



District Academic Senate Minutes

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 (Room 112 Multi-Purpose Room at District Office)

Present:

Henry Estrada (Acting SJECCD Academic Senate President & EVC Academic Senate President)
Heidi Kozlowski (SJECCD Academic Senate VP & SJCC Academic Senate President)
Fabio Gonzalez (SJCC Academic Senate VP)
Kelly Nguyen-Jardin (EVC Academic Senate VP)
John Banks (SJCC Academic Senate Treasurer)
David Hendricks (EVC Academic Senate Treasurer)
Charlie Khan-Lomax (EVC Academic Senate)

Guests: Edwin Chandrasekar (SJECCD Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services), Grace Estrada (EVC Academic Senate), Mark Branom (SJECCD Academic Senate), Steven Mentor (AFT President), and Carlton Connor (SJCC).

CALL TO ORDER: At 4:08 PM

- I. **AGENDA** Unanimously approved – 1st John Banks, 2nd Fabio Gonzalez
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** 1st Fabio Gonzalez, 2nd John Banks
- 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.

IV. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

1. SJECCD Budget Update and Q&A with Vice Chancellor Chandrasekar
 - **Cost of Education:** The district's cost per FTES is 40% higher than the state average. Regional factors alone do not explain this.
 - **Salaries and Benefits:** Account for 84.2% of the budget, exceeding the state average of 79.6%. Suggestions include revising health plan designs to generate savings.
 - **Foundation Funding:** The district's \$900,000 annual contribution to the foundation has been questioned. Calls for a self-sustaining plan were noted.
 - **Deficit Management:** Reliance on one-time HERFF funds to address revenue losses and technology costs has led to ongoing deficits.
 - **Moving Forward:** Phase one will focus on operational excellence and enrollment management; Phase two will focus on revenue growth opportunities and academic program revitalization.
 - Fund 12 was brought up to the conversation, it was explained that it is The Financial Stability Fund, something like a rainy-day fund. It has around three and a half millions in it.
2. Resource Allocation Model Revisited – Tabled.
3. The Role of Generative AI in Education
 - San Jose City College initiated a Generative AI Committee focusing on ethical and education AI integration.
 - A guide was created to assist faculty in using AI ethically, morally and effectively.
 - Mark Branom encouraged the formation of similar committees and AI-related initiatives across the district.
4. AB 1111
 - Grace Estrada gives some updates on what AB1111, both colleges are approaching it differently.
 - Phase 1 and Phase 2 implementation updates: Faculty convenings, articulation concerns, and course update preparations were highlighted.
 - Notable challenges include complexity in phase traditions and alignments with UC standers.

V. REPORTS

1. Evergreen Valley College Academic Senate
 - Continued efforts to refine policies on part-time hiring and address inconsistencies across divisions.
 - Exploration of academic program revitalization to align curriculum with student and employer needs.
2. San Jose City College Academic Senate
 - Leadership in statewide AI initiatives, including the formation of a Generative AI Faculty Guide.
 - Concerns over proposed changes to Board Policy 2514 regarding fiscal support for Academic Senates.

- Heidi brings to attention BP 2514; District Council is going to have it on the agenda, and she is asking EVC to talk about it in their Senate Meeting so that they can both ask questions.

3. District Academic Senate

VI. RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (3 minutes) None

VII. ADJOURNMENT 1st Fabio, 2nd David, adjourned at 5:10 PM