

Academic Senate Meeting (Tuesday, November 9, 2021)

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1. Opening of Meeting

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by the Academic Senate president Sarah Frid

Procedural: 1.2 Roll Call

Present: Tim Bolin, Michale Calabrese, Sergio Cano, Chris Cardona, Adrian Casas, Richard Castillo, Derek Copple, Alberto Edradan, Kevon Eoff, Jenifer Faux Campbell, Sarah Frid, Michael Gale, Maria Gomez, Lucas Gunderson, Victor Hernandez, Chaminda Hettige, Laura Kramer, Esmeralda Lopez, Maria Lopez, Rene Lopez-Roedel, Cesar Lozoya, Lorenzo Luciano, Rosa Martin, Jorge Martinez, Peter Martinez, Graciella Milke, Ilona Missakian, Scott Peterson, Sarafina Redwine, Dana Rethwisch, Paul Shibalovich, David Silva, Juliette Singler, Gregory Snider, Brian Thieboux, June Turner, Vanja Velickovska

Absent Anjela Bavarro Ricci, Dennise Lilley Edgerton, Juan (Carlos) Medina, Nidhi Patel

Guests Maria Kiehl, Biju Raman, Will Smith, Tod Larsson, Raquel Burton

Quorum is reached

Action, Procedural: 1.3 Unanimous Consent: Unanimous Consent is a manner of expedited voting where only those who oppose a motion will speak when that has been brought to a vote. If no one opposes, then the voting item is "passed". If a single person opposes, that will trigger a roll call vote.

- Action: Voting by unanimous consent
- Motion by: Paul Shibalovich
- Seconded by: Jorge Martinez and Dana Rethwisch
- Objections: None
- Comments/Discussions/Revisions: None
- Final resolution: Passed by unanimous consent

Action: 1.4

Per AB 361: "This bill, until January 1, 2024, would authorize a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act when a legislative body of a local agency holds a meeting during a declared state of emergency, as that term is defined, when state or local health officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, during a proclaimed state of emergency held for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and during a proclaimed state of emergency when the legislative body has determined that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, as provided."

According to the Bill, we must vote by majority to meet virtually due to the state of emergency.

Does the Senate vote yea or nay to the following:

Palo Verde College Academic Senate finds that the March 4, 2020, declaration of a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic by Governor Gavin Newsom remains active and that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the Senate and members of the public to meet safely in person, therefore, the Senate authorizes the continuation of virtual meetings pursuant to Assembly Bill 361.

- Action: Voting by unanimous consent, hearing no objections, the motion passed, it is good until January 9th 2022
- Objections: None
- Comments/Discussions/Revisions: None
- Final resolution: Passed by unanimous consent

Action: 1.5 Adoption of Agenda

- Action: Voting by unanimous consent
- Motion by: Paul Shibalovich
- Seconded by: Alberto Edradan
- Objections: None
- Comments/Discussions/Revisions: None
- Final resolution: Passed by unanimous consent

Action, Minutes: 1.6 Minutes from October 12th meeting

- Action: Voting by unanimous consent

- Motion by: Paul Shibalovich
- Seconded by: Victor Hernandez
- Objections: None
- Comments/Discussions/Revisions: None
- Final resolution: Passed by unanimous consent

2. Public Commentary

Procedural: 2.1 Public to Address the Senate on Agenda Items

The public (non-senators) is welcome to address the Senate about items on the agenda only. Each speaker has a time limit of five minutes. While a speaker has the floor, Senators will refrain from comments, questions, discussion, and call for action.

Pursuant to the Brown Act Government Code Section 54954.2(a): "No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that members of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Section 54954.3."

- None

3. Old Business

Action: 3.1 Academic Standards -2nd reading of Addition to Academic Honesty Policy/Procedure

At the September 20, 2021, Academic Standards meeting, the committee voted unanimously to bring forth this recommendation.

Currently, PVC policy states that students have a right to appeal when charged with academic dishonesty, however, we currently do not have any defined process on how to do so.

Proposed Process for Appealing Academic Dishonesty:

After receiving notification of violating the Academic Honesty Policy, the student may choose to appeal the decision by:

1. Student submits the Petition Form and attaches evidence demonstrating the authenticity of submitted work that was flagged as academically dishonest.
2. The Dean of Instruction & Student Services and the Instructor of Record will select another faculty member to serve on the appeals committee. They will review the evidence of academic dishonesty, the petition, the student evidence and make a determination as to whether the charge should be upheld or overturned.
3. Students are expected to continue with classwork if they are pursuing an appeal, faculty are expected to keep the work submitted after the accusation of academic dishonesty and grade it should the appeal be successful.
4. The Appeals Committee has 15 working days during the Fall and Spring terms to respond to the petition. Students who appeal during Summer will receive a response during the Fall term.

- Action: Voting by unanimous consent
- Motion by: Brian Thieboux
- Seconded by: Alberto Edradan
- Objections: Clarification was needed for #4 what 15 working days refers to, Monday to Friday, excluding holidays and to clarify that in the proposed process
- Comments/Discussions/Revisions: it was suggested to expand the 15 working (Monday to Friday) days to working 20 (Monday to Friday) days, if we have Rising Scholars that need this, more time will be needed for the appeal process as the post might be slowed down due to holidays, weekends, etc.

- Motion to amend in item #4: the 15 days to 20 working (Monday to Friday, excluding holidays) days to respond by: Richard Castillo
- Seconded by: Rosa Martin
- Objections: None
- Comments/Discussions/Revisions: None
- Final resolution: Passed by unanimous consent

4. New Business

Presented by June Turner & Vanja Velickovska, PVC OER Liaisons

A Resolution in Support of Open Educational Resources

1. Whereas, an "open textbook" is defined as a textbook written by education professionals and released online under an open license permitting everyone to freely use, print, share and adapt the material; and
2. Whereas, the significant rise in costs of textbooks is a barrier to college attendance, student access, and student success; and
3. Whereas, the cost of college textbooks is a prominent affordability issue for students who take on additional loan debt to pay for textbooks, or, undercut their own learning by forgoing the purchase of textbooks; and
4. Whereas, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges has also formally acknowledged OER adoption as a measure towards achieving student equity and success (Resolution 09.05 SP 19); and

5. Whereas, the Palo Verde College Academic Senate recognizes that textbook costs can be prohibitive for many students, that shifting textbooks costs to the college is unsustainable, that open educational resources (OER) are continually improving in quality and coverage, and that reducing textbook costs aligns with our equity goals; and

6. Whereas, when considering an OER for a course, the OER itself and the supplemental resources associated with it are accessible; and, course materials are culturally responsive (student-centered, asset-based, diverse, accessible, and equitable); and

7. Whereas, individual full-time faculty have the academic freedom and choice to select course materials that are most appropriate for a class, textbook selections may include adoption of low-cost (under \$50) and no-cost options, including open textbooks, as long as there is no reduction in educational quality; and

8. Whereas, in the spirit of AB 798, all faculty are encouraged to adopt an OER when and if an OER of appropriate quality and rigor with acceptable supplemental instructional resources is found by faculty; and

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate of Palo Verde College support efforts to increase student access to high-quality open educational resources and reduce the cost of textbooks and other instructional materials for students, and recognizes open educational resources as the preferred and most sustainable mechanism for eliminating course costs but acknowledges that instances may occur in which eliminating costs is not possible.

(We'd like to acknowledge resolutions from the Associated Student Government of College of the Canyons, Academic Senate for College of the Canyons, San Bernardino Valley College, Rio Hondo College, Foothill College, Contra Costa College and West Hills Community College District used in preparing this resolution. In addition, Resolution 3.05, F21 ASCCC Plenary).

- Discussion: Sometimes even if the book are affordable, the supporting material and resources for instructors (homework assignments, ancillaries etc) might not be present. Faculty can participate in making these ancillaries and resources as it is suggested by ASCCC. The OER books can be easily adapted for the Rising Scholrs as well. Faculty should remember that, when possible, these OER can be adapted. It was also suggested to strike the word "loan" and to keep the word "debt"

- Action: Voting to strike the word "loan" and keep "debt in the 3rd resolution
- Motion by: Chris Cardonas
- Seconded by: Luke Gunderson
- Objections: None
- Comments/Discussions/Revisions: None
- Final resolution: Passed by unanimous consent

Action: Voting to present these resolutions as a second reading in February meeting

- Motion by: Chris Cardonas
- Seconded by: Victor Hernandez
- Objections: None
- Comments/Discussions/Revisions: None
- Final resolution: Passed by unanimous consent

5. Reports - Senate Leadership & Committees

Reports: 5.1 President: Sarah Frid

- Update on Faculty Evaluation Task Force
- ACSS Fall Plenary " Leading Change" Teaching, Learning, and Governance in a Hybrid World-

Reports: 5.2 Vice President: Rosa Linda Martin

- Nothing to report

Reports: 5.3 Secretary: Vanja Velickovska

- Nothing to report

Reports: 5.4 Curriculum Co-Chair: June Turner

- That RN program is coming up for review in the Curriculum meeting, in hope that all division chairs can attend the meeting

Reports: 5.5 Articulation Officer: Jennifer Faux-Campbell

- Nothing to report

Reports: 5.6 Academic Standards - R. Martin

- Next Academic Standard Meeting is on November 15th, will review the @ONE equivalencies that have been submitted in time for that agenda

Reports: 5.7 Equivalency - S. Redwine

- Nothing to report

Reports: 5.8 Flex - S. Redwine

- Close to finalizing the schedule

Reports: 5.9 Scholarship - C. Medina

- Nothing to report

Reports: 5.10 Faculty Handbook Taskforce: Rosa Martin

- Another part of the Faculty guide has been posted open for discussion

6. Information Items from Shared Governance Committees

Reports: 6.1 Benefits and Professional Development - V. Hernandez

- Chair of this committee: Assoc VP of HR
- Has put this committee on an "on call" basis
- Report included

Reports: 6.2 Budget - B. Thieboux

- Report included

Reports: 6.3 Equal Employment Opportunity Plan - P. Martinez

Reports: 6.4 Foundation - V. Velickovska

- Report included

Reports: 6.5 Facilities & Safety - C. Lozoya

Reports: 6.6 Guided Pathways - S. Frid

- Report included

Reports: 6.7 Program Review - T. Bolin

- Report included

Reports: 6.8 Student Learning Outcomes - P. Martinez

Reports: 6.9 Student Success and Equity - J. Singler

- Report included

Reports: 6.10 Technology - C. Hettige/A. Edradan

- No meeting until November 10th, 2021

7. Open Forum

- Open Floor for Discussion: Any business that the Senate may need to address, review, or act upon in future session
- Discussion for putting a Task force for the @ONE equivalency

8. Announcements

- Open Floor for Announcements
- Turquoise Rain si sold out :) It starts at 6pm, a part of the proceeds are donated to the Pantry at PVC
- Puente 5K (November 20th) walk or run, brunch provided after the run, opportunity to mingle with the Puentistas :)
- In addition to the Turquoise Rain, the art work will be on display by our new art faculty Laura Kramer

9. Adjournment of Meeting

- The meeting has been adjourned at 4:22pm