



**ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING**

MINUTES

November 19, 2015

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

L-201

To conform to the open meeting act, the public may attend open sessions

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Academic Senate meeting of November 19, 2015, was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Dr. Ed Beyer, Academic Senate President.

2. OPENING COMMENTS FROM THE SENATE PRESIDENT

- Dr. Ed Beyer reported the cancellation of classes on Wednesday, November 25, 2015 is not an academic or professional matter for discussion, but is a collective bargaining issue being handled by the union. Dr. Susan Lowry distributed an email on behalf of the union to explain the options and what will happen in the future.
- Dr. Beyer reported it was discovered at the last SPC meeting that last semester the committee had viewed vision statement from college. The statement was revised and forwarded, but fell through the cracks. SPC is bringing it back for review via email with a 2-question poll asking for input regarding the language and values.
- Dr. Beyer encouraged senators to complete an upcoming survey for the Baldrige Award for Excellence. The district is considering pursuing this prestigious award.
- Dr. Beyer explained the senate will move forward with the action item regarding proposed calendar change. He encouraged senators to attend the town hall meeting on December 3, 2015 to consider new information. Dr. Beyer feels it important the senate establish a stance prior to the town hall meeting. The senate has the option to vote again should opinions change.

3. OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Ms. Liz Sundberg expressed disappointment with the announcement of holiday hours: cancelling classes does not promote student success and does not send a positive message to students. Administration did not take into account nursing students who must complete a minimum number of hours that are submitted to the Board of Registered Nursing. Students would be required to make up the hours.
- Dr. Glenn Haller read a portion of a press release dated November 16, 2015, from the board of governors, unanimously directing the state Chancellor's Office to develop a new model for accrediting the system's colleges and to report back in March 2016 on details and a timeline for implementing the changes (see attachment).
- Dr. Irit Gat reported the accreditation issue was addressed at Fall 2015 Plenary and the change will take time.
- Ms. Jonet Leighton expressed disappointment with two issues:
 - 1) the announcement of holiday hours
 - 2) the intention to run the college as a business, treating students as customers instead of students

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4. Ms. Susan Knapp noted students were not notified of the holiday hours.
5. Ms. Maranatha Javines apologized for missing senate meetings. On behalf of Associated Student Organization (ASO) members, ASO is pleased to see the current accreditation agency will be replaced with one more reliable. Ms. Javines mentioned a recent bill that failed because it didn't involve student and faculty in the process – she could not remember which bill it was.
6. Dr. Liette Bohler reported the holidays have already been announced in the campus news. The union will be sending an email to President Knudson.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. November 5, 2015 Academic Senate Meeting (attachment)
*A motion was made by Dr. Zia Nisani and seconded by Mr. Larry Veres to approve minutes of the November 5, 2015 Academic Senate meeting.
Motion carried with corrections; abstentions: Cathy Overdorf, Susan Knapp, Maranatha Javines.*

8. REPORTS (5 minutes maximum)

- a. Distance Education & Technology Committee (DETC) Report – Perry Jehlicka
Mr. Perry Jehlicka presented the Distance Education & Technology Committee report. The DETC plans to create a policy and procedures guide for online teaching. The handbook will have an emphasis on regular & effective contact and will include attendance, training for online instructors and end of semester procedures. The guide should be completed by the end of the 2015-16 academic year.

Upcoming action items include consideration the term *blended classes* and *web-enhanced classes*.

Senators were reminded of the move from *Luminus* to *Blackboard* with due date of December 12, 2015.

- b. Program Review Committee Report – Carol Eastin
Ms. Carol Eastin presented the Program Review Committee Report – see attachments
- c. Accreditation Committee Report – Tina McDermott
Ms. Tina McDermott presented the Accreditation Report – see attachment.

9. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Ratification of Bylaws Article IV (attachment)
A motion was made by Dr. Zia Nisani and seconded by Ms. Susan Knapp to ratify Bylaws Article IV.

Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ratification of Bylaws Amendment 501.2
A motion was made by Dr. Zia Nisani and seconded by Ms. Susan Knapp to ratify Bylaws Amendment 501.2.

Faculty members are appointed by the bylaws committee, with an appeals process. Suggestions are to be submitted to the bylaws committee.

(14) yes votes; (6) no votes; (1) abstention.

Motion carried.

- c. Creation of Career Technical Education (CTE) Liaison Position (attachment)
*A motion was made by Mr. Van Rider and seconded by Mr. Larry Veres, to approve the creation of a Career Technical Education liaison position.
 Motion carried with (1) no vote and (1) abstention.*
- d. Proposed Calendar Change Recommendation (to be provided)
 Dr. Beyer led discussion and referenced the document regarding the proposed calendar change (see attachment).

General Feedback from Faculty

PROS

- Ability to offer 12-week courses
- Ability to offer 2 6-week courses
- Longer summer break for faculty
- Potential for Trimester model

CONS

- Prep time between semesters
- No compelling evidence presented for making the change
- Winter Intersession is a catch-up period
- Participatory governance structure effects are unknown
- Outside accreditation impact for some programs
- Student eligibility after enrollment in next semester (failing a pre-requisite course)
- Faculty and Student burnout
- Reduced high school summer session

	Credit Sections Count		Credit Sections		Enrollment Count	
Winter 2013	128		260.5		2401	
Summer 2013	227		656.2		3646	
Winter 2014	142	+11%	385.8	+48%	3408	+42%
Summer 2014	240	+6%	727.8	+11%	4096	+12%
Winter 2015	131	-8%	392.5	+18%	3496	+25%
Summer 2015	266	+11%	833.1	+14%	4654	+14%

Data extracted from CCC Chancellor's Office Datamart

A motion was made by Ms. Karen Lubick and seconded by Ms. Kristine Oliveira to recommend a stance in opposition to the proposed calendar change.

Dr. Beyer explained that currently a student coming out of high school can take an 8-week summer course. The new model would only allow them to take the 2nd 6-week course. Only given winter numbers were presented. Dr. Beyer added summer numbers he obtained via CCC Chancellor's Office Datamart. The study reflected an increase in enrollment by offering fewer courses – scheduling issue, not a numbers issue. Dr. Beyer concluded the district can increase FTES with the current model.

Division feedback:

CTE (Dr. Beyer): opposed

Counseling: (24) opposed; (3) agreed

Adjuncts (Larry Veres): opposed

Library (Carolyn Burrell): opposed

AD (Karen Lubick): opposed

Language Arts (Dr. Liette Bohler): opposed. Stated very few colleges have the proposed calendar.

Nursing students (Liz Sundberg): opposed

SBS (Dr. Irit Gat): split; those in favor were not student focused, but against due to personal reasons

SBS (Catherine Overdorf): (7) opposed; (1) agreed

Math/Science (Dr. Nisani): opposed

Math/Science (Dr. Jessica Harper): most are neutral – would like to see what students think

Math/Sciences (Genie Trow): colleagues at other colleges and universities do it – would like to see how they deal with burnout

K&A/VAPA (Jonet Leighton): abstained

K&A/VAPA (Terry Rezek): Kinesiology opposed

K&A/VAPA (Dr. Glenn Haller): KA (1) against; (13) agreed

ASO representative Maranatha Javines stated she had not consulted with ASO, but is personally opposed to the proposed calendar.

Dr. Liette Bohler reported union survey results:

257 faculty members took the survey. 116 of the full-time faculty or 65% of our full-time faculty took the survey, and 130 adjunct instructors (or 25% of the adjunct faculty) took the survey.

The question "Do you support changing the academic calendar as proposed?" was answered with "No" by 126 out of 246 faculty surveyed, or 51%. 32% responded with "Yes" and 17 % had no opinion.

To the question "Do you feel the proposed changes would have a positive or negative effect on your working conditions?" 46% responded with "Negative", 20% with "Positive" and 34% were not sure.

To the question "Do you feel the proposed changes would have a positive or negative effect on your students?" 36% responded with "Negative", 26% responded with "Positive", and 38% were not sure.

The survey shows that the majority of our faculty who responded to the survey are against the proposed change in the calendar.

Dr. Beyer will report the senate's opposition to administration. If after attending the December 3, 2015 town hall meeting they would like to change the recommendation, the senate is not opposed to changing the stance.

[Ms. Maranatha Javines left the meeting.]

e. Appointments

- Hiring Committee: OSD Disability Services Specialist - Bonnell Curry
*A motion was made by Ms. Susan Knapp and seconded by Ms. Elizabeth Sundberg to ratify the appointment of Ms. Bonnell Curry to serve as a faculty representative on the OSD Disability Services Specialist Hiring Committee.
Motion carried unanimously.*

f. Academic Ranking

- Rosa Fuller – Professor
*A motion was made by Ms. Susan Knapp and seconded by Dr. Zia Nisani to ratify the advancement of Ms. Rosa Fuller to **Professor**.
Motion carried unanimously.*

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. CSUin2 – Deborah Sullivan Ford (to be provided)

Ms. Deborah Sullivan Ford led discussion regarding the CSUin2 (see attachment).

Senators expressed concerns with the proposal, including the fact that the courses listed are not necessarily ones needed for transfer. Dr. Irit Gat reported the concept would not work for sociology due to lack of and difficulty in hiring faculty.

Dr. Beyer will invite Dr. Bonnie Suderman to attend the December 3, 2015 meeting to discuss the concept and address concerns. He asked senators to send him questions; he will compile the list and forward to Dr. Suderman, to allow preparation for the meeting. He will structure the agenda to allow for a double session on the issue.

b. Faculty Self-Evaluation Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Feedback

Dr. Beyer did not receive feedback regarding the faculty self-evaluation. He recommended changing *SLOs* to **Learning Outcomes**. Due to lack of feedback the item will move forward with the union.

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Equivalencies (attachment)

Dr. Beyer reminded senators to bring equivalencies up to date. Expired equivalencies revert back to state minimum qualifications, which could be problematic when hiring new faculty.

12. SENATE ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 19-20, 2016	2016 Accreditation Institute	Marriott Mission Valley, San Diego
April 20-23, 2016	2016 Spring Plenary	Sacramento Convention Center
June 9-11, 2016	2016 Faculty Leadership Institute	Mission Inn, Riverside
July 7-9, 2016	2016 Curriculum Institute	Double Tree Hilton - Anaheim

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Academic Senate meeting of November 19, 2015 was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. by Dr. Ed Beyer, Academic Senate President.

2015-16 ACADEMIC SENATE MEETINGS & COMMITTEE REPORTS	
September 17, 2015 Program Review – Carol Eastin	November 5, 2015 Academic Policies & Procedures – Dr. Darcy Wiewall Outcomes Committee Report– Dr. Glenn Haller Legislative Report – Dr. Glenn Haller
October 1, 2015 Accreditation Committee Report – Tina McDermott	November 19, 2015 Program Review Report – Carol Eastin Accreditation Committee – Tina McDermott Distance Ed & Technology – Perry Jehlicka
October 15, 2015	December 3, 2015 Faculty Professional Development – Kathryn Mitchell

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