

# Foothill & District Academic Senate Minutes April 12, 2021

## Part 1 Foothill Academic Senate Meeting

### Agenda

1. Meeting called to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. Roll call

#### **Executive Committee**

Kathryn Maurer (President)  
Eric Kuenhl (Vice President)  
Robert Cormia (Sec/Treas)  
Alexis Aguilar  
Brian Murphy  
Cara Miyasaki  
David Marasco  
David McCormick  
Dixie Macias  
Donna Frankel  
Farima Fakoor  
Jordan Fong (absent)

Kerri Ryer  
Mary Thomas  
Matthew Litrus  
Milissa Carey  
Mimi Overton (absent)  
Rachelle Campbell (absent)  
  
Stephanie Chan  
Tracee Cunningham  
Voltaire Villanueva  
**Senate Liaisons**  
Carolyn Holcroft  
John Fox

Josh Pelletier  
Kristy Lisle  
Kurt Hueg  
Abhiraj Muhar  
**Guests**  
David Ulate  
Ellen Judd  
Hilary Gomes  
Katy Ripp  
Priya Vasu  
Ria Vidyasagar

3. The agenda (short 30-minute meeting due to District Senate meeting in a separate Zoom room immediately following) was approved by consensus. Comments on the April 5<sup>th</sup> minutes: Senator asked if we could specify a bit more in the minutes for the Mental Health Resolution, There was agreement that given the short meeting we would delay approving these minutes until the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, and Kathryn will reach out for assistance in getting proposed edits to this section.

4. No public comment

5. Approval of the consent calendar with [new appointments](#) was made by consensus.

6. Governance updates. Kathryn shared that two governance memos were sent out by President Nguyen that week, sent to all the Councils, include Admin Council, but not the senates. Kathryn urged senators to share these memos with their constituents, as both of them are likely of interest to most faculty. In the [one to E&E on Ethnic Studies](#), the President is proposing the creation of an Ethnic Studies division. In the one to [C&C on the Governance Assessment](#), the President is tasking C&C with potentially an entire governance redesign, and this does create some challenges f senate response on governance, decision-making and collegiality in action follow-up.

Kathryn also updated about the Advisory Council meeting on Friday April 9<sup>th</sup>, specifically the discussion on faculty prioritization, which was quite contentious and which many people in attendance were still talking about. She said it was a very challenging conversation, and did want to clarify some of the issues, as there seemed to be some confusion about the process. To

Advisory Council approved back in the fall (interim because the workgroup is still figuring out



5b: Ben Stefonik talked about [a proposal](#) prepared by the COOL committee to review the J1 and J2 for hybrid instruction. FA talked about their interest in looking at all of the faculty evaluation tools and processes in the next contract negotiations, which need to be completed by June 2022, so senate input is critical right now. There was other discussion about transition to a post COVID world, and what instruction is going to look like, and what faculty evaluation will need to consider. Some discussion also about what is different between classroom and online instruction? Comments about J1 and J2 for the evaluation of faculty in our virtual synchronous environment vs. asynchronous vs. hybrid (both). FA will be forming a workgroup and looking for appointments from both De Anza and Foothill senates soon.

5c: The Senate Officers shared the [ASCCC Resolutions Packet](#), to be voted on at the spring plenary meetings on April 17th.

6. There was no further discussion and the joint meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.