



**PALO VERDE COLLEGE
Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 3 p.m.
Virtual via Zoom
President: Sarah Frid
Vice President: Rosa L. Martin
Secretary: Nidhi R. Patel**

MINUTES

1. Opening of Meeting

1.1 Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Academic Senate President S. Frid.

1.2 Roll Call

- Roll call
 - Present: E. Atkinson, A. Bavaro-Ricci, T. Bolin, M. Calabrese, J. Faux-Campbell, A. Casas, R. Castillo, D. Copple, A. Edradan, K. Eoff, S. Frid, M. Gamez, M. Gaubeca, V. Hernandez, C. Hettige, D. Lilley-Edgerton, E. Lopez, M. Lopez, L. Lujano, R. Martin, J. Martinez, P. Martinez, C. Medina, N. Patel, S. Peterson, S. Redwine, D. Rethwisch, P. Shibalovich, D. Silva, J. Singler, G. Snider, B. Thieboux, J. Turner, and V. Velickovska.
 - Absent: C. Lozoya, G. Milke, and J. Rinaldi.
 - Guests: M. Kehl, B. Raman, and R. Robertson.

1.3 Unanimous Consent

Action: Voting by unanimous consent on agenda items today
Motion by J. Turner, seconded by A. Edradan
Comments/Discussions/Revisions: None
Final resolution: Passed by unanimous consent

1.4 Approval of Meeting Minutes from 4/13/2021

Action: Voting by unanimous consent on agenda items today
Motion by B. Thieboux, seconded by C. Medina
Comments/Discussions/Revisions: None
Final resolution: Passed by unanimous consent

1.5 Adoption of Agenda

Action: Adopt this agenda
Motion by B. Thieboux, seconded by P. Martinez
Comments/Discussions/Revisions: None
Final resolution: Passed by unanimous consent

2. Public Commentary

2.1 Public to Address the Senate on Agenda Items

Biju comments: Congrats to Nidhi (WOOHOO!!!) for eligible for tenure beginning Fall of 2021 and eager to hear the discussion and hopeful for the approval of Senate of 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3 agenda items.

3. Old Business

3.1 CDCR Update

4. New Business

4.1 Academic Standards - Recommended Updates to Correspondence Ed Standards

- Academic Standards Committee consists of J. Singler, T. Bolan, E. Lopez, V. Green, J. Garrett, and S. Frid.
- Review the documents attached to the agenda to see the changes suggested to the correspondence education standards.

Action: From the Proposed Changes to Correspondence Education Standards document that is attached to the agenda approve the changes suggested in Regular Effective Contact section. From the same document, approve the changes suggested after making the following changes for the items listed in the Four Components to Add to this Policy section: Change the schedule in item one as a suggested schedule, approve item two as suggested, approve item three as suggested, and table item four for Fall 2021.

Motion by B. Thieboux, seconded by R. Castillo

Comments/Discussions/Revisions: Add to the original motion

Amended Action: Add two types of Preprinted Form (one for incarcerated students and one for community students) in item two.

Amended Motion by R. Castillo, seconded by B. Thieboux

Comments/Discussions/Revisions: None

Final resolution: Passed by unanimous consent

4.2 Academic Standards - Recommended Academic Honesty Letter Template

Action: Approve both documents: AcademicDishonesty-Correspondence and AcademicDishonesty-F2F+DE template

Motion by R. Castillo, seconded by B. Thieboux

Comments/Discussions/Revisions: Revise the original motion

Amended Action: Change the first sentence in AcademicDishonesty-Correspondence document to the following: This letter is officially inform you that I believe you have violated PVC's Academic Dishonesty Policy.

Amended Motion by R. Castillo, seconded by B. Thieboux

Comments/Discussions/Revisions: Use breached instead of violated.

Final resolution: Passed by unanimous consent

4.3 Changes to AP 2510 - Collegial Governance: Participation in Local Decision Making

Action: Approve with the following changes: Change the word may to may or may not in the second sentence of the paragraph under the AD HOC COMMITTEES section and reinstate the faculty researcher to the College Council Committee as a non-voting/advisory member.

Motion by B. Thieboux, seconded by R. Martin

Comments/Discussions/Revisions: None

Final resolution: Passed by unanimous consent

4.4 Tenure

Action: Recommend to the District N. Patel for tenure starting Fall 2021.

Motion by R. Castillo, seconded by P. Shibalovich

Comments/Discussions/Revisions: Thank you everyone for your support.

Final resolution: Passed by unanimous consent

4.5 Rebrand Web Tools

Action: Approve the rebranding web tools as suggested in the agenda

Motion by R. Castillo, seconded by J. Singler

Comments/Discussions/Revisions: None

Final resolution: Passed by unanimous consent

5. Reports

5.1 President

- See the agenda for details.
- J. Turner will continue to co-chair the Curriculum Committee for the next academic year.
- J. Faux-Campbell will continue as an Articulation Officer.
- Thank you to J. Rinaldi and M. Gaubeca for many years of service, we will miss you, and we wish you well.
- Thank you to E. Atkinson for being part of PVC and enhancing us during this academic year, and we wish you well on your next journey.

5.2 Vice President

Nothing to report.

5.3 Secretary

Nothing to report except thank you again to everyone.

5.4 Curriculum Co-Chair

- Please division chairs come to the Curriculum meeting, so we can make quorum because we have a lot of stuff to vote on.
- Congratulations Nidhi.

5.5 Articulation Officer

- Congratulate Nidhi

5.6 Committees

- Standing Committees:
 1. Accreditation Team - A. Casas
 - Two minute changes to the signature page and in the Title 5 language of the correspondence education to make it flow better.
 2. Benefits and Professional Development - V. Hernandez
 - Thank you, S. Frid for your leadership and congratulations, Dr. Patel. Keep up the good work.
 3. Budget - B. Thieboux
 - Nothing to report.
 4. Curriculum - J. Turner
 - Nothing to add.
 5. Equal Employment Opportunity Plan - P. Martinez
 - Have not met, hopefully will meet next year, therefore nothing to report.
 6. Foundation - V. Velickovska
 - 43 out of 45 applications have been awarded scholarships in the amount of \$97,890.89. The ceremony is on May 20 at 6 pm in the theatre, will follow COVID-19 safety guidelines.
 - Congratulations to Dr. Patel.
 7. Facilities & Safety - C. Lozoya
 - Reported by S. Frid: Stephanie called another meeting last week for the safe reopening plan in light of CDC guidelines for vaccinations and also the imminent obliteration of the tier system regulated by the blueprint for safe reopening by the governor. There is going to be ongoing changes to the document, but none have happened yet, just a discussion.
 8. Guided Pathways - S. Frid
 - Several of our faculty and staff members went to the guided pathway regional conference on April 29th and 30th.
 - Irma and Jaclyn did a phenomenal job presenting about our correspondence program specifically our partnership with CDCR.
 - This is the first time that anybody from our College has presented.
 - Proud not just of their presentation and all the collective work done by us, but of the work in equity, diversity, and inclusion at our College.
 9. Program Review - T. Bolin
 - Good news: all caught up.
 10. Strategic Planning - S. Frid
 - Nothing to report.
 11. Student Learning Outcomes - P. Martinez
 - Any faculty receiving late work from students from the Fall 2020 semester, grade changes have six month deadline; that is submit grade changes by May 2021 if possible.
 12. Student Success and Equity - J. Singler
 - The way students interact with the website and with counseling are being considered.
 - Also considering formal diversity policy or honing the current diversity policy.
 - Recognize Jaclyn as the most influential and for the flurry of activity in student success.
 - Congratulations to Nidhi.
 13. Technology - C. Hettige/A. Edradan
 - Nothing to report.
- Academic Senate Sub-Committees:
 1. Academic Standards
 - What we approved today is one piece of the Academic Dishonesty Policy. The policy part needs more time, which will be on the agenda possibly in Fall 2021. The student appeal process and the final decision by Biju.
 2. Equivalency - S. Redwine
 - Nothing more to report.
 3. Flex - S. Redwine
 - Meeting this Thursday to discuss the schedule for the Fall Flex day based on the proposal we have received.
 - Reminder, only one Flex day, first Friday of the semester, Aug. 20th.
 - Congrats Nidhi.
 4. Scholarship - C. Medina
 - Selected five or six candidates out of 20 applicants. Gave away x-amount of dollars (audio is choppy, couldn't tell the exact amount).
 - Thank you, Sarah, for representing us in the ceremony.
 - Thank you to all the faculty.
- Academic Senate Task Forces:
 1. Faculty Handbook Task Force - R. Martin
 - More sections will be added next Friday to the Faculty Handbook review section in Canvas.
 - Please review it before the end of the academic year, by June 4.
 - More changes to review beginning August.
 2. Student Learning Outcomes - V. Valickovska
 - All going as planned, moving on to next level up.

6. Open Forum

Academic Senate is a brown act committee. In the event, the governor makes a change to his executive order, where we no longer have the flexibility to do Academic Senate meetings via the internet, then we will be meeting in person. This is outside of CTA's jurisdiction because it is the law.

7. Announcements

- CTA is meeting next Tuesday about what is mentioned in the Open Forum section of this agenda.
- The District and CTA came to an MOU for return to campus and all things COVID related. Zoom link and details to follow.

8. Adjournment of Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. PST.