

Riverside City College Academic Senate

November 7, 2022 • 3:00 - 5:00 PM • Zoom / Hall of Fame

3:00 I. Call to Order – 3:02 pm

Roll Call

Academic Senate Officers

President: Mark Sellick

Vice President: Kevin Mayse, Music

Secretary-Treasurer: Mary Legner

Department Senators

Applied Technology: Paul O'Connell (not present)

Art: Jeff Soto

Behavioral Science: Marc Wolpoff

Business Admin/IST: Mark Lehr

Chemistry: Stacie Eldridge

Communication Studies: Cliff Ruth

Cosmetology: Peter Westbrook

Counseling: Scott Brown/Sal Soto

Dance and Theatre: Jodi Julian

Early Childhood Education: Emily Philippsen (not present)

Economics/Geography/Political Science: Kendralyn Webber (not present)

English: Christine Sandoval

History/Philosophy/Humanities/Ethnic Studies: Daniel Borses

Kinesiology: Jim McCarron

Library: Sally Ellis

Life Sciences: Lisa Thompson-Eagle

Mathematics: Evan Enright

Nursing: Lee Nelson

Physical Science: James Cheney

World Languages: Rosemarie Sarkis (not present)

Associate Faculty Senator

Lindsay Weiler

Ex-Officio Senators

EPOC: Vacant

ASC: Jacquie Lesch (not present)

Teaching and Learning LC: Star Taylor (not present)

Student Access and Success LC: Carolyn Rosales

Resource Development and Administrative Services LC: Tucker Amidon (not present)

Government, Effectiveness, Mission, and Quality LC: Wendy McKeen

Curriculum: Kelly Douglass (not present)

RCCD Faculty Association

Rhonda Taube

Administrative Representatives

College President: FeRita Carter

VP Academic Affairs: Lynn Wright

VP Business Services: Vacant

VP Planning and Development: Kristine DiMemmo (not present)

VP Student Services: FeRita Carter

ASRCC Representative

ASRCC President Elisabeth Etchell

Recorder of Minutes

Jessica McDermott

3:05 II. Approval of the Agenda – 3:04 pm

- Accepted by consent.

3:05 III. Approval of the Minutes from October 17 – 3:04 pm

- Accepted by consent.

3:10 IV. Open Hearing – 3:04 pm

- VP Mayse noted there was an issue with winter classes not showing up for faculty on Web Advisor, but the issue now seems to be resolved.
- To address low attendance at prioritization meetings, President Sellick will have a discussion with the four LC Chairs and Soto to come up with solutions. McKeen suggested sub pay be offered in the future to increase attendance.
- McCarron noted that the Theatre Department's *Little Mermaid* performance was fantastic.

3:25 V. Officer and Liaison Reports – 3:11 pm

A. President-

- ASCCC Plenary was last week. President Sellick received requests from departments for positions on resolutions. He will send out the finalized resolutions when they become available. Many proposed resolutions discussed the potential removal of Area E from the GE Pathway. Kinesiology asked President Sellick to vote in the affirmative to keep Area E, and he voted that way.
- There were other proposed resolutions that were potentially undermining of the senate. If someone puts forward a resolution that tells the academic senate to distance self from curriculum proposals, our system partners will not look upon this favorably and ultimately a decision regarding curriculum would default to the State Chancellor's Office. President Sellick is happy to talk more about the resolutions once the senators receive them.
- President Sellick will keep the senate posted on the hiring of the Civil Rights Investigator position as interviews are done and the candidates were forwarded for approval.
- District Senate Presidents met previously and will meet again Friday to hopefully finalize the District's strategic planning structure.
- District Academic Senate passed the 2000 series APs and BPs. MVC will vote today. Once two colleges have passed a BPs or APs, it is passed.
- Distinguished Faculty Lecturer (DFL) of the year was also discussed. Decision was made to go back to how this was done previously with it going out to all three colleges.
- A presentation on why students leave was presented at the Board of Trustees Meeting. It was a long presentation with questionable data as it was unfinished. It still needs to be reviewed by colleagues. RCCAS will look at this in the near future.
- RCCAS still needs to fill the Guided Pathways Coordinator position. President Sellick attended the district guided pathways meeting as this position is currently vacant. President Sellick will send out the job description for this position and is happy to answer questions about it.

- A consortium membership letter should be sent out to everyone via rccd-all. President Sellick will find out why this hasn't been sent out yet. The letter clarifies what our CDCOEI consortium membership is about.
- An emergency conditions recovery plan meeting was also held. This plan details the happenings during the pandemic, including losses and how we plan to rectify these losses moving forward.
- A Board of Trustees candidate orientation was held for Area 5.
- A Course Caps Task Force meeting was held last Friday. The work to add/remove caps is a contractual process. At the meeting, best practices were discussed, so we can have a logical framework for making these changes.
- President Sellick will be giving a presentation in December to explain the role of the senate to the Board of Trustees. President Sellick also looks forward to collaborating to create presentations on where RCC is at on key indicators and goals for future presentations.
- The search committee for RCC's President convened on Oct. 21. It is a large committee comprising 15 people. An open forum to help generate the job description for the President will be conducted, so Senators should be on the lookout for these announcements.
- President Sellick spoke at the opening dedication for the new greenhouse at RCC, which Professor White took the lead on managing the creation of. This greenhouse will aid botany and sustainability students and other areas of life sciences.
- Prioritization took place on Oct. 20. Initiatives from the VP plans and full-time hiring faculty requests were considered as part of the prioritization process. Historically, RCCAS doesn't approve the final outcome of these requests, but if there is interest in doing so, a meeting can be proposed for next Monday to do so or it can be sent as an agenda item for December.

B. Vice President

- Elections will be held in the spring for RCCAS leadership positions. Positions will include RCCAS President (compensated at .6), RCCAS VP (compensated at .1), and Secretary Treasurer (not currently compensated). The Secretary Treasurer position may be rewritten to be more of a liaison position to liaison with ASCCC and various committees and councils.

C. Secretary Treasurer- no report.

- Legner will be at the next District Senate Meeting to discuss the Emeriti Wall. RCCAS needs to revisit the process for adding names to wall.

D. RCCD Faculty Association- no report.

E. College President-

- Over the past 30 days President Carter has attended many events as RCC as President. She thanked all faculty members for their work in transforming students' lives.

F. Vice President Planning and Development-

- President Carter filled in, confirming that the budget prioritization session was completed and that it will be sent to her for review. These decisions are not made in isolation but with the consultation of the entire President's Leadership Teams and rationale from prioritization sessions.

G. ASRCC Representative-

- Multicultural Advisory Activities Council is collaborating with the Veterans' Resource Center for an event this week. Taste of Nations will be held on Nov. 15, and faculty and staff can participate by serving food. On election day, a pizza to the polls event to encourage students to vote will occur.

3:55 VI. Council and Curriculum Reports – 3:41 pm

- A. Teaching and Learning LC (Taylor or designee)
 - Prioritization had been the Council's focus. They went through VP plans, focusing on hows/whys.
- B. Student Access and Success LC (Rosales or designee)
 - Prioritization was discussed and questions were taken to the Q&As, so the Council could discuss the responses. Faculty prioritization was also reviewed, clarifying terminology as well as the Student Equity Plan.
- C. Resource Development and Administrative Services LC (Scullin or designee)
 - Prioritizations were followed up with. The Technology Committee presented on the technology update plan, which includes audio and visual standards for maintenance and replacement, as well as standards for computers. The Marketing Committee is working on a new branding guide/system. The Council is also looking for a new faculty chair for the HR sub-committee, which is working on a development plan. Students reported catalytic converters being stolen from parking lots on campus. Senators confirmed that faculty and staff have had their catalytic converters stolen as well, so this is a pervasive problem. Additional security may be added to address this.
 - McKeen said there are still issues with faculty being ticketed for leaving their electric vehicles charging more than an hour. For those in the sciences who teach labs, they won't be able to leave within an hour as the labs are 3 hours long. No mass email clarified that they would be ticketed for leaving past an hour.
 - Scott Brown will take the electric vehicles issue and the issue of how to register car more easily to park on campus to FA Board meeting tomorrow and get back to McKeen.
- D. GEMQ LC (McKeen or designee)
 - Went over each of the prioritization initiatives as a committee. Dismissed everyone but faculty at the end and discussed faculty positions.
 - President Sellick thanked all LC Chairs for their work with prioritization and noted how the process continues to improve.

4:25 VII. New Business – 3:53 pm

- A. Extension of Assembly Bill (AB) 361 – action item (Sellick or designee)
The RCCAS will consider extending the provisions AB 361 to hold subsequent meetings through online or hybrid mechanisms
 - Motion to enact provisions of Assembly Bill 361, M/S/C: Soto/Thompson-Eagle, 18 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions. Motion passes.
 - This will cover us for the semester as next meeting is Dec. 5. President Sellick will see if we need a meeting in two weeks on Nov. 15 to address additional items or not.
- B. Consideration of emergency conditions Allowance (ECA) proposal – action item (Mills or designee)

Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Strategic Planning Susan Mills will walk the RCCAS through the ECA proposal

- Vice Chancellor Mills discussed updates to the emergency plan document. The document is due to the state by Feb. 28, 2023.
- Motion to accept the Emergency Recovery Plan, M/S/C: Lehr/Cheney, 17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions. Motion passes.
- This was sent out Friday as a link in the agenda if Senators would like to look at it in more detail.

C. Consideration of the Bylaws of the Global Learning & Study Abroad Committee (GLSA) – action item (Wiggs or designee)

Coordinator of International Education Micherri Wiggs will walk the RCCAS through the proposed bylaws for the GLSA

- Wiggs gave background on the creation of the committee as well as noting the new name and their goal to get study abroad moving again at RCC post pandemic. Wiggs noted the need to systematize and legitimize the work of the committee, which for now will include determining membership and leadership. This will be on other colleges agenda for next Monday.
- This committee has always been district-wide, but these bylaws and approval will give more legitimacy. The committee reports to the district but reps can report to three colleges as needed.
- Motion to accept the Bylaws of the Global Learning & Study Abroad Committee, M/S/C: Cliff/Borses, 15 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Weiler). Motion passes.
- President Sellick looks forward to updates on this committee's work.

5:00 VIII. Adjourn – 4:12 pm

- Motion to Adjourn, M/S/C: Weiler/Lehr