

ACADEMIC SENATE
Approved Minutes for October 23, 2014
Place: CCC – 414 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

ACADEMIC SENATE OFFICERS		PRESENT
President	Jolena Grande	X
Past-President	Gary Zager	ABSENT
Secretary	Bryan Seiling	X
Treasurer	Laurie Morvan	X
Curriculum Chair	Mark Majarian	X
ACADEMIC SENATORS		
Business/CIS	Jesse Saldana	X
Career Tech. Education 1	Kathleen Reiland	X
Career Tech. Education 2	Michael Klyde	X
Counseling 1	Renee SSensalo	X
Counseling 2	Renay Laguana-Ferinac	X
Fine Arts 1	Jim Hormel	X
Fine Arts 2	Paul Paiement	X
Health Science 1	Lynn Mitts	X
Health Science 2	Jane Walker	X
Health Science 3	Rebecca Gomez	X
Language Arts 1	Sarah Jones	X
Language Arts 2	Keith Vescial	X
Language Arts 3	Pat Ganer	X
Library/Learning Resource Center		
Physical Education	Bill Pinkham	ABSENT
Science, Engineering, Math 1	Laurie Morvan	X
Science, Engineering, Math 2	Joel Gober	ABSENT
Science, Engineering, Math 3	Ron Armale	X
Social Science 1	Bryan Seiling	X
Social Science 2	Craig Goralski	X
Adjunct Senator 1	Tonya Cobb	ABSENT
Adjunct Senator 2	J. Y. Ho	X
Adjunct Senator 3	Mark Popeney	X
LIAISONS		
Associated Students	Frida Lugo	ABSENT
Campus Diversity		
Campus Technology	Doug Sallade	X
CC Foundation	Lynn Mitts	X
Program Planning and Review	Kathleen Reiland	X
Staff Development	Peggy Austin	X
United Faculty	Randa Wahbe	X
Basic Skills	Cherie Dickey	ABSENT
Student Learning Outcomes	Sarah Jones	X

GUESTS: Christie Diep, Richard Fee, Doug Sallade, Caroline Freer, Tina Johannsen, Steve Crawford, Cassidy Johnston, Sarah Owens, Dave McCament, Carly Messman, Jesse Gonzalez, Brenda Andrade, Glenne Bower, Yasamin Harirchi, Mellissa Ungard,

Katherine Letterman, Gina Hooper, Heidi Carney, Alycia Brunar, Gerard Avelino, Fanny Calderon, Daniel Cody Luz, and Michael Perrin.

- I. After establishing a quorum, President Jolena Grande called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with no alternates in attendance.
- II. **Adoption of the Agenda:** On motions duly made and seconded, the Agenda was approved with a change being made to the order of topics. A motion to limit debate for each agenda item to the time on the agenda was approved unanimously with no abstentions (Seiling/Hormel). The discussion of Measure J was moved to the top of the Unfinished Business to be followed by the Enrollment Management Taskforce Update. The discussion of the Community College Bachelor's Degree Programs was set for 4:00 pm and a discussion of the Exchange/Scholarship Program was set for 4:40 pm, both to accommodate guest presenters (Zager/Seiling).
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** On motions duly made and seconded, the Minutes of the October 9, 2014 meeting were approved with minor changes (Reiland/Majarian). The vote was unanimous with Senator Walker abstaining.
- IV. **Public Commentary:**

Daniel Cody Luz, a student at Cypress College and a veteran, spoke in opposition to Measure J. He stated that the Inter-Club Council had recently voted to send a letter to the Board of Trustees asking for additional information on how the money from Measure J would be spent. He cited concerns with the way funds were spent from the previous Measure X and stated he could not trust that this measure would be any different. There is also concern that the students don't really know what the measure is or that it even exists. He strongly encouraged that the Senate not support Measure J, as the Inter-Club Council students had done, and he noted that the students would support the Senators if they were doing what they believed to be the right thing.

Gerard Avelino, managing editor of the Cypress Chronicle, spoke on the issue of the newsroom hours being cut. He suggested everyone read the September edition of *Divergence Magazine* for the best discussion of the issue. While recent renovations to the Cypress Chronicle newsroom have greatly increased the resources available to journalism students, recent restrictions on the hours and use of that newsroom have hampered students' ability to effectively get things done. Previously, students had much greater access and were trusted as adults to use the facilities responsibly. Due to concerns for liability and a limitation in the advisors hours, students now have a much smaller window within which to work. This threatens the production of TV programs and *Divergence Magazine*. A similar problem affects Associated Students. The spaces reserved for student organizations should be open for students to use when they need them. He stated that these new restrictions have made Fullerton College look like a far more appealing option for students. Cypress College students are adults as well as members of the community; they deserve their own spaces, open access to them, and for their voices to be heard.

Senator Klyde reported on the participation of CTE faculty in the Anaheim School District College and Career Fair. Health Science and CTE faculty were well represented to field questions about their respective programs. Automotive Technology faculty talked with over 40 students and obtained 22 interest cards. Currently in an era where nearby community colleges are seeing a drop in academic enrollment, the college may benefit if academic faculty considered participating in similar future events to field questions from students in areas such as accounting, teacher education, General Education options, and transfer rates.

Richard Fee, Dean of SEM, spoke during his vacation time in favor of Measure J. He agreed that there has been difficulty communicating with students and getting the message out on the campus about the Measure. This is due to the frustrating restrictions faculty are under when discussing such issues. He directed everyone, especially students, to visit the District website for detailed information on what Measure J will do and how it fits with our Educational Master Plan. The amount of the bond was based on an estimation of the total cost of each specific facility and not pulled out of thin air. With interest rates low, this is the perfect time to borrow money and invest in developing our facilities to support instruction appropriate to meeting the needs of our students.

V. Special Reports

A. Associated Students: No Report

B. United Faculty: No Report

C. Staff Development:

Peggy Austin thanked everyone who had been working with Staff Development while a temporary solution to the Staff Development Coordinator vacancy was crafted. She especially wanted to thank Rebecca Gomez, Nancy Deutsch, Betty Germanero, and Louella Nelson for their significant contributions. The first meeting of the committee is Monday, October 27th from 2:00 to 3:30pm in the Conference Room on the 2nd floor of the LLRC. Both she and Mary Forman will be attending the California Community College Professional Development Clearinghouse Summit on November 7th.

There will be one conference funding period this semester, but it will be shortened due to time constraints caused by the delay in choosing a Staff Development Coordinator. She also reminded everyone about the workshops in Advanced Word, PowerPoint, and Excel being offered through the District. Registration can be done through My Gateway.

D. Curriculum Committee:

Curriculum Committee Chair Mark Majarian reported that Senate President Grande, Dean of Fine Arts Joyce Carrigan, Donna Landis, and he attended a meeting at Riverside College on October 18th. He is preparing notes from the conference to present at a future meeting of the Senate. He cautioned that there were some consequential changes coming on the horizon.

E. **Academic Senate Treasurer's Report:** No report

F. **Cypress College Foundation:**

Senator Mitts reported that the Golf Tournament raised \$37, 000.00, the largest profit so far. The Pull for Cypress Campaign was extended until October 31st.

G. **Basic Skills Committee:** No report

H. **Student Learning Outcomes Assessment:** No report

I. **Program Review and Department Planning:**

The committee begins their reviews November 3rd.

J. **District Council on Budget and Facilities:** No report

VI. **President's Report:**

President Grande noted that Fall Plenary was approaching and encouraged all to see a handout that was distributed regarding the Resolutions and the Area responses to them. She encouraged members to attend both the Area B meeting and the Plenary Session. The deadline for the District to send candidates for the Pilot Baccalaureate Program to the state was moved up to November 12th. There is a discussion of the District Mission, Visions, and Values before the Board Meeting October 28th. She also reported that the Newsroom issue was brought up at PAC. Dr. Simpson stressed there were safety concerns for students being in instructional areas without supervision.

President Grande sought confirmation of nominees to the following committees:

1. Staff Development – Michael Brydges, Susan Klein, Nora Simoes, and Jess Gibson were appointed by unanimous vote.
2. Build-Out of the LLRC Committee – Cherie Dickey was appointed by unanimous vote.
3. Technology Coordinating Committee – Garrett Hill was appointed by unanimous vote.
4. Campus Diversity Committee – Still need an appointment.

VII. **Faculty Issues – Unfinished Business**

A. **Measure J:**

A motion was made that the Cypress College Academic Senate supports the passage of Measure J (Ganer/Morvan). Senator Ganer offered rebuttals to the official arguments offered in opposition to Measure J as well as others raised in public commentary. It was underscored that veterans would benefit from not only the increased veterans' services, but from the increase in the overall quality of education as well. Senator Walker shared that it was frustrating to the Nursing Program to see pictures of nurses and veterans in the

printed election materials when nurses are not directly benefitting. The motion passed unanimously with Senator Gomez abstaining.

B. Enrollment Management Task Update:

Senator Seiling gave an update on the work of the Enrollment Management Taskforce. He commended the work to date and thought the process had been transparent and built on compromises and adjustments made after faculty input and consent. There will be one more meeting this semester, but there has been discussion of making the taskforce a permanent committee. Since the Senate only agreed to participate for this semester, it will need to decide whether it wants to continue the taskforce in the future. There was discussion about the need to broaden the membership of the taskforce to include more divisions on the campus. The item will be taken up at a later meeting.

C. Community College Bachelor's Degree Programs:

President Grande informed the Senate that three programs had submitted proposals to the President's Advisory Cabinet to be considered for the Pilot Baccalaureate Program. They were Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Engineering, Court Reporting, and Mortuary Science. Each program was required to respond to a new list of criteria from the DCCC. At PAC, President Simpson stated this was a faculty-driven process and the Senate was to choose the one program it supported being sent forward to the District to compete against the Fullerton program.

Doug Sallade presented the proposals for Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Engineering. There is no similar program west of the Mississippi that is this specialized. Most places try to take Mechanical Engineers and make them Air Conditioning Engineers, but that's inadequate. The proposed program also deals with sustainable technologies and efficient uses of energy. There is a projected 28% growth in the profession over the next 10 years, which increases the need for such a program. He addressed a series of questions from Senators on topics including but not limited to interest in the program, number of students participating, certificate and degree numbers, green energy, the duplication of course/programs elsewhere in the region, greater math requirements, and the need for a B.S. over an A.S. in the hiring process.

After debate and on motions duly made and seconded, the Senate agreed to give the remaining programs 15 minutes each to present their proposals. The vote was unanimous with no abstentions.

Carolee Freer presented the proposal from the Court Reporting Program. She stated the need for such a program and the desire and ability to create one at Cypress, but she believed it would be best if her proposal waited until the

second round of applications. She removed the Court Reporting proposal from consideration.

Glenn Bower presented the proposal from the Mortuary Science Program. There are few programs in the country, let alone California, which offer a Bachelor's Degree in Mortuary Science. The current Program has the framework, facilities, and resources to easily transition to the baccalaureate level. The proposed program would greatly reduce the cost to Cypress students forced to pay out-of-state tuitions to complete their degrees, open managerial positions to graduates, and be applicable nationwide. He addressed questions from Senators which included concerns about other programs in the region, the need for new courses to distinguish between Upper and Lower Divisional work, and the need for a math requirement higher than Math 40 for a Bachelor's Degree.

Mortuary Science student Yasamin Harirchi spoke in support of Mortuary Science being the program forwarded to the District. She made a personal appeal on the importance of her studies at Cypress and the positive impact of creating a baccalaureate program at the college.

Senator Reiland and Doug Sallade expressed a willingness to pull the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Engineering proposal and wait for the next round of applications. After debate and on motions duly made and seconded, the Cypress College Academic Senate agreed to recommend the Mortuary Science proposal be forwarded to the District to include in the Certificate of Interest. (Reiland/Majarian). The motion passed unanimously.

D. Exchange/Scholarship Program:

Mariye Takahashi, professor in Japanese, and Christie Diep, professor in English, presented a proposal for a student exchange program between Cypress College and Kyushu Sangyo University (KSU) in Japan. As part of the program, one student from KSU would attend Cypress for one year, and 2 Cypress students would attend KSU for six months each. The students pay the tuition of their native colleges and are offered a stipend for living expenses. The proposed program builds on a successful Summer Program between the two institutions. There has been some difficulty in expanding the program, and the help of the Senate was being sought going further.

After debate and on motions duly made and seconded, the Senate agreed to lend support to Professor Takahashi to further explore creating the exchange program. The motion passed 17 to 1 with one abstention. Senators Voting Yes: Armale, Gomez, Goralski, Hormel, Jones, Klyde, Laguana-Ferinac, Majarian,

Mitts, Morvan, Paiement, Popeney, Saldana, Seiling, Ssensalo, Vescial, and Walker. Senators Voting No: Ganer. Senator Reiland abstained.

E. Line of Sight Issue:

Senator Seiling presented the “line of sight” issue on behalf of Professor Robert Mercer who was unable to attend the meeting due to restrictions placed on his schedule. For years Cypress College had a tradition of allowing our elected AS leaders and editor of the *Chronicle* to have their own offices. Over time that practice became more restricted, and students lost their own keys to their own offices. At the same time, restrictions on advisors were forcing them to find creative ways to meet the needs of students in Journalism.

Now, a “line of sight” issue has greatly restricted access to the newsroom. At issue is the need for instructors to be able to see their students in instructional spaces. Unbelievably, there is a report that one instructor was docked pay for going to the restroom during a long lab session. The instructor was told they should have had the students exit, locked the lab while they were in the restroom, and reopened it upon their return. If this is the sort of rubric under which decisions are being made, perhaps we have to have a larger discussion about the “line of sight” requirement.

Senator Seiling presented three questions from Professor Mercer for the Senate. First, if the student government and the newsroom offices are not classes, why do classroom rules apply? Second, if student government and newsroom are classes, then how can the administration violate the classroom hours set by the instructor? Third, under Measure J, NOCCCD literature promotes the bond will build spaces for students. But why do we need such spaces if the administration is not willing to staff these spaces? Professor Mercer also suggested three potential ways for the Senate to proceed. First, the Senate can pass a resolution directing administration to hire “Staff Minders” to keep the spaces open. Second, the Senate could pass a resolution directing administration to build a true Student Union where a single faculty could monitor surrounding space. Third, the Senate could pass a resolution simply stating we trust our student leaders. None of this could be taken up at the current meeting, but we needed to begin a discussion of the topic. Access to the newsroom has been cut in half, from 40 hours a week to 20, as a result of these restrictions, which has negatively impacted the production of the *Chronicle*, *Divergence Magazine*, and TV programs.

Senator Hormel stated that a similar problem impacts Theater Arts. The “line of sight” restrictions limit the effectiveness of instruction in their programs. Student designers are unable to get into the theater without faculty supervision.

We need to see if the policy can accommodate the fact that the hours required to mount a production or produce a newspaper do not conform to the normal classroom hours. If we can't staff these spaces, can we have Journalism or Theater at Cypress?

Senator Klyde also stated these restrictions negatively impact programs in CTE. It was suggested that Dr. Simpson and Karen Kant be invited to come to the next Senate meeting to further explain the "line of sight" issues and possibly arrive at a compromise. Senator Reiland asked that a call go out to all the Divisions, as there are many that may want to participate in the discussion. There were also questions about how other colleges handled the issue and as to whether the concerns were for liability concerning physical harm or theft. The discussion will be taken up at the next Senate meeting.

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm (Hormel/Saldana).

Respectfully Submitted,

Bryan Seiling
Academic Senate Secretary

Video of the meeting may be viewed at youtube.com.
The Minutes of all Academic Senate meetings can be found at
<http://www.cypresscollege.edu/facultystaff/senate>.