

**Oxnard College Academic Senate
MINUTES from: September 14, 2015**

Academic Senate Executive Board	
Linda Kamaila, President	Present
Diane Eberhardy, Vice President	Present
Tom Stough, Treasurer	Present
Amy Fara Edwards, Secretary	Absent
Department	Senators
ADS/Paralegal	1. Becca Porter, Absent
AFT Vice-President	1. Everardo Rivera, Present
Child Development	1. Vacant
CIS/Office Technology	1. Diane Eberhardy, Present
Counseling	1. Letty Mojica, Present
Dental Programs	1. Armine Derdarian, Present
Fire Programs	1. Tami Crudo, Absent
Letters	1. Teresa Bonham, Present 2. Gaylene McPherson, Present ----- 1. PT Vacant 2. PT Vacant
Library	1. Tom Stough, Present
Management	1. Robert Cabral, Absent
Math	1. Mark Bates, Present 2. Vacant ----- 1. Carey Smith, Present
Natural Sciences	1. Shannon Newby, Present 2. James Harber, Present ----- 1. PT Vacant 2. PT Vacant
Part-Time Faculty Rep. at-Large	1. Vacant
Physical Education/Health	1. L. Ron McClurkin, Present
Student Support Services (EAC)	1. Vacant
Student Support Services (Health Center)	1. Deanna Flanagan, Absent
Student Support Services (EOPS)	1. Gloria Lopez, Present
Social Sciences	1. Marie Butler, Present

	2. Tomas Salinas, Present ----- 1. PT Vacant
Technology	1. Vacant
Transitional Studies	1. Della Newlow, Present
Visual and Performing Arts	1. Vacant
Non-Voting ASG Officer	1. Alexander Pimentel, ASG VP

Non-Voting Faculty: C. Mainzer

Guests: Jim Limbaugh, Cynthia Herrera, Linda Webb, Joe Carbajal

I. Called to Order at 2:10 pm

II. Public Comment: None

III. Guest: Dr. Jim Limbaugh, Interim College President

Dr. Limbaugh thanked the Senate for its hospitality. He stated that “accreditation is the life blood of the institution”. We must write the most truthful and honest report we can. His concern is that we are not as far along as we should be. He encouraged faculty who are part of the accreditation team to get writing again. There are controversies at the district level. However, we need to press forward. Our largest issues will be data to support our conclusions and a single tone throughout the document. The preliminary report is due in January 2016, with drafts due to District in December. Accreditation is a close second to your first job, students. He stated a desire to “get out in the community” and learning its perceptions of us, noting that these perceptions can often lag reality by 5-7 years. The President’s Cabinet has decided to recruit international students. The College now has the facilities to market itself. We need to meet our FTES goals, which are down a bit this year. Which programs should we target for growth? Conversations on these topics are needed. Dr. Limbaugh introduced Dr. Herrera as the new Institutional Effectiveness Dean, noting that the focus of this new position is still under discussion. Dr. Limbaugh plans to bring back the Career Center, pending funding and siting decisions. His closing remarks concerned the valuable Sept. 9 visit from the statewide Chancellors Circle. He extended his thanks to Culinary and Restaurant Management and others for their assistance.

Comments: E. Rivera suggested solar panels on campus buildings, as well as cleaning up the Memorial Garden and renaming it the “Celebration Garden.” J. Harber noted that one way to build enrollment is using OC’s proximity to CSUCI. However, the existing bus routes aren’t conducive to this. They should actually stop on the OC campus. Dr. Limbaugh’s reply: survey the situation. Discussion followed. Dr. Limbaugh: “I’m willing to try anything if it will contribute to student success, but numbers are important.” C. Horrock called for including CSUCI in this conversation. Dr. Limbaugh: his role is to “establish fundamental structures for growth.”

IV. Announcements – L. Kama’ila thanked CRM and others for their work on the Chancellors Circle event. D. Newlow: learning disabilities assessment is no longer being funded at OC. Ventura and Moorpark Colleges still conduct LD testing. Discussion followed. D. Newlow noted that OMEGA funds are commonly used for LD testing. Until more full-time Learning Disabilities faculty are hired, funds for testing will remain unavailable.

(ASG and Student Clubs, taken out of order). L. Kama'ila noted that students have recently directed complaints about ASG to the Chancellor and Board. Cumbersome paperwork is required for club creation, though there are now four forms rather than 20+ as before. A. Pimentel was appointed as interim ASG VP. L. Webb, ASG Advisor, explained the posting and election process. She noted that students are going to the Chancellor because that is who has the final say. At most colleges, the College President has the last word. L. Kama'ila: procedures should be rewritten to bring control back to the colleges. Training club officers is needed. All students must have access to ASG services. Discussion followed. L. Webb: paperwork is slow for field trips with about a 2 month turnaround. Sometimes, paperwork is lost. Further discussion.)

- V. Approval of Minutes from Aug. 24th Meeting: E. Rivera/T. Bonham/MS, with correction of "Terry Smith" to Carey Smith.
- VI. Treasurer's Report as of Sept. 14th: \$ 3,086.99
- VII. President's Report—L. Kama'ila noted that CCE (categorical) funding is coming. Its goal: to make life easier for CTE programs such as Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting. The State wants CCCs to offer more training in trades California truly needs, such as carpentry and other building skills. (Details available from her report.)

District finances: the reserves are very high. \$ 2 million has been set aside for emergency preparation. But none for, for example, accrediting distance education or basic skills.

Permanent President Hiring: the process has been approved, but the timing is off for publication in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* and similar media.

Enrollments: OC's is a "bit off". VC will receive a small influx from the Sheriff Academy.

Chancellor Hiring: an external firm will be used for a national search.

District Administrative Center: will move in May 2016. Its new location will be in Camarillo. Technology plans have been approved.

- VIII. ASG and Student Clubs – As noted above.
- IX. Accreditation: Update and Input – L. Kama'ila suggested using "best practice examples" for self-study writing. Foothill, Butte, Napa and Santa Barbara were cited as colleges that received high marks from accreditors. The agency wants to see narrative descriptions. L. Kama'ila and K. Sherwood will create a template soon for stylistic agreement. Student Learning Outcomes must be published with data attached. Every faculty person in state must be evaluated per course SLOs.

(Misc. items: discussion of air conditioning issues. E. Rivera asked for senators to send him information about quality of life issues for CUDS meeting.)

- L. Kama'ila: students do better with a compressed calendar. However, not all programs need to follow it at a given college. J. Harber: Santa Monica College lines up its classes to fit university schedules.
- L. Kama'ila: there will be 26 more fulltime faculty hired districtwide, or about 6-8 positions at OC. The new AFT Chief Negotiator is Peter Sezzi of Ventura College.
- X. First Reading: Basic Skills Plan—tabled.
- XI. Discussion: Equivalency Process—consultation will take place between Academic Senate Presidents and faculty to figure out equivalency among the three colleges.
- XII. Committee & Department Reports & Action—most reports tabled.
- a. PBC Membership—C. Horrock was added to PBC by acclamation.
 - b. Need for PEPC At Large Member—tabled(?)
- T. Stough noted that R. Cabral is still co-chair of Professional Development Committee with O. Cobian.
- XIII. For the Good of the Order—C. Herrera asked the Senate to take emergency preparation seriously. L. Kama'ila noted that GradesFirst will be a topic for the September 28 meeting.
- XIV. Adjournment—at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Stough, Treasurer & Diane Eberhardy, Vice-President
(Recording Secretaries)