will reach out to faculty
- d. Divisions:
  - i. CTE – No report
  - ii. Fine and Applied Arts – No report
  - iii. Health Careers – No report
  - iv. Kinesiology – Women's volleyball playing season home opener
  - v. Language Arts – No report
  - vi. Mathematics – No report
  - vii. Natural Sciences – Faculty had a Meeting with an individual at Tule River Parkway to explore options for Biology Classes
  - viii. Social Sciences – No report
  - ix. Student Services – Report from Primavera Arvizu on enrollment increase
- e. Other Faculty Reports:
  - i. CCA – Giving Amazon gift cards to members
  - ii. Guided Pathways – No report
  - iii. PC Foundation – No report

IX. Closed Session (Not open to the public – if needed): No closed session held

X. Future Agenda Items - None

XI. Adjournment: 9:40 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** Friday, December 9th, 2022 – 8-9:30 a.m.

**Submitted by:** Robert Simpkins