Minutes of the
MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE
May 13, 2019

PRESENT: Melinda Carrillo, William Dalrymple, Doyle-Bauer Alexandra, Jenny Fererro, Teresa Laughlin, Jackie Martin, Wendy Nelson, Lillian Payn, Travis Ritt, Candace Rose, Craig Thompson, Fari Towfiq, Lori Waite, Anastasia Zavodny

ABSENT: José Briceño, Erin Hiro, Lawrence Lawson, Elizabeth Pain, Steve Perry

GUESTS: Kena Haun (ASG), Michael Large, Ben Mudgett, Beth Pearson, Fred Rose, Shayla Sivert, Susan Snow

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the President, Travis Ritt, at 2:30 p.m. in room SU-30.

Please note: All votes are presumed unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion 1 MSC Thompson, Laughlin: Faculty Senate approval of the minutes of May 6, 2019, as presented. The motion carried.

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Announcements: Travis Ritt reminded Senators that the FACE event will be held on Thursday, May 16 at St. Mark’s Golf Club from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Appetizers and drinks will be provided.

Wendy Nelson announced that later in the day the Meta Major Card Swap Activity will occur from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. in LRC-116.

Travis Ritt announced that after a review of the submission materials for the Faculty Senate Award for Scholarly and Professional Achievement, Dr. Scott Nelson has been chosen as this year’s recipient.

Travis Ritt announced that earlier in the day the ballots were counted for the Faculty Service Award. This year’s recipient is Cynthia Anfinson.

Travis Ritt announced that Faculty Senate Administrative Specialist Suzanne Lee will retire in August. Senate members acknowledged her years of service.

Agenda Changes: Travis Ritt indicated that the Agenda order would be slightly modified to accommodate guests.
Vision for Success Goals:

At last week’s meeting, Senate members discussed the Vision for Success Goals, a response from a request from the Chancellor’s Office to create aspirational goals as attempts continue to be made to close equity gaps for community college students.

Today, Michael Large was present to explain how the process of gathering data from various areas on campus occurred. Senators discussed how and why the Vision for Success goals were developed, and how faculty came to these numbers after reviewing data and the Chancellor’s Office requirements. There were also comments made regarding the achievability of the goals as well as unknowns as it relates to accountability.

Motion 2


Elections for Faculty Senate Vice President & Secretary:

Travis Ritt announced to the Senate that he will be stepping down as President at the end of the semester. He noted that he would remain on the Senate serving as past-president. The election will occur at next week’s meeting to fill the remainder of Ritt’s term. After brief discussion, Senators agreed that the elections to fill all of the positions should occur at next week’s meeting.

Motion 3

MSC Laughlin, Towfiq: To postpone Elections for Faculty Senate Vice President & Secretary until the May 20, 2019, meeting. The motion carried.

Anastasia Zavodny asked that the Committee on Constitutional Review clarify the language in the Constitution as to whether or not part-time faculty can serve in the positions as Senate Vice President or Secretary prior to next Monday’s meeting.

Committee Appointments:

There were no committee appointments.

Curriculum:

There were no Curriculum items.

Title V/STEM Activity Director Position:

Senators received copies of applicant information for the position of Title V/STEM Activity Director.

Motion 4

MSC Towfiq, Zavodny: Faculty Senate acceptance of the appointment of Cynthia Anfinson to the position of Title V/STEM Activity Director for a term starting in July 1, 2019 and ending May 31, 2021. The motion carried.

Granting of Emeritus Status:

Travis Ritt informed Senate members that the ad hoc group formed to review Emeritus consideration has received the required information for the Senate to consider granting the status to faculty member Jon Stone.

Motion 5

MSC Laughlin, Thompson: Faculty Senate approval of the granting of Emeritus Status to Jon Stone, Professor, Trade & Industry, effective May 26, 2019. Stone has served the Palomar Community College district from August 24, 2001 to May 25, 2019. The motion carried.
AB 705: Shayla Sivert shared information on Assembly Bill 705/All About Me. The purpose:

- Increase the numbers of students who enter and complete transfer-level English and mathematics/quantitative reasoning in one year
- Minimize the disproportionate impact on students created through inaccurate placement processes
- Increase the number of ESL students completing transfer-level English within three years.

Sivert provided a short presentation on the overhead of AB 705. Students are no longer taking assessment testing, instead placement is determined by multiple measures. English, ESL, Math, and Reading have all adjusted their curriculum, providing students with support at all levels. An All About Me (Math/English 1st) webpage has been created to help students and answer questions about enrolling in English and Math courses (https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/15v_WWxQz-1bHzUkluHeCKUMIXUCJhvUGfK3dtAuONT0/edit#slide=id.p). A question and answer period followed.

Faculty Hiring: Discussion continued this week on faculty hiring. Some guests and Senators shared their experiences working with Dr. Blake during the process. A robust discussion followed about the process, and some faculty expressed that they wanted to have more conversation with the President as to why or why not their candidates were hired.

Teresa Laughlin noted that the updated Faculty Hiring Procedure was unanimously supported by the Senate but it never made it through the administrative process. There was discussion on the need for consistency, collaboration, and consensus at every level. III.A.1, III.A.12

This item will remain on the agenda for further discussion next week.

Written Reports: The following written report was received but not discussed at today’s meeting:

Senate President/ Vice President: Notes from our meeting with Dr. Blake.

- A review of the budget and the new funding formula will be presented at a Town Hall Meeting before the end of the semester. The budget committee will have a retreat at the start of fall semester.
- The district is looking into developing alternative revenue sources through land leases at the Fallbrook campus to leverage our assets.
- Palomar College will honor a Valedictorian this year at graduation, Jose Miguel Chevalier, a military veteran student.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Rose, Acting Secretary