



**Los Rios Community College
District Academic Senate
2019-2020**

DAS President	Gary Aguilar
ARC President	Alisa Shubb
CRC President	Gregory Beyrer
FLC President	Paula Haug
SCC President	Gayle Pitman

Tuesday, September 3, 2019
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
District Office,
Main Conference Room

Approved Minutes

Gary Aguilar	ARC	DAS President	X
Dan Crump	ARC	DAS Secretary	X
Alisa Shubb	ARC	AS President	X
Janay Lovering	ARC	AS Vice President	X
Amy Gaudard	ARC	AS Secretary	X
	ARC	AS Past President	
Greg Beyrer	CRC	AS President	X
Scott Crosier	CRC	AS Vice President	X
Teresa Aldredge	CRC	AS Secretary	X
Julie Oliver	CRC	AS Past-President	X
Paula Haug	FLC	AS President	X
Eric Wada	FLC	AS Vice President	X
Francis Fletcher	FLC	AS Secretary	X
Carlos Lopez	FLC	AS Past President	Excused
Gayle Pitman	SCC	AS President	X
Lori Petite	SCC	AS Vice President	X
Sandra Guzman	SCC	AS Secretary	X
Troy Myers	SCC	AS Past President	X
Dyan Pease	SCC	DCCC	X
Alice Dieli	ARC	DETC	X
Angelena Lambert	SCC	DM&SSC	X
Robert Perrone		LRCFT	
Guests:			

Preliminaries

1. Call to Order
 - Introduction of Guests---none.
 - Approval of the Agenda---approved.
 - Approval of Minutes (May 7, 2019)---approved.
 - Public Comment (3 minutes per person as time permits)---none.

Information Items

2. Update: Online Course Design Coordinators

The job description was designed and interviews were conducted over the summer. Three appointees noted in August Board of Trustees agenda---Jena Trench (CRC), Angela Prelip (FLC), Nicole Wooley (SCC)

3. Sacramento Grand Jury Report: [Los Rios Community College School District's Student Achievement Challenge: The Premise and the Promise](#)

It was noted that, at the DAS Retreat, we offered to help Chancellor King and Board President Knight with any response to the report.

4. [Institute for Equity in Faculty Hiring](#), (October 4, West Sacramento Community Center)

Aguilar noted that attended at the Institute will count for “Hiring the Best” equity training. There are spaces available for 50 faculty from each of the colleges.

5. District Academic Senate Retreat Recap / Future Agenda Items

DAS members had the opportunity to meet with Board President John Knight and Board member Tami Nelson and had a good conversation on communication between DAS and the Board. Also good discussion later on with Chancellor King and part of his executive staff---Deputy Chancellor Jamey Nye, Vice Chancellor (Finance & Administration) Mario Rodriguez, Associate Vice Chancellor (Information Technology) Tamara Armstrong, and Associate Vice Chancellor (Human Resources) Jake Knapp.

Future Agenda Item---explore time at one of the next Board Retreats for DAS to discuss the role of the academic senate.

Decision Items

None

Discussion Items

6. Update: Matriculation and Student Success Committee Restructure

DM&SSC Chair Lambert reported that she and Associate Vice Chancellor (Educational Services and Student Success) Melanie Dixon have concluded to use the Fall semester to review proposed changes for the committee and come back to DAS later in the semester with a proposal/plan for a more effective and efficient structure for the committee. Aguilar also noted that this would be a change in District Policies and Regulations.

7. Update: Workload Issues for Matriculation/Equity Senate Positions

DAS had a robust discussion of the interrelations of traditional matriculations activities and Guided Pathways Program activities, and also the primary role of faculty (academic senates) in both matriculation and Guided Pathways. It was noted that each college has a different structure on how Guided Pathways is being implemented and this has affected the funding for faculty actions.

8. Update: Visit to [Houston Community College's Solution Design Center](#) (Collaboratorium)

A group (including Aguilar, Myers and Shubb) visited during the summer. It was reported that the physical structures were impressive, but also that “buildings don’t create innovation.” Collaborative design is the use of facilitators to identify a problem to be solved and to come up with suggested solutions or activities to be planned. It was noted that the idea of collaborative design is conceptually different from what we do

here in Los Rios, and emphasized that any use of this type of collaborative design is not to be a device to supplant the current governance structure in Los Rios. In response to a query from Chancellor King is this idea is worth exploring more, the answer was “yes” (to exploring) if it helps us with planning.

9. Report Back: Convocation Safety Training

Reactions varied across the colleges---both positive and negative---and also varied about the effectiveness of the presentations.

Convocation in general---need to have the conversation about who plans convocation activities.

Reports

10. Meeting with Deputy Chancellor Nye

Most of meeting was in regards to AB 705 issues and the use of high school GPA for English and math transfer-level courses (2.6 at CRC and 3.0 at the other three colleges), and the intent of Nye to request the AB 705 Workgroup to approve a 2.6 GPA for all four colleges. Robust discussion at DAS included concerns that Nye was using districtwide data instead of college data. It was also noted that data presented by department chairs at one of the colleges draws different conclusions.

Next step: Presentation of data to AB 705 Workgroup (Aguilar is co-chair) and Aguilar will report back to DAS. It was emphasized that this change of GPA is a college decision.

11. College Academic Senate Presidents

ARC---none; CRC---retreat; FLC---none; SCC---looking at faculty hiring prioritization process

12. District Curriculum Coordinating Committee---no report.

13. District Matriculation & Student Success Committee---see Discussion Item #6

14. District Educational Technology Committee

15. Academic Senate for California Community Colleges---Chancellor Oakley will be attending the Area A meeting at Woodland College on October 11.