



Academic Senate Special Meeting Minutes

Facilitator: Amber Gillis, President

Recorder: Nikki Williams, Secretary

Date: June 11, 2020

Time: 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom Conference in Canvas

Vision:

Compton College will be the leading institution of student learning and success in higher education.

Mission Statement:

Compton College is a welcoming and inclusive community where diverse students are supported to pursue and attain student success. Compton College provides solutions to challenges, utilizes the latest techniques for preparing the workforce and provides clear pathways for completion of programs of study, transition to a university, and securing living-wage employment.

✓ SENATORS:

Estrada, Harvey
 Evans, Jerome
 Gillis, Amber
 Khan, Mahbub
 Kooiman, Brent
 Maruri, Carlos

Mills, Jesse
 Moldoveanu, Minodora
 Moore, Sean
 Pham, Hoa
 Richardson, Pamela
 Roeun, Malinni
 Schumacher, Holly

Schwitkis, Kent
 Sidhu, Rajinder
 Thomas, Shirley
 Valdry, Andree
 Villalobos, Jose
 Williams, Nikki

AGENDA:

- 1) **Call to Order**
- 2) **Approval of Agenda-** Mills/Schwitkis
- 3) **Public Comment**

A. Gillis- Does anyone have any public comment? Hearing that there is none, we will move into item 4.

4) Unfinished Business/Tabled Business- Mills/Schwitkis

- a) **Second Read, and Vote: Academic Senate Constitution and Bylaws – 2020 (Revised)**
 Motion to open discussion of Second Read and Vote: Academic Senate Constitution and Bylaws
 Mills/Schwitkis. A. Gillis- Let me preface this by saying that we identified that there were some ways that we can make some improvements to the document. S. Moore in his role as Curriculum Chair was trying to have some clarity as to roles and responsibilities. I got an email from Ms. Sasser and Dr. Curry himself. They had a problem with parts of the Constitution primarily the part that mentions a Faculty Development Coordinator since this is a position that we do not have. I went through and there are a couple of things that I saw and the one thing that I have a question about personally. We are including the Union President as an ex-officio voting member. Can someone tell me why? I am asking why the Union President would have voting rights in Senate. M. Moldoveanu- We said that it was our goal to strengthen the relationship between Senate and Union. I spoke with Dolores Davison and she did mention that it is not common practice for that but that it is up to local control for that. We thought that we would try for a while and if it does work we can report out to State Academic Senate and if at some point we realize that it does not work out we can revise the Constitution. N. Williams- Union president is voted in by the entire faculty body for their position so this is not an appointment. The Senate President does have a vote on the Union as a voting member. The Union President would not sit on the Executive Board of Senate just like the Senate President does not sit on the Union Executive Board

K. Schwitkis- So is this saying that the Academic Senate is dictating roles and responsibilities to the Union President? J. Mills- My understanding is that these things are saying what the role of the Union President is in Senate but it is not telling them what their role is on campus. K. Schwitkis- I think the title should be different to indicate the intent. M. Moldoveanu- We can change it to say Senate Duties or Academic Senate Duties. Discussion followed. A. Gillis- I had a conversation with the District and they don't like to be told who they will pick for a position. They have issue with the idea that for some of these positions such as Curriculum Chair and Distance Education Faculty Coordinator we would elect someone and then forward the name to them. Dr. Curry made it clear that when they fly a position anyone can apply for it and they would do the hiring. I was thinking that maybe we can reduce some of the language of the duties of subcommittee chairs so that it is not so specific and it would be relevant to all subcommittee chars. J. Mills- The reason I know that some of these changes were made, I looked at some of these positions at other colleges and they are elected by Senate or appointed by Senate. So the question is why the district is picking these when they are sub-committees of Senate. Discussion followed. A. Gillis- So I think the only correction made was with the word Coordinator when it should say Chair. Motion to close discussion- Schwitkis/Evans. Motion to approve the Academic Senate Constitution and By-Laws Revised 2020- Schwitkis/Williams. Vote taken and the motion carries.

Next Scheduled Meeting: September 3, 2020 at 12:30pm