

Riverside City College Academic Senate

October 3, 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

Economics/Geography/Political Science: Kendralyn Webber

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

Associate Faculty Senator

Lindsay Weiler

Ex-Officio Senators

EPOC: Vacant

ASC: Jacquie Lesch (not present)

Teaching and Learning LC: Star Taylor

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

RCCD Faculty Association

Rhonda Taube

Administrative Representatives

College President: Ramalingum Vurdien (not present)

VP Academic Affairs: Lynn Wright

VP Business Services: Vacant

VP Planning and Development: Kristine DiMemmo

VP Student Services: FeRita Carter

ASRCC Representative

ASRCC President Elisabeth Etchell

Recorder of Minutes

Jessica McDermott

3:05 II. Approval of the Agenda – 3:03 pm

- Motion to amend the agenda to add an item under six, A for Curriculum Chair report M/S/C: Legner/Borses, accepted by consent.

3:05 III. Approval of the Minutes from September 19 – 3:04 pm

- Accepted by consent.

3:10 IV. Open Hearing – 3:04 pm

- Soto reminded everyone to review their program maps to make sure they are up to date and accurate.

3:25 V. Officer and Liaison Reports – 3:05

A. President-

- AB1705 was signed by the Governor on Friday.
- Zero textbook cost program will be going through the Course Materials and Affordability Committee. Smith may return to discuss this in the future.
- ASCCC Exemplary Program for this year is “Walk a Mile in Someone Else’s Shoes: An Ethnic Studies Approach to California Community Colleges’ Curriculum.” This was sent out to Ethnic Studies, so they can submit a program for consideration. The ASCCC Plenary will be Nov. 3-5 in Sacramento/Zoom. If interested in attending, reach out to President Sellick. Area D Meeting will be Oct. 15.
- Equity FLEX and Board Policies were discussed at last District Academic Senate Meeting. An update should be given on Equity FLEX at today’s Board Meeting at 6 pm. The Board Policies reviewed will be going out to ASRCC and other student groups for feedback.
- At ASCCC meeting, the District Strategic Planning Council Structure was also discussed to see if all committees as currently constituted are absolutely necessary.
- President Sellick was hoping for feedback on Administrative Procedures and Board Policies today, but feedback can also be sent to him or brought back on Oct. 17. These were vetted by Curriculum and must be approved by Department Senators, so it is their responsibility to look through these and bring back feedback from Departments.
- Lots of enthusiasm for the IE Technical Trade Center and creating jobs that will benefit our community. Be ready for more discussion on this topic.
- Representation for RCC President search closely resembles what done in past. Star Taylor will be representing RCCAS on the search committee.

B. Vice President – no report.

C. Secretary Treasurer – no report.

- President Sellick will add the Emeriti Wall to District Academic Senate Meeting agenda for Oct. 24 and asked Legner to attend to discuss this.

D. RCCD Faculty Association-

- Governor signed Assembly Bill 190, which includes part-time faculty health care coverage for them and their dependents. Our District does provide this already, but this requires a demand to bargain to see what the impact will be on the District. Anyone who teaches 40% of a full-time load is considered part-time, according to the Bill.
- For long-term health care to go into effect, need 10 qualified applicants to apply and 46 applied, so the odds are good 10 will qualify. If 10 approved, it will go into effect retroactively on Oct. 1.
- Administrative approval is needed if full-time faculty teach an overload between the hours of 8 am – 2 pm. The FA has requested clarification on how this approval will be weeded out.
- Last Thursday the FA held a FLEX workshop on best practices for IOI process. The evaluations being shared from HR for part-time faculty is incorrect. HR has been contacted to provide an updated list.
- Motion to add an F to Officer and Liaison Reports, so the ASRCC Representative who is present can give an update, M/S/C: Mayse/Borses.

E. College President-

- Tomorrow is Chancellor Forum at 9 am and on 2nd floor of Kane during the day.
- Dolores Huerta will be presenting tomorrow as well as Eric Alva on Oct. 11 as part of Hispanic Heritage Month.
- VP Wright received an email from the State Chancellor's Office prior to meeting with an appeal to action for DACA. A webinar will be held on Wednesday morning regarding documentation in California that faculty can attend. Undocumented Student Action Week begins Oct. 17.

F. ASRCC President-

- Elisabeth went over events that occurred recently, including Homecoming Week and the low-rider event and mentioned the upcoming Scare Week and October Fest events. Club advisors can encourage clubs to participate in Scare Week.
- Elisabeth attended the Workforce Summit as a participant with other young leaders that offered insight into how barriers can be lifted for young people entering the workforce.

3:50 VI. Council and Curriculum reports – 3:33

A. Curriculum Committee (Kelly)

- Curriculum is moving along according to calendar. Thanks to those who launched course proposals last Friday. Reminder to anybody who is a facilitator or department chair that proposals need to be approved by this Friday, Oct. 7.

B. Teaching and Learning LC (Taylor or designee)

- Had a great community report on Faculty Development at last meeting, and we have an ongoing book club held every other Thursday by Star Taylor.

- At the meeting, we focused on prioritization and presented on where to find program plans and encouraged everyone to look at other VPs' program plans and attend Friday, Oct. 14, which is the final Q&A for program plans.
- C. Student Access and Success LC (Rosales or designee)
- At last meeting we welcomed a handful of new SAS members and spent the meeting going over VP Plans and the process of prioritization.
- D. Resource Development and Administrative Services LC (Scullin or designee)
- We also spent time discussing the need to review program plans. Also had budget presentation by VP DiMemmo and prepared with sub-committees to review their plans and set goals for the year on their projects.
 - We are looking for a Chair for the Resources Committee and looking to reconstitute that committee.
 - Been discussing affordable housing project and right now, a proposal to apply for funds to build affordable housing near campus is being looked into. The hope is for this preliminary stage to be completed by the end of this semester for the application process.
- E. GEMQ LC (McKeen or designee)
- At last meeting focused on prioritization, and we set goals we'd like to do as a Council. McKeen urged other LCs to set goals to ensure following strategic responsibilities. At next meeting will be going through initiatives as a Council.
 - If sit on a LCs, you represent your division. No LC should be voting on these initiatives as a whole. If feel forced to vote a certain way or have questions about initiatives, reach out to McKeen. Faculty prioritization requests are on the Strategic Planning Website.
 - President Sellick – should be thinking of this from a College level perspective. At same time, may have competing initiatives that will have to talk with division department colleagues about but ultimately these decisions are democratic. Should be driven by facts and larger needs of college.
 - Taylor encouraged all chairs to send this information to respective councils as the chair's job is to read over these documents and set up councils to field these questions when we meet on the 24th.
 - President Sellick will circle back to LC Chairs and Department Chairs and see if we can have a conversation to address this and ensure there is appropriate understanding of faculty prioritization.

4:10 VII. Ongoing Business – 3:53

- A. Student Equity Plan documents – second read, possible action (Moore or designee) Dean of Equity, Inclusion, and Engagement Inez Moore will walk the RCCAS through a second read for possible action on the Student Equity Plan Executive Summary and the complete Plan Document
- Senators didn't have any questions. VP Mayse thanked Moore for work on a thorough document. President Sellick and Weiler echoed this sentiment.
 - Moore is looking forward to data collection to inform next steps. RCC is not the only campus diving into inquiry work – MVC and Norco have robust inquiry plans as well. Plan to present at the Chancellor's Cabinet meeting on Oct. 24 and hopefully present to Board of Trustees

- on Nov. 1. We are on the right timeline with sister colleges.
- Motion to approve the Student Equity Plan documents and Executive Summary, M/S/C: Ruth/Mayse, 21 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention, motion passes.

B. Review of 2000 series Board Policies (BPs) and Administrative Procedures (APs) – second read, possible action (Sellick or designee)

RCCAS President Mark Sellick will lead the Senate through a second read for possible action on selected BPs and APs from the 2000 series

- Senators can bring BPs and APs to Departments, but it is ultimately up to Senators to decide which ones move forward.
- BPs are legal requirements and the APs are about implementation and have more space for input.
- President Sellick thanked legal councils for work in uniting legal requirements with local commitments. This will be brought back to next meeting.

4:30 VIII. New Business – 4:05

A. Online Teaching Certification Requirements – action item (Smith or designee)

Distance Education Subcommittee Chair Heather Smith will lead a discussion, culminating in action, regarding the Online Teaching Certification Requirements

- These have already been passed by other two colleges but President Sellick can take comments back to District Academic Senate for possible revisions.
- Recertification occurs every three years and requires 6 hours of training. There is lots of flexibility in what counts toward these trainings and faculty will be self-reporting their hours on the District DE Website. The DE Newsletter that goes out lists weekly trainings that all count toward the 6 required recertification hours.
- Heather will check if Deans will update faculty a year in advance of when certification will expire.
- President Sellick will take the question of whether recertification hours can also count toward FLEX credit to the DLC as we want consistency across expectations.
- Everyone was certified during COVID to teach online. At the end of 2023, will need to recertify. The beginning of 2024 would be when you are non-compliant.
- Motion to approve Online Teaching Certification Requirements, M/S/C: Legner/Thompson-Eagle, 17 yes, 3 no (Mayse, Ruth, McCarron), 1 abstention (Wolpoff), the motion passes.
- President Sellick will bring this to the District Academic Senate Meeting on Oct. 24, then back to RCCAS for an update on implementation.

B. Update on Land Acknowledgement – information item (Keene, Greathouse, or designee) Professors Bryan Keene and Laura Greathouse will update the RCCAS on the status of RCCD's proposed land acknowledgment

- This will be taken up in another meeting.

C. Five to Thrive Presentations – action item (Sellick or designee)

RCCAS President Mark Sellick will lead a discussion, culminating in action, of the representatives for RCCAS's Five to Thrive presentations

- Professor Clark presented on the Community Action Leadership Academy and Professor Berry presented on the Cyber Security Program.
- Motion to have these two programs presented to the Board of Trustees, M/S/C: Mayse/McCarron, 19 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention, motion passes.
- Berry will present in October, and Clark will present in January.

5:00 IX. Adjourn

- Motion to Adjourn, M/S/C: Mayse/Legner