



SANTA MONICA COLLEGE  
ACADEMIC  
SENATE

Minutes

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

11:15am-12:35pm, Business Building Room 144

**I. Call to Order 11:20 am**  
**Approval of Agenda**

Motion: Brenda Antrim  
Second: Jenny Resnick  
Passed unanimously at 11:22 am

**II. Public Comments**

Yvonne Ortega: the Life Sciences Dept. has proposed a food science course, but no kitchen is available on campus. They would like to partner with faculty in other departments who might also make use of a teaching kitchen. Faculty were urged to contact Yvonne if they are interested.

Associated Students' President, Jesse Randal, and his AS colleagues spoke about the difficulty of finding students to serve on the AS while taking a minimum of 8 units (AR4420). Eight units are especially difficult for STEM students and students with disabilities. AS recommends that the unit minimum be reduced or that being on the board should count as units. A five-unit minimum is all that is required in Title 5.

Kymia Mahjouri, Kishore Athreya also addressed the issue, asking the Academic Senate to change the relevant AR (4420). It was stressed that the AR would supersede the AS Constitution.

**III. Major Items of Business**

**A. Department Chair Election Results, M. Mazorow**

Names have been forwarded to the interim President. She hopes the appointees will be announced by the end of today.

**B. [Tabled from previous meeting: Second Read of AR 4342 Standards of Student Success—Probation and Disqualification, A. Tower](#)**

Esau Tovar and Laurie Guglielmo were invited to speak. They would like to change the AR wording to reflect gender neutrality and to aid students receiving a fee waiver.

Laurie gave a brief historical overview of the policy from a counseling perspective. The department most recently first discussed this issue in 2004. Counseling made gradual changes, along with the Student Affairs Committee. In 2009, the department streamlined the policy, allowing students to continue if they showed progress. The previous three-layered system required 75% completion. A majority of Counseling voted to change to 60%, a policy that has been in effect for 3-4 years. We can now examine this data to see if it's working. The early intervention program has been proved by Institutional Research to be effective.

One substantial change is coming up: in fall 2016, California state law will say that students on probation cannot receive a fee waiver.

Motion to move off the table from Exec.  
Second—Lucy Kluckhohn-Jones  
No: Jacqueline Scott  
Passed at 12:00 pm

Motion to bring to the floor from Exec.  
Second—Lucy Kluckhohn-Jones  
Nos: Beatriz Magallon, Moya Mazorow  
Abs--1  
Passed at 12:01 pm

Motion to take back the AR to Student Affairs to further review the data for progress probation.  
Motion: Alicia Villapando  
Second: Jacqueline Scott  
No: Andrew Nestler  
Passed at 12:05 pm

**C. [First Read: AR 4111.5 Transfers from Other Colleges, A. Tower](#)**

Motion from Committee  
Second: Marc Trujillo  
Nos: Georgia Farber, Moya Mazorow, Pete Morris, Andrew Nestler, John Quevedo, Alicia Villapando  
Passed At 12:15 pm

**D. [SSSP Plan Update, E. Tovar](#)**

The update has been submitted to the Chancellor's office. It describes how SMC will provide core services, allocate program and institutional matching resources,

fulfill Title 5 requirements, and integrate the program with Student Equity and other planning processes.

**E. [December 10 Holiday Party, J. Jones](#)**

1510 Pico Blvd. 4-7 pm. The party is for senators, officers, executive committee members and their committees. Members were asked to bring new faculty members with them. The Board has also been invited as have Faculty Association leaders.

**F. [Curriculum Items, G. Del Piccolo](#)**

Motion from Committee:

Second: Moya Mazorow

Passed unanimously at 12:27 pm

**G. Consent Agenda Items Removed from Consent—none**

**IV. Consent Agenda.** Any item pulled from the consent agenda will be discussed as the last major item of business above.

**A. [Minutes of November 17, 2015](#)**

Motion from Exec

Second: Brenda Antrim

Passed unanimously at 12:28 pm

**V. President's Report/Information Items**

**A. Updates--None**

**VI. Announcements from the Floor**

**A. For Your Extra Credit Options in Spring 2016: Rock Music and Financial Literacy Presentation by Funding the Future and the Gooding Band, March 3, 2016, 11am-12:30pm Main Stage, The Business Department and J. Resnick. For more information, click [here \(http://fundingthefuturelive.org/\)](http://fundingthefuturelive.org/)**

We are the first community college to experience this event, and it is free to our students. Please announce it to your students and provide the link before finals. We want our students to learn more about financial literacy. Jenny also suggested giving extra credit to students for attendance if it would be appropriate in meeting student outcomes and/or course objectives.

**VII. Adjournment 12:32 pm**

**Next scheduled meeting, December 15, 2015, 11:10-11:50am, Business 144**