

# Minutes

## Oxnard College Academic Senate: Date: October 27, 2014

Academic Senate Executive Board	
Linda Kamaila, President	Present
Diane Eberhardy, Vice President	Present
Tom Stough, Treasurer	Present
Amy Edwards, Secretary	Present
Department	Senators
ADS/Paralegal	1. Becca Porter, Absent
CIS/Office Technology	1. Diane Eberhardy, Present
Child Development	1. Vacant
Counseling	1. Graciela Tortorelli, Proxy Gloria Lopez, Present
Dental Programs	1. Armine Derdarian, Present
Visual and Performing Arts	1. Amy Edwards, Present
Fire Programs	1. Tami Crudo, Absent
Letters	1. Teresa Bonham, Present 2. Gaylene McPherson, Present ----- 1 Susan Jones, Absent 2. <b>PT Vacant</b>
Library	1. Tom Stough, Present
Management	1. Robert Cabral, Present
Math	1. Mark Bates, Absent 2. <b>Vacant</b> ----- 1 <b>PT Vacant</b>
Part-Time Faculty Rep. at-Large	1. <b>Vacant</b>
Physical Education/Health	1. L. Ron McClurkin, Absent
Natural Sciences	1. Shannon Newby, Present 2. James Harber, Present ----- 1 <b>PT Vacant</b> 2. <b>PT Vacant</b>
Student Support Services (EAC)	1. Della Newlow, Present
Student Support Services (Health Center)	1. Deanna Flanagan, Absent
Student Support Services (EOPS)	1. Gloria Lopez, Present
Reading	1. Kari Tudman, Present
Social Sciences	1. Marie Butler, Present 2. Tomas Salinas, Present ----- 1. <b>PT Vacant</b>
Technology	1. <b>Vacant</b>
AFT Vice-President	1. Everardo Rivera, Present

**Non-Voting Faculty:** Chris Horrock

**Guests:** Elibet Valencia, Carole Bogue, Ken Sherwood

- I. Called to Order at 2:07 by **VP Diane Eberhardy**
- II. Agenda Approved: 1<sup>st</sup> **Armine Derdarian** 2<sup>nd</sup> **Teresa Bonham**
- III. Public Comment: None
- IV. Announcements: (2)
- A. **ASG President Elibet Valencia** updated the Senate on ASG:
- The candidate forum was successful. About 60 people in attendance. KDTV recorded it.
  - The student activities fee is going to be implemented in Fall 2015. It will be \$7.00 and the same fee at all three colleges.
  - Last week, ASG attended the CCCSA Leadership Conference in Los Angeles.
  - Because of low funding, ASG had to cut two future events.
  - Some ASG students are in the upcoming Teatro de las Americas production next week. Please come and tell your students.
  - They now have business cards and ASG shirts.
  - She then took some questions from the Senators.
- B. **Senator Della Newlow** reports that there have been 87 school shootings in the last 22 months in the United States. She did not cite a source.
- V. Minutes from 10/13/14: 1<sup>st</sup> **Teresa Bonham** 2<sup>nd</sup> **Robert Cabral**:  
Comments about minutes:
- Gloria Lopez asked and commented on Dr. Duran's #12 of the minutes on page two. She wanted to clarify that OC is not adding another counselor. It will be a career counselor working mainly with the high schools for outreach; they will not be part of the general counseling staff. **EVP Bogue** adds that the new person will report to **Dean Engelsen** and that this person will do about 4 hours of counseling per week.
  - With these elaboration: Motion approved by Senate.
- VI. Treasurer's report: No Report. **Tom Stough** did not have the report ready. He will report it out at a later date. On 11/13/2014 he reported that the account has \$ 2649.40.
- VII. Campus Committee Reports
- A. AFT: **Everardo Rivera** reports:
1. They meet this Friday 10/31/14
  2. Trying to plan to provide free smoothies for all faculty from 9:00-11:00am next Wed 11/5/14 at AFT's expense. **Everardo Rivera** will be our representative for at least one more year. He would be happy to meet with anyone one-on-one. Email him if interested.
- B. CUDS: **Everardo Rivera** reports:
1. There was a "weapon-free zone" discussion at the meeting. No details were provided to the Senate.
  2. There was an issue with a faculty/student/Senator when they were on campus in the role as a student. They were accosted by a person on campus who was not even an OC student. It happened in the library as well as outside the library. We are reminded from this incident that safety is critical. We don't want to close our doors to the community, but we need to address the issue of public visitors.
  3. The above discussion led to a discussion about the security lanyards that all full-time staff could wear around their necks; there would be a panic/GPS button that would sound the campus police. This lanyard will provide a distress call and will hope to limit the amount of chaos. We will all have the option to opt-out.
    - a. **Senator Gaylene Croker** said the lanyards promote fear-mongering and she is worried about a panic button. She is not going to live in a culture of fear.
    - b. **Senator James Harbor** added that he carries a whistle and that is his way of protecting himself.
    - c. **Senator Everardo Rivera** says we need a town hall about security and campus safety. Several Senators agreed.
  4. **Senator Della Newlow** reports that she is incredibly afraid on campus because shootings have become one every 64 days (no source provided). She claims, it is far less likely here, but it is possible. Thus, it needs to take priority. She brought up the need for sending a text message to the police. She thinks the locks only cost

\$50.00 at Home Depot. She adds that she thinks the fear is growing. The students wrote in a prompt in her class about their feelings about safety at OC and, as a whole, she says they didn't feel safe. She doesn't think the students are "out to get her," but she claims, we still don't know what could/may happen. She will keep fighting for the locks.

5. **AS VP Diane Eberhardy** made some comments as a CUDS representative. **VP Mike Bush** has made it a high priority. She says, the locks are actually about \$2000.00 and the administration is taking campus security very seriously. There are many ongoing things. She reminds the Senators that the process is slow and expensive, but it is still happening.
6. More discussion took place about campus security.

C. Student Success: No report

D. PDC: **Senator Robert Cabral** reminded the Senate that the Spring 2015 travel fund applications are available and are due November 7<sup>th</sup>

E. LOT: **Senator Armine Derdiarian** reports out on the eLumen situation. All department chairs and coordinators must meet with **Sharon Oxford** or **Marc Prado** by Dec 1, 2014. In order for the department data to be entered in time for us to complete our Program Reviews in February.

VIII. AS President's Report:

- A. The Board is going to look at spending quite a bit of their reserves (approximately 12-14 million) with 2 million to support the lack of growth at other two colleges. The rest of the money will be used for emergency/safety spending for things such as door locks. It is being discussed that VC and OC need to get sophisticated door locks and other things. Right now they are asking the Board to earmark the money.
- B. Police presence on campus: All campus police money comes from parking. We need to sell more parking passes to increase the police cash flow to have more police on campus.
- C. The board passed the emergency hire procedure. Now it is up to the Vice Chancellor and the Deans to move forward on the process. It will be a must quicker procedure for a one semester teaching assignment.
- D. OC had an agenda item at the Board for the new management position that was tabled. AFT met with Dr. Duran privately; there was more discussion. Now there is understanding about it not being a new manager. It will go back to the Board at the next meeting. We are a month behind. **EVP Bogue** leaves Dec 31, 2014. We will not have someone in place as soon as she leaves.
- E. Ten OC staff went to Hancock College Accreditation Training. It was overwhelming, yet a good learning experience. We are preparing for our self-study for 2016.
- F. **President Kama'ila** shared some details from the PEPC committee:
  - a. We are looking to shorten the program review form. The short form will actually be a short form. The long form will be more of an intensive form.
  - b. **President Kama'ila** took some questions and comments from the Senate.
- G. Some discussion about Adult Ed coming to the community college was discussed briefly. **Patrick Jefferson** (VC) is chairing this issue. Community colleges haven't really wanted to do this. It is a message from the state. There was some confusion about who should be sitting on the committees who are discussing this Adult Ed issue.

IX. Action Item: First Reading: DE Membership Definition:

- A. This would be a change to our PG manual.
- B. DE is a subcommittee to Curriculum.
- C. They want to change their charge and want to encourage better attendance because of the importance of the content of the committee.
- D. Thus, their new policy states that if a member misses three meetings in a row, they will recommended that department not to be able to offer DE classes.
- E. The co-chair of the committee **Dean Ken Sherwood** spoke to the issue. He says, DE is a really unique thing in higher education and needs such a strict policy. He claims DE classes are subject to a ton of regulations that traditional classes are not subject to. Thus, we need to make sure the people who teach these classes are up-to-date and aware of issues. He adds that their needs to be wider participation because of the rules and regulations

that exist. The Deans and the Department chairs decide on the rights of DE in the department. If they don't agree, then it goes to the EVP for final vote. He also adds that a proxy would be absolutely fine.

- F. Discussion took place. Senators addressed pros and cons. People discussed that maybe the committee should be changed to a PG committee. Also, some Senators said maybe it should be another department chair meeting responsibility.
- G. This was first-reading. The Senate is sending it back to the committee to be worked on more. We will discuss it again at second reading at the next meeting.

X. Action Item: *Second Reading*: District Mission Statement

- A. The Social Science department did not think their needed to be an addition of the ESL/Basic skills to the district mission. They provided reasons for this claim.
- B. There were several side bar conversations taking place that the secretary could not hear.
- C. Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> **Gaylene McPherson** moved that we should add ESL and Basic skills back into the VCCCD mission statement. 2<sup>nd</sup> **Teresa Bonham**
  - a. Discussion took place.
  - b. Senate gave **President Kama'ila** direction about whether or not ESL should be in the mission: The vote from the Senate was: **Yes: 7**; Opposed: 6 ; Abstention: 1
  - c. Next Board meeting is November 11<sup>th</sup> at Ventura College. **President Kama'ila** will prepare a statement.

XI. Consent Calendar (AP 4050: Articulation): 1<sup>st</sup> **Teresa Bonham** 2<sup>nd</sup> **Gloria Lopez**: Motion carried.

XII. Study Session: AB 850 (BA degrees on CCs)

- a. **President Kama'ila** provided some background on this issue.
- b. Discussion took place.
- c. MC is proposing a BA in Biotech.

Adjourned: @ 4:25