

Santa Monica College Academic Senate

Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2020

11:15 AM – 12:35 PM

I. Call to Order

M/S: A. Tower/D. Nasser

Passed: 11:18 AM

II. Public Comments

None

III. Approval of 6/9/20 and 9/1/20 Minutes

M/S. D. Nasser/G. Davison

Passed 11:29 AM

IV. Action Items

a. Curriculum (D. Nasser)

- i. Distance Ed (ANIM, DMPOST, ENGL, GAME, GEOL, GR DES, IXD)

Approved as a bloc: 11:32 AM

- ii. Online Delivery (ANIM, COSM, ET)

Approved as a bloc: 11:33 AM

N. Donahue notes some humanities faculty were concerned that, if they don't check box for emergency context, they will be compelled to deliver courses online when we return post-pandemic. A. Tower mentions that Jason Beardsley said Academic Affairs could insist that courses approved for online be offered online if there is student demand. N. Donahue will get clarity, doesn't want faculty to check emergency box because they're afraid they'll be forced to teach the class online in the future.

b. 20-21 Senate Goals & Objectives

- i. N. Donahue raises issue of college shrinking. P. Morse says union would oppose it.

- ii. N. Donahue discusses importance of trying to make sure Black and brown students can enroll in classes they want, even if they don't apply early. F. Faridian suggests another list beyond the wait list, so that academic affairs can see how much demand there is.
- iii. N. Donahue emphasizes the importance of faculty—in curriculum committee, in departments, etc.—discussing creation of non-credit supplemental courses, and pushing for that option if it's something they want.
- iv. J. London wonders what things we can do to prevent the college from shrinking. N. Donahue responds that we must advocate strongly in all the spaces we occupy. For example, we're being funded for FTEs during the hold-harmless period, but teaching hours are being cut, which is objectionable.
- v. J. Lynch asks about our OEI (Online Education Initiative) future. N. Donahue replies that the senate has voted to join CVC-OEI, but they haven't put out a call for colleges to join them, yet. But we are involved with them and ready to join them when they put out the call.
- vi. E. Oifer suggests assigning each item from our goals to a person or committee who can ensure progress toward the goal.
- vii. N. Donahue notes that Canvas DirectConnect will be rolling out soon. B. Antrim explains that Canvas DirectConnect is kind of like a FAQ for students.
- viii. N. Donahue notes the importance of getting ready for accreditation, which is a 10+1 responsibility (official responsibilities of academic senates in California).

V. Adjournment

M/S: B. Magallon/A. Tower

Passed: 12:36 PM

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Next scheduled meeting: Sept. 29th 11:15 AM – 12:35 PM Online Session