

## **Foothill & District Academic Senate Minutes May 24, 2021**

### **Part 1 Foothill Academic Senate Meeting**

#'s represent items numbered on the [Agenda](#)

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

2. Roll call

#### **Executive Committee**

Kathryn Maurer (President)

Eric Kuehnl (Vice President)

Robert Cormia (Sec/Treas)

Alexis Aguilar

Brian Murphy

Warren Voyce, also updating the Senate from the RTC council, brought information about making decisions. He reminded us that we agreed to bring back the in person Allied Health graduation. Many things were already approved by the council, we are now working with the deans, who are working with the faculty. Warren stated that the process is being followed, and there is an ability for faculty to bring their voice into the process.

Kathryn shared that there were a lot of changes made last week, Senate Leaders and FA met on Friday afternoon to discuss communication around the changes that were made last week, and who has authority to make decisions. Faculty felt they were not included in the process, which prompted a letter sent to Chancellor Miner and the College Presidents and VPI's.

John Fox spoke about worker safety as part of the FA purview, and saying that just because something was allowed doesn't mean that we should rush into it, and that faculty weren't consulted as decisions were made. Kathryn stated that faculty have a role in choosing modality, and there is a big difference in modality from division to division, which makes it a Senate issue.

### Foothill De Anza Housing Task Force

Eric Reed spoke about the District Affordable Housing Task Force and presented [the charter](#). Affordable housing sites are being explored, and topics to keep in consideration include equity, access, and success, proximity to transportation, and healthcare. The cost of housing, rent, etc. are driving the need to find housing solutions for students, staff, and faculty. Representatives from Foothill and De Anza participate in this effort. The context is that we passed Measure G a little over a year ago, and have \$200 million set aside to develop affordable housing.

### 7. Senate Constitution & By-Laws

Kathryn said we're at our final meeting for discussion of the constitution and review of the topics that will appear on the ballot. We've had discussion over the last three meetings and we need approval of the entire draft of the constitution, for the ballot, but there are two different versions, V1 and V2. She discussed the role of the administrative liaisons for the past 5 years, who have had at least one administrator (Kristy and/or Kurt) on the executive committee, who receive updates (agenda, documents) but are not mentioned in the current constitution. At the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Exec Committee voted to not add these administrator liaison positions as voting members of the Exec Committee, while moving to add others namely the ASFC President, Classified Senate President, Faculty Professional Development Coordinator and Faculty Chair of COOL, all as voting members. Although Exec moved to not make admin liaisons voting members, what we didn't discuss was whether or not to add them as non-voting members (i.e. with an advisory vote), and that's what we need to clarify today to approve the entire draft of the constitution that faculty will ratify in the general election starting Wednesday.

Kathryn said as President she would be more comfortable having the roles of (liaisons) non-voting members with an advisory vote. Formalizing their roles, but without explicit voting rights. Robert and Mary spoke about the importance of administrative voice and wanted that collaboration. Alexis read comments from faculty in the BSS division: having administrative liaisons is important, but the role of administrators hasn't always been supportive. Alexis shared results from the pole, 33% yes, 33 % no, and 33 % no opinion with respect to administrative liaison vote. One senator asserted the importance of looking toward the future, building bridges, and extending an olive branch to the administration.



[draft senate resolutions on OER](#), that helps address the need, and what resources the college might invest to make this happen. Carolyn mentioned that adopting and curating OER's is a tremendous amount of work, and should include reassigned time (stipends) and other types of compensation for faculty involved in this effort.

Goal is to make OER as easy for faculty to adopt as possible. She spoke about acting with intentionality to work with software like CourseLeaf - to create an OER inventory first for compliance with reporting, and second about how to think about how to include and create OERs. Importance of taking into account momentum at the state level. Mary Thomas spoke about the importance of both of the resolutions to support faculty and not demand anything.

Kathryn reminded the group that these resolutions are an outgrowth of the data we collected a couple of months ago, and

time for a first and second read, the need for refining the technical components such as separating browser lockdown from facial recognition. Ben commented that would have liked to have seen other assessment tools used or mentioned in this discussion and resolution. Kerri commented that if this software expires, COOL did acknowledge that some faculty currently using this software might be left hanging and or doing a lot of work to find a solution, and so the resolution also calls for offering immediately professional development support for these faculty. We will bring back this resolution for a second read/action on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Ben asked if it would still be possible to propose amendments, and Kathryn affirmed that it would be.

13. New Placement Process. Given the time (end of the meeting), Kathryn asked that the executive committee to look at [a memo](#) on (assessment and evaluation) and to let her know if there are any questions or concerns. She acknowledged needing the Senators' help assessing the impact of this memo, and if senate should raise any questions or concerns.

14. Announcements (for the good of the order)

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