

Foothill & District Academic Senate Minutes September 27, 2021

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

1. Meeting called to order at 2:01 p.m.

2. Roll call

Executive Committee

Officers:

Kathryn Maurer (President)
Paul Starer (Exec VP)
Eric Kuehnl (VP Curriculum)
Robert Cormia (Sec/Treas)

Division Senators:

Alexis Aguilar
Brian Murphy
David Marasco
Donna Frankel

Ellen Judd
Frank Niccoli (absent)
Jeff Bissell
Jordan Fong
Katy Ripp
Kerri Ryer
Mary Thomas
Matthew Litrus
Mayra Palmerin-Aguilera
Milissa Carey
Patricia Crespo-Martin
Sara Cooper

Stephanie Chan
Tracee Cunningham
Voltaire Villanueva
Extended Exec Committee
Adrienne Hypolite
Ajani Byrd
Carolyn Holcroft
Fatai Heimuli
John Fox
Kurt Hueg

3. The agenda was adopted with a minor modification to allow for the flexibility of the start time of item #11 since we are going to be visited by Chancellor Miner and President Nguyen and need to adapt to their schedule, and understanding this also may affect the time and order we address the other items. June 7th and August 16th minutes were approved without edits. Sara Cooper and Adrienne Hypolite abstained from voting for the June 7th minutes; John Fox, Mary Thomas, Sara Cooper, Katy Ripp and Patricia Crespo-Martin abstained from voting for the August 16th minutes.

4. Governor Newsom signed AB 361 regarding public meetings and allowing for the suspension of some of the in-person requirements of the Brown Act. AB 361 stipulates there needs to be a State of emergency declared at the State level, as well as local determination that meeting in person would pose an imminent threat to health or safety. We anticipate asking senate to invoke AB 361 at our next meeting, but wanted to wait to piggy back on an FHDA Board of Trustees resolution they were expected to approve later during a special meeting of the Board.

5. Public comment: Kathryn explained that this is a standing agenda item and a requirement of the Brown Act. An opportunity for anyone who is not a m

process. Kathryn pulled the 9/27 appointments due to a change (Stephanie Chan will chair

a few letters being exchanged, she couldn't really see any progress, and wanted to know what specific progress had been made. Sara asked Judy and Thuy what their objectives were? Sara further commented that the list of objectives Kathryn commented on was only on the faculty (AS) side. Judy commented that her expectation of each of the presidents was that we have good working relationships as we ask "the tough questions" as we go to the District level of asking who we are, eg. being more student centric.

Thuy stated that she looks forward to having conversations with the Academic Senate where we can "be real" about issues, unpacking what the real issues are, and involving Rosa, Ellen, Jordan, Voltaire (extended leadership team). Kathryn commented that this (extended) group has met with Wally and we are still waiting to develop (await) the list of objectives from the administration. Thuy left the meeting.

We moved to a 5 minute break.

11. Continued. Kathryn showed [the matrix](#) detailing the status of all 9 asks of the senate letter, and explained that this is a document co-created with Simon Pennington with an agreement to only update it together – and last opportunity was September 7th, so slightly out of date. Kathryn explained that the AS summer cabinet took action on August 16th to prioritize the mediation with Wally (dialog with Thuy) over all other items. Importance of improving the relationship between the Academic Senate and Cabinet. Kathryn stated that at this time there were no further mediated sessions scheduled between AS president or extended leadership team, and President Nguyen or Cabinet.

Paul Starer commented that he has never experienced such a deteriorated relationship between an Academic Senate and Foothill College president. He commented that Thuy personalized the work that Kathryn had done with the BoT, as evidenced by what Thuy and Judy just said at the Senate. It is being characterized as an inter personalized relationship rather than abrogation of leadership. (Paul) commented that what was most striking was that "they get it" when actually they don't.

David Marasco further commented that we have a lot of work to do on campus, such as RTC, and what the District is going to look like when we have smaller enrollments. Carolyn commented further that while we have issues with the President and it hasn't ever been this bad, it's also important to remember that when she was senate president, same as Dolores before her as senate president, the senate came close to a vote of no confidence. She further mentioned that as long as people are willing to come to the table, there is an opportunity to move forward. Stephani

fall. Kathryn then mentioned that with the AS Summer Cabinet action on 8/16, the summer cabinet had asked the senate officers to withdraw from the shared governance task force, with the rationale that the treatment of the AS President was unacceptable and did not demonstrate the appropriate foundation of respect and trust needed for shared governance to work. Classified Senate and ASFC had shown solidarity with the academic senate, and also withdrew from the task force so the work was suspended. After that, however, the leaders of the constituencies began meeting to create a “band-aid” approach for fall. She said that even in the (complete) absence of a shared governance structure we need a system to make College level decisions that include all constituencies (not just the administration). We haven’t quite finalized the approach but we have essentially reached agreement on a single governance council made

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The [resolution](#)

