



## OFFICIAL MINUTES

### I. Call to Order

Academic Senate President, Luke Lara, respectfully acknowledged that the meeting is being held on the traditional territory and homelands of the Luiseño/Payómkawichum people. It is also important to acknowledge that this land remains the shared space among the Ipai and Kumeyaay people. In addition, we want to pay respect to elders, both past and present, the respected keepers of history, culture, wisdom, and knowledge. The meeting was called to order at **9:01am**.

### II. Roll Call

**Members present:** Robin Allyn (Coordinating Officer), Ingrid Bairstow, Yessenia Balcazar, Sunny Cooke (ex-officio), Karla Cordero, Zulema Diaz, Jim Julius, Himgauri Kulkarni, Luke Lara (President), Delores Loedel, Tyrone Nagai, Gilbert Neri, Brian Page, Oswaldo Ramirez, Hossein Ravanbaksh, Leila Safaralian (President-elect), Krista Warren

**Others present:** David Bonds, Jonathan Fohrman, Chris Hill, Al Nyman, Ingrid Phillips, Kathy Rodriguez, Chris Tarman

### III. Persons Wishing to Address the Senate

None.

### IV. Changes to Agenda Order

None.

### V. Consent Calendar

#### A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 3, 2021

The consent calendar was approved by unanimous consent.

### VI. Reports

#### A. Academic Senate President

AS President, Luke Lara, submitted a written report with the agenda. In addition, he noted that he, Safaralian, and Allyn joined a group of around 50 to 60 people for the initial training for the institutional self-evaluation report. MCC's ACCJC site visit will be in fall 2023. Lara is also among 60 other MiraCostans participating in the Futures Community. The Futures framework is essential for MiraCosta to plan for and create the desired future which is to live up to its mission and create a just, equitable, and sustainable future.

#### B. College Superintendent/President

Superintendent/President, Sunny Cooke, shared that MCC's enrollment is about 5.4% down compared to last fall after the census date. Nationally and across SDICCCA, enrollments are down approximately 10% of more. There will likely be more enrollment before the second eight-week session begins. Monday September 13<sup>th</sup>, approximately 45 MiraCostans attended training sponsored by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior College (ACCJC) in preparation for its Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER). President of the ACCJC, Dr. Stephanie Droker, led the training and will serve as MCC's ACCJC liaison. A tri-chair structure will be used (faculty, classified professional, and administrative chairs) for each of the four standards. While some organization, evidence gathering and reflection will occur this fall, the writing will begin spring 2022. The draft report will be edited through summer and will make its way through governance groups in fall 2022 to be completed by end of calendar year 2022. The focused site visit by peers will be scheduled in fall 2023. This week, the college is celebrating Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs) during National Hispanic Heritage month. MCC is a proud HSI serving approximately 38% of its students who identify as Hispanic, LatinX, or ChicanX, and approximately 26% of its employees. MCC has a number of academic and support programs designed to ensure equitable outcomes for its students and employees. MCC is a polling site for the state recall election that happened last weekend and through Election Day. There are funds available in the state budget for providing lower cost housing for students. Approximately 50% of all the funds allocated by the state for college student

housing will be spent in community colleges; 30% at CSU and 20% at UC. There will be about \$25 million available in planning grants and MCC is likely to invest in this type of planning to support its students who are experiencing housing insecurity. The competition for these funds is likely to be quite fierce. Applications for the Hatoff Tapestries Endowment Fund to create new connections are open now. This is an inaugural opportunity that will recur annually. Applications are due October 15<sup>th</sup>. All are encouraged to think creatively about efforts that might benefit students, the college, etc. Funds will be made available to support activities/projects/programs that not only echo the institution's goals, but also address specifically, any of these criteria:

- Strengthen the MCC community or forge new campus communities
- Heighten global awareness
- Bridge gaps such as those between arts and sciences, staff and students, college and community, military and civilian, left and right, etc.
- Promote student engagement with faculty and outside experts

### **C. Classified Senate**

CS Vice President, Ingrid Phillips thanked Lara and Allyn for providing an AS representative to attend CS meetings every third Tuesday of each month at 1pm. Lara noted that in trying to make a reciprocal effort to reach back and do the same for other constituency groups, Robin Allyn has stepped up to be the liaison at CS. She will reach out to other senators to attend when she cannot.

### **D. Associated Student Government**

ASG Executive VP, John Siebelink was not present. No report.

### **E. Redesigning the Student Experience**

Faculty Lead, Thao Ha, was not present. Nothing to report currently.

## **VII. Old Business**

### **A. Approve AY 2022-23 Academic Calendar**

AAC has forwarded two options for the 2022-23 MCC Academic Calendar to consideration, as requested by the body at the last meeting. It was noted that this is the third discussion to approve the 2022-23 academic calendar. Two options were presented for consideration; Option A which was presented previously and now, Option B which was requested at the last meeting. On September 10<sup>th</sup>, AAC voted to send Option B forward to AS which is a more "traditional" calendar that has been used in recent years. It was further noted that the academic calendar is specifically for fall and spring instruction and flex days. The Board of Trustees decides on holidays and summer. The inclusion of the Juneteenth holiday will be added to the summer calendar when published.

**MSU (Allyn / Safaralian)** to approve the AY 2022-23 Academic Calendar, Option B for 2022-23, as presented.

Discussion ensued about the way the calendar could be constructed in the future, especially in regard to who is included and at what stage.

### **B. Local AS Goal Setting**

The AS body discussed creating SMARTER goals: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time bound, and have an Evaluation mechanism. The Senators were distributed into breakrooms to discuss and start to formalize four goals for adoption which will come back at the next regular meeting. Drafts of the goals were shared for each theme. After the breakout discussions, each group shared out their draft goals around the themes: Teaching and Learning, Communication, and Engagement. The AS Goals will be brought back at the next meeting for ratification.

## **VIII. Information / Discussion**

### **A. Updated Draft of the Educational Master Plan (EMP)**

Chris Tarman, Dean of RPI and Chris Hill presented the updated draft of the EMP, which incorporates the new College goals from the long-term planning framework with a focus on establishing strategic and action-oriented theses, was provided to Academic Senate for input. This is an update to the EMP that expired in 2020. There is also the new thought of not following the traditional template of EMPs. They were very large documents in the past and not useful. This is a different approach.

This document now includes the components of Mission & Goals to include a new mission, vision, commitment statement, and long-term planning goals; Data Scans to update data/environmental scans and educational trends; Current strategies underway to support the new long-term planning goals, and

Adaptive Planning & Futures Maps to incorporate ideas emerging from futures work in 2021-22 and the framework of adaptive planning allowing flexible and agile approaches for future strategies.

What is needed from Academic Senate? Review and provide feedback on the draft and send input to either Luke Lara or Chris Tarman by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussion ensued around the way initial content was collected and how it was incorporated into the document, the role of other strategic documents, and the audience for this document. The EMP will come back more formally for a first and second read later this fall. The entire campus is looking at this document and it will go to all constituent groups.

**IX. Senator Reports**

As a follow-up to the core competency assessment teams, Warren noted that associate faculty are being paid for their work and that about half of the folks working on this are AF. She is also part of the Futures Leadership Academy and participating with other associate faculty. She also mentioned the Black Author Series Virtual Book club being led by Edwina Williams and funded by a grant. There can be up to 40 participants who will receive four books by Black authors. There are nine spots remaining. The first book is, *The Vanishing Half*. The group will create projects that will communicate the community. Contact Edwina Williams if interested in joining. Balcazar wanted to acknowledge Delores Loedel's work with the Phi Theta Capa students. Loedel attends every MCC Farmer's Market to volunteer her time. Lara acknowledged the Puente Program and its 32 years of work uplifting the Latinx/ChicanX community at MiraCosta.

**X. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 11:02am.