

Riverside City College Academic Senate

April 3, 2023 • 3:00 - 5:00 PM • Zoom / Hall of Fame

3:00 I. Call to Order – 3:00 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

Art: Will Kim

Behavioral Science: Carol Farrar

Business Admin/IST: Mark Lehr

Chemistry: Stacie Eldridge

Communication Studies: Cliff Ruth

Cosmetology: Peter Westbrook (not present)

Counseling: Scott Brown/Sal Soto

Dance and Theatre: Todd Faux

Early Childhood Education: Emily Philippsen

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

English: Christine Sandoval

History/Philosophy/Humanities/Ethnic Studies: Daniel Borses

Kinesiology & Athletics: Dennis Rogers

Library: Sally Ellis

Life Sciences: Lisa Thompson-Eagle

Mathematics: Evan Enright

Nursing: Lee Nelson (not present)

Physical Science: James Cheney

World Languages: Rosemarie Sarkis

Associate Faculty Senator

Lindsay Weiler

Ex-Officio Senators

Teaching and Learning LC: Vacant

ASC: Jacquie Lesch

EPOC: Vacant

Government, Effectiveness, Mission, and Quality LC: Wendy McKeen (not present)

IE: Debbie Cazares (not present)

Resource Development and Administrative Services LC: Patrick Scullin (not present)

Student Success and Equity LC: Carolyn Rosales

Curriculum: Kelly Douglass

Parliamentarian: Sal Soto

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

VP Student Services: FeRita Carter

ASRCC Representative
ASRCC Jake England

Recorder of Minutes
Jessica McDermott (not present- minutes taken via recording)

3:05 II. Approval of the Agenda – 3:00 pm

- Update to correct Greg Russell's name in New Business item D.
- Accepted by consent.

3:05 III. Approval of the Minutes from March 06 – 3:01 pm

- Roberts Rules of Orders focuses on actions in minutes. Should consider how want minutes to conform with Roberts Rules in the future.
- Accepted by consent.

3:10 IV. Public Comments – 3:03 pm

- No comments.

3:20 V. Officer and Liaison Reports – 3:05 pm

A. President-

- Senators should have received copies of the resolutions discussed at the Area D Meeting. DEIA issues and part-time faculty role in the Academic Senate at state and local levels were discussed.
- Senators can contact VP Wright to attend Spring Plenary.
- Title 5 changes dealing with DEIA will be negotiated at some point.
- District Academic Senate meeting primarily discussed strategic planning and populating councils.
- Retreat on April 28 will be held to discuss strategic enrollment planning and targets.
- RCC President and VP of Business Services search processes are underway.

B. Vice President-

- Deadline for nominations for executive senate positions will be noon before next meeting (April 17).
- Strategic Planning retreat may occur this summer to address leadership council structure.

C. Secretary Treasurer-

- RCCAS President Sellick will reach out to Secretary/Treasurer Legner to discuss emeriti faculty who want their name on the wall.

D. RCCD Faculty Association-

- Equity flex announcement from VP Mills confirmed that faculty will be responsible for 8-hours of contractual equity flex starting in the fall. There will be no obligation this year. Part-time equivalent hasn't changed; they're eligible for 3-hours of equity flex each academic year.
- Academic calendar has been updated to include anything related to voting.
- Suggested changes in regulatory language to Title V to include evaluation of faculty based on DEIA issues does not supersede current collective bargaining agreement. The district will need to bargain to make changes.
- Input on contract will be gathered so changes can be made and the contract rolled over vs. opening a new contract.
- Negotiations for health care increase for part-time faculty have begun as well as discussions on golden handshake for June/Dec. of 2024.

- Community College Association Congress is coming up the last weekend in April. RCC has 21 delegates attending with a few open spots. Those who are interested can contact FA President Taube to attend.
 - FA full/part-time representatives' election is open for five more days.
- E. College President-
- Commencement 2023 will be held in Landis due to construction on the track.
 - Counseling will host the 2023 RCC Counselor to Counselor event on April 5 to connect with local unified counselors.
 - RCC's Veterans program received the 2023-24 military friendly school designation.
 - Life Sciences Faculty did excellent job on the *Wild and Scenic* film festival on March 24. The event fundraised for the sustainability efforts of campus sand study abroad ecology trip for RCC students to go to Belize this summer.
- F. ASRCC Representative-
- Funny Poppy event that is open to the community will be on April 6.
 - Student Senate for CA Community Colleges met last weekend and passed several bills to focus advocacy for coming year. Many are focused on equity and inclusion. Can reach out for more information.

3:50 VI. Council and Curriculum Reports – 3:26 pm

- A. Curriculum Committee (Douglass or designee)- no report.
- B. Teaching and Learning LC (Wright or designee)
- Greg Russel elected as new faculty co-chair.
- C. Student Access and Success LC (Rosales or designee)
- Guest Courtney Carter spoke about Career Center, and guest Jackie Lesch spoke about library digitization of textbooks for students and limitations.
 - Reviewed SAS goals.
- D. Resource Development and Administrative Services LC (Scullin or designee)
- Discussing how to deal with emergencies, security, and door locks.
 - HR committee still looking for participants.
 - Active Shooter Trainings are available. Look for emails from Monica Esqueda.
 - Security Concerns: Math Dept. on Magnolia Street cannot lock doors from the inside. Lockboxes can only be used for certain doors. Departments can push to try and get lock types they want. Security/doors change from building to building, which can be stressful for part-time faculty.
- E. GEMQ LC (McEwen or designee)
- Discussed DEI Committee and the strategic plan as well as proposal shared by Dr. Moore and provided our suggested changes to SEC leadership.
 - Updated program review.
 - The prompts will be looked at to ensure clarity.

4:15 VII. New Business – 3:43 pm

- A. Consideration of changes to Administrative Procedure (AP) 2105 and other Distance Education matters – first read (Smith or designee)
- Distance Education (DE) Committee Chair Heather Smith will walk the RCCAS through a [first read of AP 2105](#) and will update the body on proposed DE changes
- If Senators have questions or want information on federal statutes can ask Smith. This will be considered on April 17.
 - Douglass asked if it still has recommendation that approvals for DE should be separate from course outline of record as this is no longer required but would like it to stay

locally. Smith and Douglass will meet offline to discuss. Proposed modifications should be given to RCCAS President Sellick ASAP to be shared.

- B. Consideration of Board Policies (BPs) and Administrative Procedures (APs) in the 3000 series – first read (Sellick or designee)
RCCAS President Mark Sellick or designee will walk the RCCAS through a first read of a selection of [BPs and APs in the 3000 series](#)
- Senators encouraged to review these, so they can be considered on April 17.
 - Weiler doesn't have access, so she hasn't read them. She can send another request to RCCAS President Sellick.
 - RCCAS President Sellick will speak with General Counsel to clarify if AI will be mentioned in student conduct.
- C. Presentation on the Equity Minded Learning Institute – information (Wilcoxson or designee)
Professor Ajene Wilcoxson will present on the Equity Minded Learning Institute prior to this being brought to the Board of Trustees
- ASCCC has a DEI curriculum with resources that can be shared. Melissa Harman, FD Coordinator, will reach out with RCCAS President Sellick to discuss this work and these resources.
 - Ongoing discussion on how to share resources and information.
 - End of year institute showcase suggested for end of year; this is being actively encouraged.
 - Cohort for coming year still being considered.
- D. Appointment of Greg Russell to TL LC Chair – action item (Sellick or designee)
RCCAS President Mark Sellick will present the selection of Professor Greg Russell for faculty chair of TL LC for ratification
- Motion to approve appointment of Greg Russell as TL LC Chair, M/S/C: Soto/Farrar, motion passes unanimously.
- E. Appointment of Kweku Williams to Global Learning and Study Abroad Committee – action item (Sellick or designee)
RCCAS President Sellick will present the candidacy of Professor Kweku Williams for a position on the GLAS Committee for ratification
- Motion to approve appointment of Kweku Williams on GLSA Committee, M/S/C: Legner/Farrar, motion passes unanimously.

4:50 VIII. Open Hearing – 4:28 pm

- RCCAS President Sellick encouraged faculty to watch Will Kim's presentation tomorrow on their sabbatical.

5:00 IV. Adjourn – 4:30 pm

- Motion to Adjourn, M/S/C: O'Connell/Weiler