



**Minutes**  
**Tuesday May 14th, 2024**  
**4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
**In-person meeting in Room 112 Multi-Purpose Room at District Office**

Meeting is also accessible via Zoom: <https://sjeccd-edu.zoom.us/j/84654782421>

**Present In Person:**

**President:**

Heidi Kozlowski, SJCC Senate Acting President

**Vice President:**

Garry Johnson, EVC Academic Senate President 2023-2024 & District Academic Senate President 2024-2025

**Treasurer:**

Tina Iniguez, EVC Academic Senate Vice-President

**SJCC:**

John Banks, SJCC Treasurer

**EVC:**

Henry Estrada, EVC President 2024-2025

Grace Estrada, EVC

**Present On Zoom:**

Charlie Kahn-Lomax, EVC At-Large

Kelly Nguyen-Jardin, EVC Vice President 2024-2025

Michael Divinia, SJCC

**CALL TO ORDER**

**I.ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

1. Addition/Deletion/Corrections
2. Approval of Agenda: Garry 1<sup>st</sup> motion, Charlie 2<sup>nd</sup> motion (motion carries)

**II.APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

April 9th, 2024: Garry 1<sup>st</sup> motion, John 2<sup>nd</sup> motion, (motion carries)

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

No public comments

#### IV. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Formation of a District Equivalency Committee (mission and membership):

Heidi reminded the DAS that the DAS voted and a motion carried to include the District Academic Senate's signature in addition to the local Academic Senate President's committee

Fabio suggested a formation of a District Equivalency Committee at SJECCD Heidi argues that the argument many credits in that area are not equivalent to a MA degree.

Charlie explained that there are special cases that need to be considered, for example, her Women's Studies MA program that was discontinued.

Henry asked since if the person has equivalency across the district, that perhaps the two AS Presidents from each respective college ought to sign (EVC & SJCC)

Garry said sometimes there is a rush, but there can be unintentional consequences.

Henry brought up, as an example, K-12 faculty, and Heidi reported that this was brought up as a serious issue at Spring 2024 Plenary in the case of dual enrollment faculty.

Henry reminded us that the two faculty signing the equivalency must be trained. Heidi said she would follow up to add the DAS President's signature to the equivalency form.

Kelly asked if the DAS President needs to sign and what to do in the case of a disagreement; Heidi suggested both would need to approve.

NIA Negotiations & Distance Education Requirements: Communication and Collaboration with SJECCD Senates

Heidi expressed concern about areas that were local college decisions have become (DE Quals) or are becoming (NIAs) district decisions.

Garry reported that there were some deep concerns at EVC about some NIAs, and that many NIAs are Senate matters.

Garry had concerns about NIAs being an hourly rate, which may be expensive and problematic for NIA recipients itemizing all hours. Garry thinks an hourly fixed rate might benefit us greatly financially.

2. Budget Cuts 2023-2024 (update)

Garry reported that the cuts reported at the District Budget Committee were vastly different than those presented at the EVC Town Hall.

Heidi reported that SJCC was told that faculty positions were going forward at SJCC.

Henry asked what was cut? Heidi responded travel, food, etc.

Garry commented that what SJCC reported were the cuts matched the district's information and there is better transparency at SJCC. SJCC's PPT was also on the DO website.

Tina reported at EVC's presentation on its campus, 1.2 million out of 1.9 million were faculty related cuts. That change at the District Budget Committee meeting.

We ended on a note that shared governance has changed and faculty voice has been diluted over the years, but being unified with all campus constituency groups and each other is paramount.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT** at 5:05 PM.