

District Academic Senate Meeting - Agenda

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

3-5 pm

Zoom Information

- Join Zoom Meeting
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Preliminaries

- Call to order
- Land Acknowledgement [listed at end of agenda]
- Welcome

Public Comment (up to 3 minutes per person as time permits)

The public may comment on any items within the DAS's jurisdiction, even if the items are not on the agenda, only during this portion of the meeting. However, the law prohibits action by the DAS on non-agenda items. Speakers are limited to up to three minutes. If you wish to speak to a particular item on the current DAS agenda, your comments will be taken up at the time the DAS takes up that item.

Consent Considerations

A member of the DAS may request that an item be removed for further discussion and separate action.

- DAS November 16, 2021 Agenda
- DAS November 2, 2021 Minutes
- Adoption of Findings Related to Public Meetings and Social Distancing Recommendations Pursuant to AB 361:

California Title 5 §53200 "10+1" 1. Curriculum, including establishing prerequisites 2. Degree and certificate requirements 3. Grading policies 4. Educational program development 5. Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success 6. College governance structures, as related to faculty roles 7. Faculty roles and involvement in the accreditation process 8. Policies for faculty professional development activities 9. Processes for program review 10. Processes for institutional planning and budget development 11. Other academic and professional matters as mutually agreed upon.

BACKGROUND:

On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361, which amended the Brown Act to provide local legislative bodies the ability to conduct virtual meetings under certain circumstances. The legislation included an urgency clause, which made it effective immediately.

AB 361 allows local legislative bodies to conduct virtual meetings during a state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor under certain conditions, including when “state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.”

If the state of emergency is ongoing, the local legislative body must adopt certain findings by majority vote every thirty days in order to continue using the virtual meeting rules under AB 361.

On September 28, 2021, the Sacramento County Division of Public Health issued a “Teleconferencing Recommendation” memo, which provides in part:

Since March 2020, local legislative bodies, including commissions, committees, boards, and councils, have successfully held public meetings with teleconferencing as authorized by Executive Orders issued by the Governor of California. Using technology to allow for virtual participation in public meetings is a social distancing measure that may help control transmission of the SARSCoV-2 virus. Public meetings bring together many individuals (both vaccinated and potentially unvaccinated), from multiple households, in a single indoor space for an extended time. For those at increased risk for infection, or subject to an isolation or quarantine order, teleconferencing allows for full participation in public meetings, while protecting themselves and others from COVID-19.

Utilizing teleconferencing options for public meetings is an effective and recommended social distancing measure to facilitate participation in public affairs and encourage participants to protect themselves and others from COVID-19. This recommendation is further intended to satisfy the requirement of the Brown Act (specifically Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(A)), which allows local legislative bodies in the County of Sacramento to use certain available teleconferencing options set forth in the Brown Act.

RECOMMENDATION:

Consistent with the Sacramento County Division of Public Health’s September 28, 2021 memo, It is recommended that the District Academic Senate (DAS) adopt the finding “that state or local officials continue to impose or recommend social distancing measures.”

DAS President’s Report (10 minutes)

- Review of meetings and answering of any clarification questions.

Decision Items (15 minutes per item)

1. DAS Constitution and Bylaws-Second Reading
 - a. Consideration of the draft proposals for a new DAS Constition and new Bylaws completed during the 2020-2021 academic year by the DAS work group. [shared as separate documents]
2. LRCCD Equivalency Committee-Regulation 5123-Second Reading
 - a. Second reading of proposed revision to R-5123 creating an equivalency committee at the district level. [shared as a separate document]

Discussion Items (15 minutes per item)

1. [Fall 2021 ASCCC Plenary](#)
 - a. Time to share any feedback from the Fall Plenary Nov 4-5, 2021.
2. ACUE Professional Development [TIME CERTAIN 3:30]
 - a. Review of the offering of the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) training session, "Effective Online Teaching Practices", for faculty in LRCCD.
3. Equity Training Proposal from Work Group
 - a. Report back from college academic senates regarding the work group's proposal for mandatory equity training for faculty. [shared as a separate document]
4. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)
 - a. Time for reflection on how to infuse DEI work into everything associated with academic and professional matters.

Reports (5 minutes per item, as time permits)

- Meetings with Chancellor, Deputy Chancellor, etc.
- College Academic Senate Presidents
- District Curriculum Coordinating Committee (DCCC) (Giordano)
- District Equity & Student Success Committee (DESSC) (Anayah)
- District Educational Technology Committee (DETC) (Trench)
- Other meeting reports
 - AB705 (Oliver)
 - Accreditation (DACC) (Oliver)
 - Adjunct Hiring Manual (Crosier)
 - Accessibility (DAPIC)(Knudson)
 - Budget (Myers)
 - Calendar (Oliver)
 - Equivalency Task Group (Oliver)
 - Ethnic Studies Council (Cheshire/Heningburg)
 - Prison & Reentry Program (Crosier)
 - Other...
- Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC)
- Los Rios College Federation of Teachers (LRCFT) (Newman)

Future Agenda Items

- DAS Constitution & Bylaws-continued discussion on posed questions from work group
- Hyflex Scheduling-discussion of DETC and DCCC involvement in defining and operationalizing

Future Events

- Future DAS meetings- Dec 7
 - Spring 2022-Jan 18 (?), Feb 1 & 15, Mar 1 & 15, Apr 6 & 20, May 3
- [LRCCD Board of Trustees](#)
 - Enrolment Study Session Wednesday December 8, 2021, 4:30pm [in person]
 - Regular Meeting, Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 5:30pm [in person]
- [ASCCC events](#)-many other events and institutes are listed on the website

Supplemental Materials

None

Los Rios CCD Academic Senate Call to Action

Approved Tuesday November 17, 2020

The four Los Rios Colleges and the District Academic Senate support the Academic Senate of California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Fall 2019 Plenary Resolution “[Support Infusing Anti-Racism/No Hate Education in Community Colleges](#)”. Specifically, to the following Resolved statements from that resolution:

- denounce racism for its negative psychological, social, educational, and economic effects on human development throughout the lifespan;
- take steps to not only strive for a greater knowledge about and the celebration of diversity but also to support deeper training that reveals the inherent racism embedded in societal institutions in the United States, including the educational system, and asks individuals to examine their personal role in the support of racist structures and the commitment to work to dismantle structural racism; and
- infuse Anti- Racism/No Hate Education in all its activities and professional development opportunities to the degree that doing so is feasible.

To achieve this, our Academic Senates are committed to:

1. Include a discussion of anti-racism/no-hate education on agendas. Remembering that we do not have to have an answer to start a conversation.
2. Prioritize culturally responsive curricular redesign with our curriculum committees.
3. Acknowledge, without assigning blame, that the structure of our colleges houses the biases and prejudices of their founding times. Those biases have privileged some and disadvantaged others, particularly African American and LatinX communities.
4. Prioritize the evaluation of hiring and evaluation processes with an equity lens.
5. Request services from the ASCCC about any of these topics if needed.
6. Evaluate our academic senates and find the voices among our faculties missing in governance. Find ways to empower those voices.
7. Work with our administrations, classified professional colleagues, and students to find constructive ways students can express themselves about structural and historical biases that exist.

Land Acknowledgements

[ARC Indigenous Land Statement](#)

“We acknowledge the land which we occupy today as the traditional home of the Maidu and Miwok tribal nations. These sovereign people have been the caretakers of this land since time immemorial. Despite centuries of genocide and occupation, the Maidu and Miwok continue as vibrant and resilient Federally recognized tribes and bands. We take this opportunity to acknowledge the generations that have gone before as well as the present-day Maidu and Miwok people.”

[CRC Land Acknowledgement](#)

“We pause to acknowledge that Cosumnes River College sits on the land of Miwok and Nisenan people. We remember their continued connection to this region and give thanks to them. We offer our respect to their Elders and to all Miwok and Nisenan people of the past and present.”

FLC Land Acknowledgement

“We respectfully acknowledge the land currently occupied by Folsom Lake College as the traditional home of the sovereign Nisenan, Maidu and Miwok peoples who have a unique and enduring relationship stewarding this land since time immemorial. Despite colonization, occupation and genocide, the Nisenan, Maidu and Miwok people continue and thrive in their resilience and self-determination. We celebrate and recognize our Nisenan, Maidu and Miwok tribal neighbors and honor their sustained existence.”

SCC Land Acknowledgement

“We acknowledge the land currently occupied by Sacramento City College as the traditional home of the Maidu, Miwok and Nisenan people. These sovereign people have been caretakers of the area since time immemorial. Despite centuries of genocide and occupation, the Maidu, Miwok and Nisenan people continue as vibrant and resilient federally recognized and unrecognized tribes, bands, and rancherias. Today, we honor and recognize our Maidu, Miwok and Nisenan tribal neighbors for their contributions as the caretakers of the Sacramento Valley and honor their sustained existence. It is with their blessing and continued guidance that Sacramento City College seeks to provide an accessible, equitable, and supportive institution of learning and experience.”