



**Los Rios Community College District  
District Academic Senate  
2017-2018**

DAS President ..... Carlos López  
 ARC President ..... Gary Aguilar  
 CRC President ..... Shannon Mills  
 FLC President ..... Paula Haug  
 SCC President ..... Troy Myers

**District Office**  
 Main Conference Room  
 Tuesday, February 20, 2018  
 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Approved Minutes**

Roster			
Carlos Lopez	FLC	DAS President	X
Dan Crump	ARC	DAS Secretary	X
Gary Aguilar	ARC	AS President	X
Alisa Shubb	ARC	AS Vice President	X
Janay Lovering	ARC	AS Secretary	X
Tony Giusti	ARC	AS Past President	X
Shannon Mills	CRC	AS President	X
Constance Carter	CRC	AS Vice President	Excused
Donnisha Lugo	CRC	AS Secretary	Excused
Julie Oliver	CRC	AS Past President	Excused
Paula Haug	FLC	AS President	X
Tina Royer	FLC	AS Vice President	
Francis Fletcher	FLC	AS Secretary	X
Troy Myers	SCC	AS President	X
Steve Cirrone	SCC	AS Vice President	X
Gayle Pitman	SCC	AS Secretary	X
Ginni May	SCC	AS Past President	Excused
Dyan Pease	SCC	District Curriculum Coordinating Committee (DCCC)	X
Alice Dieli	SCC	District Educational Technology Committee (DETC)	X

Judy Mays	ARC	District Matriculation & Student Success Committee (DMSSC)	
KC Boylan	FLC	Los Rios Colleges Federation of Teachers (LRCFT)	X
Guests:			
Tamal Wonnell	ARC	Faculty	X

## Preliminaries

### 1. Call to Order at 3:05pm

- Introduction of Guests---Wonnell noted she was interested in the AB 705 discussion.
- Approval of the Agenda---none
- Announcements---none
- Approval of the Minutes (February 6)---approved.
- Public Comment---none

## Information Items

### 1.Recap of February Board of Trustees meeting

Three action items:

- 1) contract with Ad Astra, for enterprise scheduling, was approved for \$1.8 million, with a Spring 2019 implementation; Student Experience Lifecycle on hold for the present.
- 2) contract with 3fold Communications for 1-5 years (\$265k/year);
- 3) contract with Wesco Graphics---prints “Los Rios Matters” sent out to 600,000+ homes in the district---for 5 years (\$108,900/year).

### 2.AB 705 Implementation Support and Coordination Team (Lopez)

Lopez is co-chairing (with Vice Chancellor Nye). At the February 13 meeting, the Team heard updates from discipline work groups. He noted that much of the time was in discussion about math, especially assessment tests. Even if placing based on GPA, Math still sees need for assessment (as a data point). There have been some tentative agreements and are not being shared with feeder high schools at this time. There are tentative agreements about GPA, and consistent among the disciplines, but are not being shared at this time until they are finalized. It was also noted that Math will need to work on curriculum for scaffolding and support systems, on which English has already started.

It was also noted that assessment tests can be a multiple measure, but it is likely that the state Board of Governors will not be approving any assessment tests.

Lopez noted that all these changes will have heavy ramifications for scheduling, especially in courses that will have co-requisites.

### 3.District International Education Committee Membership Update

Kamau Kinuthia, Economics faculty member at ARC, has been appointed as chair of the District International Education Committee. ARC is currently the host (5-year timespan) of the Study Abroad Program and Tammy Montgomery is the administrator for the committee. DAS will ask that the International Education committee revise its membership document to reflect this change.

Decision Items - none

Discussion Items

1. District Budget Update and Changes to Funding Formula (Lopez)

Lopez provided a handout from School Services of California (Attachment A) which gave background on several aspects of the Governor's proposed budget, including a new funding formula for the California Community Colleges.

The proposed funding formula is composed of a Base Grant (based on enrollment), a Supplemental Grant (based on number of low-income students that the district enrolls), and a Student Success Initiative Grant that would reward a college's progress on improving student success metrics.

Lopez noted that we will not be getting credit for successful students who leave us without getting a degree or certificate and that we will be making greater efforts to have students leave Los Rios with a degree or certificate.

2. LRCCD Technology Accessibility Compliance Review (Aguilar)

CampusWorks is a consulting firm that is working to help LRCCD assess its compliance with state and federal accessibility requirements. Aguilar noted that the goal is to define accessibility (looking for things such as broken links, alt-text, and tables without headers) and then to provide tools to assure compliance. Consultant feels that it will be most effective if they have access to Canvas environment. It was suggested that the access be like that of a student (to get the best experience for accessibility).

The importance of notifying faculty when a check occurs was emphasized. If it is done right, nobody will have an idea that it has been done. And, in no way, should the information be attached to a faculty member or college.

It was also noted that the district is working with LRCFT for an MOU (meeting next week).

In a response to a question of whether on-ground faculty will be surveyed for accessibility (as accessibility is not just an online issue, but also for on-ground classes), it was noted that they are first starting to focus on our Learning Management System (Canvas) and the college/district websites.

Aguilar is DAS representative for the Task Force.

Specific thing about the audit---waiting for conversations with LRCFT. Referencing the concerns that arose with the previous audit for regular and effective contract, it was noted that there needs to be clear communication to the faculty about this.

Action:

Aguilar to share the charge of the Task Force with DAS.

3. Policy Changes for Supplemental Questions on Faculty Applications: Impact and Solution Options (Lopez)

After the 2/6 DAS meeting, Lopez met with Ryan Cox and Mellonie Richardson to discuss faculty applications and specifically supplemental questions. At the meeting another option was proposed to include supplemental questions. The new proposal involves creating a list of ten vetted and approved supplemental questions that hiring committees would be able to include in faculty applications. The stock questions would be part of a drop-down menu that department chairs would access to select which questions to include. Lopez asked if DAS is interested in creating a workgroup to create the questions for future faculty applications. DAS prefers to wait to see how the current change impacts applicant pools. The current adjustment to include supplemental questions is to wait until the position closes, then send all

applicants the supplemental questions. Applicants will have a deadline to submit their responses in order to begin the screening process.

There is an interest to eventually create a workgroup to work on the questions and to revise the hiring manual. It was noted that the hiring manual, policy and regulations include language about supplemental questions. It was suggested that Lopez invite Victoria Rosario and Susan Slager to explain the reasoning of changes to policy on supplemental questions and equity on applications.

Action:

Lopez to invite Slager and Rosario to a DAS meeting.

## Reports

### 1.Meeting with Chancellor

Discussed Funding formula and Fully Online Community College (FOCC)---Thomas Greene is on the design team. It will be competency-based and the state Board of Governors will be the initial board of trustees.

King noted that the district will not oppose the funding formula or the Fully Online College.

### 2.College Academic Senate President Reports

ARC---discussion about, in regards to “local” associate degrees, of choosing a general education (GE) pattern that best meets their goal, i.e. using CSU GE and IGETC as opposed (or in addition) to current local GE patterns.

CRC---guided pathways reports back to the senate.

FLC---1) would like discussion of the graduation requirement for reading competency for the local associate degree.

2) Where do the guided pathways committees “live” in your college governance structure? ARC has a Student Success Council. SCC has Guided Pathways Committee which reports directly to the President (grew out of their IEPI grant). It was also noted that there is a senate committee---Partnership & Pathways Task Force---which is charged with looking at any pathways. CRC---four committees under a steering committee.

SCC---senate today passed two resolutions (Attachment B), one in opposition to the Fully Online Community College and the other in opposition to performance-based funding. Myers requested that the other senates possibly discuss the resolutions.

3. District Curriculum Coordinating Committee (DCCC) (Pease)---no report

4. District Matriculation & Student Success Committee (DM&SSC) (Mays)---no report

5. District Educational Technology Committee (DETC) (Dieli)—no report

6. Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) (May)---no report

7. Los Rios College Federation of Teachers (LRCFT) (Presidents/Perrone)---the Union News newsletter is back!

Future Agenda Items

1. DACA Rapid Response Team Report / Update on requests from La Comunidad
2. Mobile Device Management 2. Professional Development
3. Online Education Initiative (OEI) Exchange Update (Dieli)
4. Update of Research into Noncredit Viability at LRCCD (Crump, May)
5. Interests and Options in reviewing the Graduation Requirements (particularly reading and physical education) for the local associate degrees.

Future Events

**Next DAS meeting – March 6, 3:00-5:00, DO**

- LRCCD Board of Trustees Meeting, March 14, Cosumnes River College
- ASCCC 2018 Accreditation Institute, February 23-24, Anaheim
- ASCCC Area A Meeting, March 23, Merced College
- ASCCC 2018 Spring Plenary Session, April 12-14, San Mateo Marriott
- ASCCC 2018 CTE Leadership Institute, May 4-5, Southern California
- ASCCC Faculty Leadership Institute, June 14-16, Sheraton Park Hotel, Anaheim
- ASCCC Curriculum Institute, July 11-14, Southern California

Adjourned at: 4:56pm

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Attachment A: Governor’s Proposed Budget (Community College Update from School Services of California)

Attachment B: Resolutions from SCC Academic Senate  
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