

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 **9:17am**.

II. Roll Call

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

Members absent: Karla Cordero, Oswaldo Ramirez

Others present: David Bonds, Denée Pescarmona, Violeta Sanchez, and Puente students, Lou Pineda, Arelly Siordia, Samantha (Sam) Kugler, Javier Morales, Valeria Guadarama, Marisol Lopez, and Giselle Perez, and Afifa Zaman

III. Persons Wishing to Address the Senate

Krista Warren read a portion of an email from a colleague who works with MCC students in the dual enrollment program and wanted to urge MCC to give faculty the option to waive the right to have unvaccinated high school students learn in person. This is a vulnerable population and are some of the most underserved and most challenged facing many obstacles.

Citing the “left out report,” Puente students, Lou Pineda, Arelly Siordia, Samantha (Sam) Kugler, Javier Morales, Valeria Guadarama, Marisol Lopez, and Giselle Perez, addressed the Senate discussing and advocating for women in power, extending the number of students in the Honors programs, helping students during the pandemic, how Puente can be expanded at MCC for students, how to encourage diversity, and asking what can be done to show more representation of LatinX students at MCC.

IV. Changes to Agenda Order

None.

V. Consent Calendar

A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 17, 2021

The Consent Calendar was approved by unanimous consent.

VI. Reports

A. Academic Senate President

On behalf of the AS, Academic Senate President, Luke Lara, extended a warm welcome to MCC’s new VPI, Denée Pescarmona. Reminded everyone of a message that was sent to department chairs and SLO leads on behalf of AS, OAC, and IPRC to remind and encourage faculty to take this fall semester to be proactive and engage faculty in dialogue around learning outcomes processes in their areas and departments. In particular, to fully analyze the department’s learning outcomes process to ensure that learning outcomes are regularly evaluated so they are regularly updated and align with courses, programs, core competencies, and the college mission. This was a reminder sent because of why accreditation is done. It is part of the college’s self-evaluation process. This fall is the time to have those conversations. On Wednesday of this week, he attended a webinar presented by Estela Bensimon of USC from the Center for Race and Equity on “Decentering whiteness and Pathways.” This was in response to a year’s worth of work of PD activities put on by the statewide Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. It was a pointed analysis and showed things can be done better as a state. Faculty can be more racially literate and talk about racial equity as the center for equity in those conversations. This is a series of three webinars and there is still time to join. The first emphasized the importance of faculty who have the opportunity to impact student outcomes through a racial equity lens and see the patterns of racial inequity and what may need to be adjusted in their own classrooms.

B. College Superintendent/President

Superintendent/President, Sunny Cooke, noted the resolution passed at today's meeting is representative of the decisions that have had to be made during the pandemic. Last night was the first theater production with a limited audience in person. Athletics will be conducted with limited audiences, as well. The college has had to turn down requests from community members asking to use the large theaters. With breakthrough cases, there is still the need to be cautious. Since Juneteenth was signed into law, the calendar for the coming year does not have that Federal holiday, however it will be adjusted to incorporate the holiday, as will the 2023-2024 calendar. There will be an open house at the CLC on October 25th. An open house at the SEC will occur during the morning of November 8th. Two community events for Dia De las Muertos will happen on October 24th and 30th in Encinitas. Another book will be selected for a campus-wide reading. Send ideas to dei@miracosta.edu.

C. Classified Senate

Vice President of CS, Ingrid Phillips, noted that CS ratified the changes to all committee assignments. They are in the process of updating the classified employee manual. CS has selected the next and third cohort for their leadership program and congratulate Gina Hansen, Yurico Jimenez, Dulce Gangani, France Cruz, and Susan Corley.

D. Associated Student Government

ASG Executive Vice President, John Siebelink, announced that in place of a regular ASG meeting last Friday, they attended the CCCSAA Student Leadership Conference for community colleges on Zoom. A keynote speaker offered great resources for handling the pandemic and reinforcing the fact that we are students first. The ASG is almost completely full with only one more spot for representing the CLC. ASG approved a faculty request to allocate \$1K towards a SEC foodbank art piece. Next Friday ASG will also have a special meeting to vote on a resolution before having their regular meetings continue remotely.

E. Redesigning the Student Experience

Faculty Lead, Thao Ha, showcased part of an interview she conducted with faculty member, Annie Ngo, from Business Administration. She asked about her inspiration for her work in changing the things being done in the classroom to better serve students. After the clip, Ha left the Senators with a thought, "ask not what our students can do for us, what is it that we can do for our students, how are we redesigning ourselves and our institution's practices and policies to better serve our students?" She also included a report in the agenda packet.

VII. Old Business

A. Approve Local AS Goals

President Lara presented the goals that the AS body have crafted over several meetings. In addition, members of the AS were asked to join taskforces for each goal. The wording of goals changed slightly since the last meeting to make them more SMARTER and attainable within a timeline.

MSU (Safaralian / Ravanbaksh) to approve the local Academic Senate goals as presented.

With the remaining time after Senator Reports and after the meeting adjourned, the senators went into breakout rooms with their taskforce groups to discuss a meeting schedule or utilize the last half hour of each of the next several AS meetings. Senators were tasked to work with each group leader to find a schedule to accomplish these goals.

VIII. Senator Reports

Jim Julius urged faculty to look at the draft of the EMP and make sure the goals represented are understood. There was a process to gather the information but it is not clear it touched all areas. Robin Allyn recognized Hispanic Heritage Month. Puente students were recognized and thanked by several and senators noted that they have been heard.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:06am.