

## **Foothill & District Academic Senate Minutes November 22, 2021**

### **DRAFT Minutes**

#### [Agenda](#)

1. Meeting called to order at 2:01 p.m. Kathryn was excited to share that we were holding our first true hybrid meeting, with herself and several senators on campus in Room 4006 of the KCI



Kathryn clarified that the list in front of us is not for senate approval-

understood that the ranked list can and likely will be changed by the president.

8. Supporting Trans Students. Fatai Heimuli (ASFC president) shared that this topic is of high priority to ASFC, representing all students at Foothill, and she was thankful for being allowed the space and time on the senate agenda for this important initiative. She said the group was present to communicate the importance of comprehensive professional development for all of faculty surrounding how to effectively support the LGBTQIA+ community present on this campus, but also here to continue discourse about how we as a Foothill College community, can do our part to make this place a more welcoming space for everyone regardless of the identities they carry and the barriers they may face. She expressed feeling honored to be formally introducing this agenda item topic, although not personally a member of the LGBTQIA+ community, she still considers herself an ally, and firmly believes in the acknowledgment of identify. Next, she wanted to introduce Skyler, a fellow Foothill College student who will be sharing his story today in hopes to further contextualize where we are coming from as concerned students but also to shed light on the challenges LGBTQIA+ students may face on college campuses.

Skyler Riordan (FH

Fatai asked senate to make this professional development a priority. She said that the high



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And Kurt said that yes,  
ed to reflect an interest to see us do more

that students could choose from a wide variety of classes that would fit their schedules.

Stephanie Chan asked if it was an appropriate time to share feedback to the return to campus brainstorming document we had produced at the November 8<sup>th</sup> senate meeting, and Kathryn invited her to do so. She said some constituents expressed more concerns over safety protocols on campus, for things like office hours, with tiny offices and in close quarters with students, or ventilation issues that may be affecting some areas. She also said there were questions about  
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we taking into consideration expert level guidelines on COVID safety?

Kurt said that regarding the ventilation question, he feels like this has been asked and answered over and over again, and is not sure where the concerns are continuing to come from. From the



question about the timeline, if we were going to do this now, or in winter. The answer was that given that we only have one more meeting this quarter, it will likely not be before winter.

13. Announcements: Cormia reminded everyone to be careful at Thanksgiving, the (COVID) Delta variant is out there.

14. Meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.