



District Academic Senate Minutes

Tuesday, May 13th, 2025. Room 114, District Office

Present:

John Banks (SJECCD Treasurer & SJCC Academic Senate Treasurer)
Phil Crawford (SJCC Academic Senate)
Grace Estrada (EVC Academic Senate)
Henry Estrada (EVC Academic Senate President)
Fabio Gonzalez (SJCC Academic Senate VP) (Remote)
David Hendricks (SJECCD District Academic Senate President & EVC Academic Senate Treasurer)
Heidi Kozlowski (SJECCD Academic Senate VP & SJCC Academic Senate President)
Kelly Nguyen-Jardin (EVC Senate VP) (Remote)

Guests: Mark Branom, SJCC Senate (remote)

CALL TO ORDER 4:01

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA Fabio 1st; Heidi 2nd

1. Addition/Deletion/Corrections
2. Approval of Agenda

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Fabio 1st; Henry 2nd

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Each public comment is limited to two minutes)

This portion of the meeting is reserved for any item not on the agenda. The law does not permit action or extended discussion of any item not on the agenda except under special circumstances. If Senate action is required, it can be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

David congratulated Mark Branom for his recent election as the new Academic Senate President and SJCC.

IV. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Spring 2025 ASCCC Plenary Resolutions

Mark highlighted 2 Resolutions that were written by SJCC Faculty. He wrote one that advocated that AI tools need to be available to community college students in the same way that they are available to students at the CSUs. This is an equity issue so that community college students transition to a university that they are not behind and at a disadvantage. He hopes that there will be some action by Spring 2026. He noted that Preston Pipal wrote one encouraging pay parity between lab and lecture hours. Both Resolutions passed.

Another Resolution that is of note is one that encourages movement toward a Singular Faculty model. The Senates may need to pay attention to this as it gains more support.

2. AB 1705 Resolutions from ASCCC

John recently went to a regional meeting to discuss the problems with AB 1705. One record keeping issue is that if a student takes pre-calculus at one community college and then completes calculus at a different campus, the school where the student completed pre-calculus looks to be out of compliance and will be dinged, while the second school looks to be in compliance and will be rewarded. The legislature seems to be unwilling to correct such issues in the short term.

Henry agreed that such issues need attention, particularly as the campuses are drafting their Strategic Enrollment Management plans. AB 1705 features prominently in how student program maps are set up.

Henry asked whether the English supplemental sections to support student success under AB 1705 were working. Heidi noted that students are signing up for open sections irrespective of whether they need the supplemental help or not. Students are mostly concerned about modality and if a class fits their schedule and don't consider whether they need the supplemental section. In many cases students who need help are not in the supplemental sections, while some students who don't are in them. As a result it is tricky to evaluate the success of the supplemental sections. Henry noted that there needs to be better communication with students through Student Services and Counseling to evaluate their experiences. Fabio noted that a more robust Early Alert system could help improve outcomes.

3. Priorities for 2025-26

Heidi advocated maintaining effort to clean up the hiring procedures for Associate Faculty. While the DAS did work to revamp the Equivalency form to add approval by the DAS President, the new form is not yet available on the District website. While the DAS President is now part of the signing procedure, this is not yet reflected on the form or in the Administrative Policy. This needs to be followed up on.

Phil pointed out that the hiring processes need to include faculty; too often Deans are selecting candidates and approving them without faculty consultation. This needs immediate attention. SJCC approved a Resolution on revamping Associate hiring procedures; EVC's Senate needs to discuss this in order to get things to move forward. EVC's Senate Agenda has been particularly packed so it has not proceeded with discussing Associate hiring practices. All agreed that faculty involvement in hiring is paramount.

David asked whether the DAS should encourage the revival of conversations about a Resource Allocation Model. Henry noted that having one would help with Strategic Enrollment Management. The current budget model doesn't offer a way forward and is partly responsible for the current budget crisis. Kelly noted that some at the DO feel that we would not be able to produce a RAM under the current budget crisis. Phil noted that we should work toward a RAM, despite the technical difficulties in discerning the different needs of the campuses (e.g. CTE, Athletics, etc.).

4. Special Assignment/NIA MOU

David advocated that both campus Senates discuss the issue of Special Assignments and how they are defined and assigned. Fabio noted that until 3 years ago the Senates were involved in Special Assignment decisions. These decisions need to be transparent and need to include the faculty. Phil noted that there are provisions for collaboration between the Senates and the District. The District is not following the provisions that AFT worked out in the current MOU on Special Assignments. The Senates and AFT need to work together on this to create a comprehensive policy.

V. ACTION ITEMS

1. District Academic Senate Leadership for 2025-26

Fabio moved to appoint David Hendricks as the District Academic Senate President for 2025-26. Heidi Seconded. By unanimous assent David Hendricks was approved for the Presidency for 2025-26. The position rotates between the colleges. Since an EVC faculty will be in the position for 2025-26, the Presidency will revert back to SJCC for the 2026-27 academic year and the rotation will resume. David noted that he would be visiting the SJCC Senate in person to thank the Senate for its trust and support. With Mark Branom assuming the SJCC Academic Senate Presidency, he will, according to the bylaws, become the DAS Vice President.

2. Residual DAS Budget

The DAS has \$585 left in its budget. There was interest in some sort of retreat in June to develop goals and strategies for the next academic year.

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

VI. REPORTS

1. Evergreen Valley College Academic Senate

No Report.

2. San Jose City College Academic Senate

No Report

3. District Academic Senate

David thanked everyone for a great year and for the support he received. He thanked Fabio for his suggestions on how to take advantage of the academic expertise of the faculty to advocate more effectively to the Board of Trustees.

VI. RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (3 minutes)

Kelly congratulated Heidi for her upcoming sabbatical.

VII. ADJOURNMENT 5:06pm

Move to adjourn: Fabio 1st; Heidi 2nd