

District Academic Senate (DAS) Minutes

Tuesday, February 4, 2025 - 3:00 -5:00 pm

Los Rios District Office Main Conference Room

[Remote Participation Link](#) Meeting ID: 852 1262 3490 Passcode: losrios

Members Present

DAS

- Paula Cardwell, President

ARC Academic Senate

- Brian Knirk, President
- Veronica Lopez, Vice President
- Jeff Sacha, Secretary
- Alisa Shubb, Past President

CRC Academic Senate

- Jacob Velasquez, President
- Lauren Wagner, Vice President
- Eric Anderson, Secretary
- Scott Crosier, Past President

FLC Academic Senate

- Eric Wada, President
- Wayne Jensen, Vice President
- Lisa Danner, Secretary
- Paula Cardwell, Past President

SCC Academic Senate

- Amy Strimling, President
- Ilana Johnson, Vice President
- Nadine Kirkpatrick, Secretary
- Lori Petite, Past President

Preliminaries

1. Welcome/Call to order
2. SCC Land Acknowledgement was read by Amy Strimling
3. Approval of Agenda
 - Agenda was approved
4. Approval of Minutes
 - Dec. 17, 2024 minutes were approved
 - Jan. 21, 2025 minutes were approved
5. Introduction of guests
 - Sang Sertich, CRC Math

6. Public Comment Period (up to 3 minutes per speaker)

No public comments

7. DAS President's Report

1. Academic Calendars
 - a. There was concern about the high number of Monday holidays this semester. DAS President asked Deputy Chancellor Nye if it's possible to please communicate the draft academic calendars earlier, so that constituents have a chance to provide input before they are approved. He says yes, they will communicate earlier for future calendars.
 - b. What autonomy does the academic calendar group have in terms of determining when to take off Monday holidays, if they are Federal or State holidays?
 - i. Unclear. DAS President will find out.
2. Spring 25 Area A and Plenary Dates
 - a. Area A - March 21, 2025, online
 - b. Plenary - April 24-26, Irvine
3. Chancellor's Cabinet meeting
 - a. Discussions of the budget, DeepSeek, Nvidia chips, and AI
 - b. Fraudulent enrollments: 54% of our applications are fraudulent.

Information Items

1. The March in March will occur on March 3. LRCFT will share more details soon.

Consent Items

(Any member of the DAS may request an item be removed for further discussion and separate action).

- Approval of remote attendees

Committee Reports

(Written reports will be posted to Canvas supporting material section and included in subsequent meeting minutes)

1. District Curriculum Coordinating Committee (DCCC) – Renee Medina
 - a. Two main issues they're working on: revisions to Board regulations and Common Course Numbering. The CCN coordinators have begun their work. Phase II will begin soon.
2. District Equity & Student Success Committee (DESSC) – TBA
 - a. Discussions of how the Basic Needs Committees will have representation on this committee, since all the colleges have different approaches to Basic Needs services.
 - b. AI conduct policies. AI issues are becoming more prevalent, and there are some misunderstandings regarding policy. For example, an administrator on the committee asserted that if a student was accused of plagiarizing AI, in the event of an appeal, the faculty member would have to prove that AI was used. DAS President believes this is not correct, and indeed the reverse is true: it would be

incumbent on the student to prove that misconduct did NOT occur. It is important to have faculty representation on this committee.

3. District Educational Technology Committee (DETC) – Morgan Murphy
 - a. Zoom Cloud Recordings - Update from October 2024 meeting:
 - i. Beginning on October 2, 2025, Zoom cloud recordings will be deleted based on the following schedule:
 1. October 2, 2025: Recordings made prior to August 1, 2024, will be deleted.
 2. July 1, 2026: Recordings from August 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, will be deleted.
 3. July 1, 2027: Recordings from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, will be deleted.
 4. Annual deletions on July 1 for recordings made over one (1) year prior.
 5. Message with instructions and alternatives previewed at meeting, to be shared from DOIT in the near future.
 - ii. Testing OKTA to replace DUO for a rollout between Spring and Summer semesters
 - iii. Will simplify sign-ons and cover Canvas behind MFA
 - iv. More information and trainings to follow
 - b. OKTA Rollout
4. Prison & Reentry Education Program Committee (PREP) – Kalinda Jones
 - a. Admin did not give the PREP committee advanced notice about the decision to move PREP to FLC.
 - b. The committee will meet later this week.
5. Ethnic Studies Council – Tami Cheshire - on hiatus
6. Instructional Accessibility Committee - Beki Mendel
 - a. The DIAC will have its first meeting of Spring 2025 on February 10. DIAC sent a proposal to begin the [Accessibility Capability Maturity Model](#) process with the CCC Accessibility Center. The proposal has gone to the local college academic senates for input and review. DAS will then do a final review in early March.
7. District Affordable Learning Materials Committee – Andi Adkins Pogue
 - a. Amy Strimling: What about something like fingerprinting
 - b. Further exploration of how to handle this in CTE
 - c. It's reasonable for faculty to say what is required for the class, but it's not reasonable to ask faculty to find the cost.
 - i. Sarah will send around the documentation the DALMC has created and see if that answer is in there

Other Committee Reports

1. Program Placement Council (PPC) – Paula
2. LRCFT – Jason Newman
3. AB 1705 Work Group

- a. [Meeting notes from December 13, 2024](#)
- b. [Meeting notes from January 13, 2025](#)

Decisions

(10-15 minutes per item)

1. [Proposed revision R-3412](#) (proposed strike-through of Competency Committees). First reading.
2. [Proposed revision of R-7241](#) (proposed strike-through of Competency Committees). First reading
3. [Proposed revision of R-7241](#) (proposed change to allow continuing students to use any GE pattern for a local AA/AS degree). First reading

Renee Medina gave a brief overview of these proposed revisions.

Discussion

(10-15 minutes per item)

1. Proposed meeting structure with Vice Chancellor/Chancellor
 - a. The Senate presidents meet regularly with the Chancellor and Vice Chancellors. They also sometimes meet with just the Deputy Chancellor and Vice Chancellors.
 - b. Meetings with the Deputy Chancellor and Vice Chancellor tend to be fairly productive. It is a good time to raise important issues
 - c. Recently, a suggestion was made that going forward, this group does not meet with the Chancellor. The College Academic Senate Presidents are not required to meet with the Chancellor. (The DAS President *does* need to meet with the chancellor on a regular basis, per the DAS bylaws).
 - d. By stating we will not meet with the Chancellor, we would be potentially violating Board Policy 3412, which states that *"In order to facilitate the consultation process, there shall be regularly scheduled meetings between representatives of the District Academic Senate and the designee of the Board of Trustees."*
 - i. Opinion: The DAS Resolution of No Confidence says that we no longer recognize the Chancellor as the Board's designee, and asks the Board to appoint a new designee. Therefore, the requirement to meet with the Chancellor is null and void.
 - ii. Opinion: these meetings with the Chancellor, which often have no agenda, have been taken to be a replacement for collegial consultation. The only requirement is that there are regular meetings; not that they are productive, or that there is an effective agenda, or that collegial consultation takes place.

- e. Opinion: there is little value in holding meetings with the Chancellor without an agenda
- f. Opinion: The meetings with the Vice Chancellors are typically helpful and productive
- g. Opinion: let the Board know the DAS does not find value in meeting with the Chancellor because nothing has changed in his behavior since the votes of no confidence. Make it clear to the Board what they see as the issues with the meetings - for example, he has not brought a single agenda item to the DAS. Opportunity to share this semester's collegial consultation report and point out that there have not been productive collegial consultation conversations.
- h. The Chancellor's current contract ends on June 30, 2026.
- i. DAS has been asking for years for productive collegial consultation. The Chancellor and other administrators have declined to provide such.
- j. Opinion that it's important to keep these meetings on the calendar and ensure there is more transparency. DAS President will make a request that future meetings have an agenda and are productively working toward collegial consultation and participation from all parties (and are not primarily a lecture about the Chancellor's favorite audiobook).
- k. Opinion that it is important to continue to meet with the Chancellor.
- l. Suggestion: create norms, goals, and expectations for the meetings. That way, when off-topic items come up, the discussion can be redirected back to the norms. It's important to reinforce and repeat the norms.
- m. Suggestion: include a summary of the meetings in DAS President Board reports.
- n. Has there been any follow up on the IEPI?
 - i. No, the DAS President has not heard any updates

2. Board of Trustees request for college actions relating to AI

- a. There was a comment from a Board member at the end of the November meeting - wondering about the status of AI policies/actions at the colleges.
- b. Deputy Chancellor Nye will clarify this request with the Board, and will also bring up the topic with the CEOs.
- c. There is intersection of AI issues and 10+1
- d. Opinion: regardless of what we are invited or asked to do, DAS & faculty should assert our 10+1 responsibilities and decide how we want to participate in making AI recommendations that relate to 10+1.

3. Proposed AB1705 Ad Hoc Math Implementation Task Force

- a. [Draft Task Force Charter](#)
- b. Background: this group met for several semesters during the AB 705 implementation. Once AB 1705 was passed, the group started meeting again. It has been a brainstorming space and a place to talk through the intricacies of the laws and options for implementing them at the Colleges.
- c. In November 2024, there was an incident where the Deputy Chancellor misunderstood the AB 1705 requirements and consulted only with the VPIs to confirm his misunderstanding. The VPIs did not have accurate information either. The Deputy Chancellor then abruptly announced to the Math deans that all sections of Math 333 scheduled for Spring 2025 must be cancelled. This was not correct, and math faculty and

deans across the college scrambled to correct this mistake. (See the [December 3, 2024 DAS minutes](#)).

- d. Meanwhile, the AB 1705 group had a clear understanding of the issues involved, and could have shared this information with the Deputy Chancellor had he consulted with them.
- e. There is a need to capture the notes and recommendations of the AB 1705 Task Force so that incidents like the Math 333 debacle do not happen again.
- f. Should the group be a DAS subcommittee?
 - i. The consensus of DAS was that yes, this group would be more effective and its recommendations would carry more weight if it were a DAS subcommittee
 - 1. If the group wanted to recommend that colleges can have different placement rules for math courses, that recommendation would carry more weight coming from a DAS-led group.
 - ii. Concerns that the group also discusses aspects that are not related to 10+1
 - iii. Concerns that the group wants to be able to continue as it has, and not have an added layer of approval
 - 1. Opinion: becoming a DAS subcommittee would not add a layer of approval, but it WOULD add a level of authority & weight to the recommendations of the group
 - 2. If they are an independent task force, where does their authority come from?
- g. There is an interest in making sure the careful deliberations of the AB 1705 group are respected and implemented faithfully
- h. Concern: the committee should be faculty weighted
- i. Opinion: this group should not be a voting body, but an idea-generating, record-keeping body. The records then need to be housed & maintained somewhere.
- j. This group could provide reports to the DAS, and would charge the DAS with the keeping of the reports

4. District Committee Vacancies

- a. Our [district committee roster](#) is out of date. We need to update the rosters and appoint some new members
- b. [Google Doc with list of vacancies](#)
- c. DESSC in particular has a lot of vacancies
- d. Can we get the days and times that the committees meet?
 - i. Many of the committee meeting times can be found at the bottom of each DAS agenda - upcoming events
- e. Challenge with committee appointments is knowing what people's terms are. It would be helpful to have the term info in the committee roster.
- f. It would be helpful to have a discussion on how we make committee appointments
- g. Set clear expectations for updating agendas and minutes
- h. Would be helpful to make appointments in May for the next Fall

Items from Colleges for District Academic Senate Consideration

- Students on hiring committees (ARC)
 - Currently the [Faculty Hiring Manual](#) is vague on the expectations of student members. What training do they receive? Which meetings are they expected to attend? Can they rank if they do not attend the interviews for all candidates?
 - DAS President will invite Carrie Bray (HR) to a future meeting to discuss this issue
 - Idea: invite the Union to this meeting as well

Future Returning Items:

- R-7421 Work Experience Education Regulation (Second reading)
- Proposed revision R-7151 International Education (Second reading)
- DIAC Proposal re: ACMM (Second reading)
- Baccalaureate Degree Exploration/Feasibility
- Noncredit Feasibility

Upcoming Meetings / Events

1. Feb. 6, PREP Committee 9 am
2. Feb. 12, Board Meeting, American River College, 5:30 pm
3. Feb. 18, DAS Meeting 3-5 pm
4. March 3, The March in March, 2 pm
5. March 17-21: Spring Break
6. March 21: Area A Meeting
7. April 24-26, ASCCC Spring Plenary, Irvine

Land Acknowledgements

[Los Rios Community College District Indigenous Land Acknowledgment Statement](#)

“In the spirit of community and social justice, we acknowledge the land on which our four colleges reside as the traditional homelands of the Nisenan, Maidu, and Miwok tribal nations. These sovereign people have been the caretakers of the health of the rivers, the wildlife, the plant life, and the overall eco-social balance in the greater Sacramento region since time immemorial.

Despite centuries of genocide and occupation, the Nisenan, Maidu, and Miwok continue as vibrant and resilient tribes and bands, both Federally recognized and unrecognized. Tribal citizens of these nations continue to be an active and important part of our Los Rios college community. We take this opportunity to acknowledge the land and our responsibility to the original peoples, the present-day Nisenan, Maidu, and Miwok tribal nations.”

[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.”

Voting Template

Issue:			
ARC		FLC	
Knirk		Wada	
Lopez		Jensen	
Sacha		Danner	
Shubb		Cardwell	
CRC		SCC	
Velasquez		Strimling	
Wagner		Johnson	
Anderson		Kirkpatrick	
Crosier		Petite	