



## **D I S T R I C T   A C A D E M I C   S E N A T E**

**APPROVED-MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

**4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

DAS Members Present: Judith Bell, Jesus Covarrubias, Frank Espinoza, Heather Jellison, Alex Lopez, Garry Johnson, Preeti Srivinasan. Absent: Randy Pratt

- I. The Meeting Called to Order** at 4:05 p.m. via Zoom
- II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**-Approved w/o Objections.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – No Minutes to Approve.
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS** –No Public Comments
- V. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**F. Espinoza** welcomed DAS members and guests to the first DAS meeting of the Fall 2020 semester. Introduced newest member of DAS: EVC Rep and Nursing faculty member, Garry Johnson. Recognized and thanked Jesus Covarrubias for his contributions as the 2019-2020 DAS President. Also recognized was EVC Professor Carmen Solorzano for her contributions while serving as an EVC Rep on the DAS 2019-2020. A few minutes were allocated for each active DAS member to provide a brief introduction.

### **Function of District Academic Senate**

**F. Espinoza** commented on the function of the DAS. This is the beginning of the 5<sup>th</sup> year for DAS in the SJECCD. The function of the Senate is to present one united Academic Senate Voice on issues that are brought to the DAS by EVC/SJCC Senates. The issue is discussed and if approved, are moved forward to be addressed with the Chancellor and or the Board of Trustees. The DAS President and Vice-President have a standing monthly meeting with the Chancellor to discuss DAS matters.

**J. Covarrubias** provided clarification that initially past Evergreen Reps on DAS had wanted to ensure no district senate actions would be taken unless both Senate's have agreement. This to ensure both colleges would always be represented. To further ensure this, DAS has alternating Presidents (one-year term) from each college every year. This was to ensure balance is maintained. This has resulted in more collaboration between the two campus Senates.

## **BP/AP Committee Update**

**F. Espinoza** provided a brief update on the status of the BP/AP (District Policy Cmte.) committee. The DAS President serves as Co-Chair along with Andrea Lopez, SJCC Classified Senate President. Both Co-chairs have been Zoom meeting this past Summer to plan for the re-convening of the committee for the first meeting of the Fall 2020 semester. An. Lopez was introduced and recognized for her continued leadership since, the inception of the committee, and was asked to make comments related to her role as Co-Chair

**An. Lopez** shared she started working with the committee before actually becoming the SJCC Classified Senate President. She has been active with the committee since the beginning serving with Dr. Fabio Gonzalez (past DAS President). She credited Dr. Gonzalez as the person who worked to establish the BP/AP committee. She explained the BP/AP committee work is cyclical and the work never ends. While the committee was developed for the district, it includes the voice and representation from all District constituents from faculty, classified, and management. At the end of the day, the work ultimately is about making a positive impact on the students.

**F. Espinoza** presented the Schedule of DAS meetings for Fall 2020 (Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 13, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>). It was explained that due to the Board of Trustees meetings taking place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in Nov. and Dec. DAS meetings would need to be changed to Nov 10<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**H. Jellison** pointed out that the Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> meeting was still in conflict with the Board of Trustees meeting. F. Espinoza recognized this as an error on his part and identified the correct date as Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>.

**F. Espinoza** addressed the Secretary Officer vacancy. He commented that this officer position is not one that DAS members have stepped up to take on. The duties of the office were shared. DAS member Garry Johnson stated that he was willing to self-nominate.

**H. Jellison** motioned to move the Secretary/Treasurer vacancy to an Action Item for nominations and a vote. Al. Lopez seconded motion. No objections, it moved to an Action Item.

## **VI. ACTION ITEMS**

**F. Espinoza** called for nominations for the office of Secretary/Treasurer. Garry Johnson self-nominated, Al. Lopez seconded. G. Johnson was the sole nomination. F. Espinoza asked if anyone objected to G. Johnson serving as Secretary/Treasurer for DAS? No objections were made, G. Johnson was voted in to the office.

## **VII. REPORTS**

Evergreen Valley College Academic Senate (Report was tabled)

San Jose City College Academic Senate

**Al. Lopez** reported their first meeting spent a majority of time appointing faculty to committees. Also, that VP Escobar was invited to present on the purchase of property located at the former site of National Hispanic University.

**J. Bell** commented that this purchase of property is not identified in the educational master plan.

## **District Academic Senate**

**F. Espinoza** provided some background on the roll-out of the East San Jose Proposal. He acknowledge the district for revising their plan to slow the process down and to provide opportunities for greater input on the proposal. There have now been presentations made by Chancellor Breland and Vice-Chancellor Escobar to both Academic Senates and future presentations are planned with other groups.

The Resource Allocation Model (RAM). A number of DAS members have participated in the evolution of RAM over the years. The DAS will continue to seek guidance from both Senates to determine next steps towards the eventual implementation of RAM in the District and at both Colleges.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT** Moved to adjourn without objections.