

**Riverside City College Academic Senate**  
October 17, 2022 • 3:00 - 5:00 PM • Zoom / Hall of Fame

**3:00 I. Call to Order – 3:01**

**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 (not present)  
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 (not present)  
Student Access and Success LC: Carolyn Rosales (not present)  
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 – 3:01**

- Accepted by consent.

**3:05 III. Approval of the Minutes from October 3 – 3:01 pm**

- Update Daniel Bores title to History/Philosophy/Humanities/Ethnic Studies.
- Accepted by consent.

**3:10 IV. Open Hearing – 3:02 pm**

- The Music Department had their first concert of the year yesterday that featured two groups of musicians that represented 51 high schools and an audience of over 400.

**3:25 V. Officer and Liaison Reports – 3:04**

A. President-

- Resolutions for the upcoming ASCCC Plenary were discussed at Saturday's Area D meeting. Many resolutions have to do with the creation of Ethnic Studies curriculums and disciplines. When the resolutions are finalized, President Sellick will send them to senators, so they can provide their direction as he'll vote on behalf of ASRCC at the Plenary in November.
- The Board of Trustees meeting will be tomorrow evening. The last Board of Trustees meeting included discussions on how curriculum is passed. Curriculum Chair Kelly Douglass was there to field questions. President Sellick sees need to present on the role of the senate at one of the November meetings to clarify curriculum and various roles the senate plays.
- Senate Presidents met with the Chancellor last week. President Sellick pointed out the need for a thorough assessment of resource allocations from District Office and audit of the District Office to clarify needs and support.
- President Sellick also met with Vice Chancellor Mills to discuss the District's Strategic Planning Council structure. Mills understands the charge of RCCAS and its role in institutional decision making. President Sellick will update senators on the outcome of these discussions.
- President Sellick congratulated Dr. LaFrita Carter on her new role as RCC President.
- Interviews for the District's new Civil Rights Investigator position are underway.

B. Vice President – no report.

C. Secretary Treasurer – no report.

D. RCCD Faculty Association-

- The FA asked that the provision that prohibits full-time faculty from teaching an overload between 8am- 2pm be reexamined and see if it is out of date. The District is interested in this discussion.
- Faculty can have office hours on weekends if it is for the benefit of students and the department chair and dean know about this decision.

- Still determining if there are enough participants for long term healthcare coverage. We need 10 approved applicants, and 46 applied and need to be assessed. The company Chubb was voted on and chosen because of their affordability and they would allow people to join the long-term healthcare program at a later age. Because of these benefits, Chubb's life insurance was chosen as part of this rider.
  - Been having lots of issues with membership with CTA. The FA is discussing the possibility of decertification with CTA and staying an independent union or affiliating with the California Federation of Teachers. The benefits of decertification will continue to be explored and discussed.
  - No open session tomorrow only closed as the FA will be revising their bylaws.
- E. College President-
- RCC President Carter expressed that she is honored and humbled by her new position. She spoke to the need for cross campus collaboration and planning as well as a need to do a deep dive into guided pathways. Her desire is to work with everybody, and her overarching focus will be removing barriers for our students and closing equity gaps.
- F. Vice President Planning and Development
- Not discussed as VP DiMemmo is ill.
- G. ASRCC President
- This week there are events related to Undocumented Student Action Week. This upcoming week will include many events as part of Scare Week, including an office decorating contest and pumpkin carving contest. Clubs are encouraged to sign-up and participate. Five students from RCC will be going to a leadership conference in San Diego.

**3:55 VI. Committee, subcommittee, and Workgroup Reports – 3:17**

- A. Distance Education subcommittee (Smith or designee)
- The DE Committee drafted a process for Ed Tech renewal. A lot of technology was purchased with CARES money during COVID, and there are requests to adopt new technology. The DE Committee is looking to create a process to review technology to see who's using it and if renewable. Smith shared a flow chart to show draft process and take questions.
  - Smith and President Sellick will look into the status of the remaining Hi-FLEX rooms and let Lehr know status ASAP.
  - Only those teaching online or hybrid need the online teaching certification. Those using Canvas for an in-person course do not need to be certified.
  - There is a Zoom recording storage plan set to delete recordings saved 120 days ago by June 20, 2023. If you're not using a recording, you should delete it as we are over in storage. Faculty could also program recordings to save to media site and training would be provided on how to do this. Lehr requested that deletion be extended to 150 days vs 120 to accommodate a full semester.
  - Associate Faculty are allotted 9 hours of paid professional development each year, but 3 are designated equity and 3 are designated assessment, so they could be compensated for 3 hours of the online teaching certification training. If some of the online training falls under equity, they could use equity hours.

- Weiler would like to continue conversation with FA about possibility of issuing a demand to bargain with the District and try to negotiate for additional pay for those who are required to complete the training to teach online. Need to clarify who is mandating it to clarify who would pay. March of 2023, faculty will need to complete the training to teach online. Weiler can reach out to President Sellick to discuss this more.

#### **4:05 VII. Ongoing Business – 3:41**

- A. Review of 2000 series Board Policies (BPs) and Administrative Procedures (APs) – action item (Sellick or designee)  
RCCAS President Mark Sellick will lead the Senate through the final read of selected BPs and Aps from the 2000 series
- President Sellick thanked Drinkwater and Douglass for their help with navigating and updating these BPs and APs. Most of these are legal and language updates, in part to ensure the language includes the collegial consultation process as previous iterations did not include a consultation with District Academic Senate. Next, this will go before the District Academic Senate, then RCCAS move to the 3000 series.
  - Motion to accept the 2000 series BPs and APs, M/S/C: Borses/Eldridge, 20 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention.

#### **4:25 VIII. New Business – 3:44**

- 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 continue with AB 361, M/S/C: Legner/Weiler, 20 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention.
- 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
- Greathouse spoke about the ongoing land acknowledgment negotiations for the District's properties. Part of this includes organizing which groups to meet with, which will include at least five indigenous groups. A FLEX event for November to highlight the importance of this often-overlooked population and to discuss indigenous students and their needs is also being organized.
  - Keene presented on what a land acknowledgement is and how the goal is to move beyond words alone and into action, which will focus on building relationships with indigenous groups in the area. Part of this will also include a note from the Chancellor in November to highlight Native American Heritage month, among other actions.
  - ASRCC President Etchell noted that a powwow with the newly established Native American Club is being planned for Nov. 4.
  - Soto and FA President Taube applauded Keene and Greathouse on their work.
  - President Sellick noted the fruitfulness of this work and that Greathouse and Keene will return to give updates as progress is made.

#### **5:00 IX. Adjourn – 4:17**

- Motion to Adjourn, M/S/C: Borses/Sarkis