

Academic Senate Approved Minutes January 22nd 2024

1 Meeting called to order at 2:05 p.m.

2 Roll call Cormia

2023-2024 Executive Committee January 22, 2024

Officers		Location
Voltaire Villanueva		4006
Patrick Morriss		4006
Ben Kaupp		4006
Robert Cormia		4006
Senators by Division		
Apprenticeship		
Stephan Schnell		absent
BSS		
Brian Evans		4006
Mona Rawal		4006
Counseling		
Tracee Cunningham		4006
Leticia Serna		4006
DRC/VRC/SRC		
Ana Maravilla		4006
Fine Arts & Communications		
Robert Hartwell		4006
Kate Jordahl Robert Hartwell (proxy)		online
HSH		

Rachelle Campbell 4006 .@Eni-Stephan Schnell 4006

Rocio Giraldez Betron	online (address posted)

4 Public comment: Fatima Jinnah announced that Allies for Peache & Justive in Palenstine are starting a [reading group](#). The book is titled "Mornings in Jenin," and open to everyone. Stacy announced a last-minute request for a panel to be held on Wednesday for the Stanford DARE Program. Twenty-four graduate students are coming to Foothill for the event. Faculty are asked to come and share with Stanford students why they teach at a community college. Sara Cooper expressed a concern (from the biology department) that they were just asked what they want to teach in the academic year 2024-2025, a year ahead, with a deadline of February 1st. The concern expressed was insufficient time to prepare a thoughtful schedule, one year in advance.

5 Approval of the minutes from January 8th (minutes as amended). Motion to approve by Stephanie Chan, seconded by Robert Hartwell, approved by consensus, absentia by Brian Evans.

6 Consent calendar: Karen Erikson was added to the consent calendar for Vet Tech, Angela Su is added to both search committees (HSH). Voltaire mentioned vacancies to the COOL committee. There is still a vacancy for the STEM executive committee. Eric Reed mentioned the need for faculty to serve on the Affordable Housing working group. Rita mentioned Don MacNeil on the curriculum committee, representing Kinesiology for winter. The consent calendar was adopted by consensus, Brian Evans motioned first, seconded by Sara Cooper.

7 Voltaire shared that Joshua had shared those textbook costs of \$60-\$90 were expensive for students, ideally \$0 - \$50 would be better.

8 RSI

Allison mentioned thoughtful input to the RSI discussion. Allison shared that RSI documentation is required by the Federal Government; the question is how we will document it. There is a discussion of what quality teaching is and contact with students. There is an initial training and online (asynchronous) as currently modeled. The second part involves a six hour peer

culture shift with training. STEM faculty feedback was to submit the required paperwork and move to more training if the culture shifts. Sarah Williams wrote an [alternative plan](#) that decouples the regulation from the culture shift. And that the Dean would be required to have syllabi submitted for each course for each quarter, which could involve COOL, to ensure that RSI is evident.

Lené commented that if we only went with a statement in a syllabus, that isn't enough for the Federal RSI documentation requirement. Mor wuDnC /o s .1 (r)0..1 (s).1 (n fr)nslksy1 (5.8-ffel7at)a po(ke) q

Patrick commented that he brought some of the questions from the document into an administrative hiring process and had good feedback (they were all well received). Sara, first and seconded by Ben, motioned to direct the officers to provide faculty appointed to hiring committees with a copy of Equity-Minded Faculty Hiring Practices by Wood & Harris (Dec 2023), as exemplifying the Senate's position on faculty hiring. The motion was carried unanimously.

#12 - Program Viability

Voltaire mentioned that back in 2012, during budget cuts, one of the means of evaluating program viability was "program review". In the previous senate, Kathryn Mauer led an ad hoc committee to work on the issue of program viability. Voltaire solicited participation in a newly formed ad-hoc group, and David Marasco commented that the 2012 process was written to address what happened during the CTIS dismemberment, and it would behoove us to have tools in place long before we ever have to use them. While we may not know what it looks like, we should have the process in place before we need it. Rachelle commented that the program review process was punitive, and the process may look different to an administrator versus the faculty. Cost is just one factor, what students do with the program is very important. Patrick commented that we need to come up with criteria of what should be a flag for activity. This process of program viability is something being discussed at De Anza as well; student services should also be looked at. Lety mentioned there are programs that should not have been revived. Patrick commented that the ad hoc committee should have a sunset. There was a comment that we also need staff and administrators. Patrick, Voltaire, Lety, Robert, and Rachelle are also willing to help.

#13 For the good of the order - David Marasco mentioned the Physics show, which finished this week with the 200,000th attendee. Jule Jenkins announced the FA Open House on Thursday from 12-1:30 p.m.

Voltaire announced that at the next Academic Senate meeting will address AB 1111 common course numbering, we'll bring back bylaws (constitution), and maybe credit for prior learning.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

The next meeting is Monday February 5th.