



## **District Academic Senate Minutes**

**Tuesday December 12, 2023**

**4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**In-person meeting in Room 112 Multi-Purpose Room at District Office**

**Present:**

Heidi Kozlowski (SJCC), Garry Johnson (EVC), Charlie Kahn-Lomax (EVC), Tina Iniguez (EVC), Emily Banh (EVC), Elena Dutra (SJCC), Fabio Gonzalez (SJCC)

**Guests:**

Vivian Yabumoto, ASPIRE Program Coordinator (EVC)

Hang Chu, ASPIRE Counselor (EVC)

Robert Gutierrez, Language Arts Dean (EVC)

Michael Divinia, Math Department Dean (SJCC)

## **CALL TO ORDER at 4:06 PM**

### **I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA and MINUTES**

1. Approval of Agenda: 1<sup>st</sup>, Elena, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tina, unanimous approval
2. Adoption on November 12, 2023 Minutes: 1<sup>st</sup> Emily, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tina, unanimous approval

### **II. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Each public comment is limited to two minutes):**

Vivian Yabumodo presented background and description of the ASPIRE Program at EVC.

Hang Chu presented the issue of the ASPIRE program being given four days notice regarding the program's move from Academic Affairs and an academic dean to Student Services at EVC. The lack of transparency, communication and collaboration felt disrespectful.

Michael Divinia spoke to the 2023-2024 budget, which has the same FTES as the previous academic year, hindering growth in the math department and leading to long wait lists and no math intersession courses for SJCC students. FTES needs to be increased in the next budget for both colleges.

### **I. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS**

1. Part-time faculty NIA for service on the Academic Senate (SJCC and EVC)  
Heidi reported that the SJCC Senate passed a resolution that PT faculty representatives receive 5% each semester.  
Tina said that a 100.00/meeting stipend for PT representatives was still be discussed at the EVC Senate.  
Garry said that although EVC Senate has been working on it since September 2023, it might take until February.
2. Distance Education Faculty Requirements (SJCC and EVC)  
Garry and Tina discussed the resolution that passed in the EVC Senate continuing support for the EVC DE Faculty Requirements.  
Garry mentioned that EVC faculty keep their own records regarding their eligibility. Heidi responded that at SJCC, the Distance Education Coordinator houses and approves the eligibility on a Canvas course site and reports eligibility to the deans.
3. Addressing Legislative Changes:  
  
Heidi and Elena met with the SJECCD Chancellor and the SJCC President, who support efforts of the colleges and senates to address and plan for the changes and to raise awareness.  
Heidi suggested district-wide retreats.  
Tina like the idea of a retreat where key stakeholders can align.

Elena said that deadlines are approaching and IPCC has an enormous work load, and counselors are constantly having pivot to address legislative changes.

Charlie reminded us that AB1111 is going to be a lot of effort, but that it will help students who regularly duplicate classes upon transfer. \

Emily brought up the district-wide AP Policy 4100 Policy will need updated, and stakeholders should have district-wide discussions and agreements.

Fabio responded what we've been trying to do since we established the District Academic Senate is to have in that dialogue about curriculum in alignment of curriculum between the 2 colleges.

Fabio added we knew about 928 coming and emphasized we need to bring our faculty together and have a conversation about how curriculums can be aligned.

We don't know the number of classes that don't align between the colleges. He asked where the money for dual enrollment was coming from, and mentioned, referring to Michael's point in public comments about the math department and FTES, that the budget is not allowing for growth at the colleges. Fabio concurred a retreat is a good idea.

4. Update the current student honesty policy language to include AI/ possibly create a district-wide AI statement

Heidi reported that the previous week on Friday, Steve, Mentor (EVC) and Angel Fuentes (EVC) had a district-wide discussion on AI, and it was attended by 42 people demonstrating a great deal of interest in the subject.

5. revise the current District Academic Senate Mission Statement (see below)—tabled

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.