

CSM ACADEMIC SENATE GOVERNING COUNCIL MINUTES
November 26, 2013
2:30-4:30 p.m.

Amendations and revisions by David Laderman, with Theresa Martin, in red

MEMBERS PRESENT

President	David Laderman
Vice President	Theresa Martin
Treasurer	Rosemary Nurre
Secretary	Lee Miller
Immediate Past President	James Carranza
Business/Technology	Steve Gonzales
Creative Arts/Social Science	Jim Robertson
Creative Arts/Social Science	Michele Titus
Language Arts	Merle Cutler
Language Arts	Amy Sobel
Library	Stephanie Alexander
Math/Science	Carlene Tonini-Boutacoff
Student Services	Martin Bednarek
Student Services	Kathleen Sammut

MEMBERS ABSENT

Math/Science	Santiago Perez
Physical Education/Athletics	Joe Mangan

NON-VOTING REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

ASCSM President	Hayley Sharpe
SoTL Co-Coordinator	Jeramy Wallace

NON-VOTING REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

COI Chair	Teresa Morris
SLO Coordinator	David Locke

OTHERS ATTENDING

Laura Demsetz, Engineering
Catherine Firpo, CSM Cares
Maggie Garcia, ASCSM
Teeka James, English
Dan Kaplan, AFT

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Agenda:

Agenda approved without dissent.

Minutes:

Catherine Firpo asked that Lee Miller's comments regarding domestic violence statistics be removed from the minutes. The 11/12/2013 minutes were approved with this omission.

Public Comment:

Lee Miller commented on actions taken by the Dean of Creative Arts and Social Sciences affecting political science curriculum development. Lee requested that the Academic Senate place faculty purview in curriculum development on the Agenda as a Discussion Item.

II. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. ASCSM Update: Hayley Sharpe, ASCSM President

ASCSM is conducting a Holiday Angels Toy Drive, to benefit the Child Development Center, and also a Philippine Typhoon Relief fundraising . On 12/4, there will be a Women in Leadership Town Hall meeting.

2. President's Report: David Laderman

(a) Institutional Planning and Budget (IPBC) update

IPBC is reviewing and updating CSM's 6-year plan in light of data collected, developing a new initiative proposal form, and discussing how Division themes and trends from program review should guide future planning.

Jim Robertson asked whether the new Dean of Academic Support will oversee the Learning Centers. David Laderman indicated that the new dean will do so. David also said he expects an announcement soon on which departments will be getting one or more of the 10 new faculty positions to be hired.

(b) College Council update

College Council meeting was cancelled. Nothing to report.

(c) District Academic Senate (DAS) update

DAS had a presentation from the Math/Science Technology Committee on their proposal to offer online courses for large numbers of students from all three District colleges. Performance Evaluation Task Force is finishing its work and will be consulting with AFT on their recommended changes. District-wide Faculty Housing Committee looking for an additional faculty member.

Teeka James pointed out that the contract gives extra pay to faculty who teach courses with enrollments greater than 70.

Also discussed was the need for faculty to prepare for the transition to the new version of WebAccess.

Tom Mohr, newly-elected Trustee, will join the District Board of Trustees in January.

(d) Faculty Scheduling Survey

There was a discussion of the role of faculty in the process of scheduling classes in the various Divisions. Limited input was provided by the Creative Arts and Social Sciences Division. Lee Miller requested that CASS representatives obtain more input by emailing the Division faculty via the Division listserv.

Division representatives from all Divisions besides Creative Arts and Social Sciences (CASS) responded by email to the survey on how course schedules are developed in their Divisions. 6 responses were received from Division Representatives: 2 from Language Arts, 2 from Business/Technology, 1 from Math/Science and 1 from Counseling. The responses from all Divisions besides CASS and Counseling indicated satisfaction with the procedure followed, that department faculty propose department course schedules to their deans. Responses from Counseling (written) and CASS (verbal report by ASGC Secretary Lee Miller) indicated some dissatisfaction with the procedures in their Divisions for developing course schedules, in which the dean develops a draft schedule and faculty can lodge objections to it after the fact.

Martin Bednarek, Counseling rep, commented that the dissatisfaction was not with scheduling, but with understaffing.

ASGC President David Laderman indicated that Immediate Past President James Carranza and Statewide ASCCC President Beth Smith had expressed their opinions to him that scheduling of classes is not in faculty purview. However, David pledged his willingness, as Senate President, to participate in any conversation aimed at resolving any problems pertaining to scheduling classes.

David stated he would not place course scheduling on the ASGC agenda as a Discussion Item until there is written documentation from multiple faculty in a Division attesting to a problem with the procedures followed in their Division.

(e) Holiday Reception: Thursday Dec. 12

In Student Life, 2:15-4:00 pm. Light refreshments to be served. Seeking faculty to help serve at the event.

3. Standing Committee Reports

(a) Basic Skills Initiative: James Carranza, Co-Chair
James Carranza will be stepping down as BSI co-chair. A faculty member is needed to fill this position. Also, BSI will be announcing a 3-unit (or equivalent hourly) BSI coordinator position in spring semester.

(b) College Assessment: David Locke, Chair
No report.

(c) Committee on Instruction: Teresa Morris, Chair
No report.

(d) Library Advisory Committee: Stephanie Alexander
Working on efforts to increase faculty and student engagement.

(e) Learning Support Centers Coordination Committee (LSCCC):
Jennifer Mendoza and Kristi Ridgway, Co-Chairs

No report.

III: ACTION ITEMS

1. CCSF Statement

Approved unanimously:

Statement of the Academic Senate Governing Council, College of San Mateo,
Regarding the Accrediting Commission for California Community and Junior
Colleges and City College of San Francisco

The Academic Senate Governing Council of College of San Mateo finds unacceptable the decision of the Accrediting Commission for California Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) to force the closure of City College of San Francisco (CCSF) by rescinding CCSF's accreditation.

The deficiencies cited by ACCJC in its accreditation report were primarily related to administrative and operational functions, and CCSF has made substantial improvements in these areas. The quality of education furnished by CCSF was never at issue. ACCJC identifies no problems in instruction or learning at CCSF, which is CCSF's fundamental mission.

Thus, the closure of CCSF is not justified; it will leave tens of thousands of students without viable or affordable educational options; it will also leave hundreds of faculty and staff without employment. No good can come from this.

We support our Chancellor, Ron Galatolo, who has recently articulated the troubled nature of the relationship between ACCJC and many of its member institutions, including the extraordinary frequency and severity of sanctions levied by ACCJC against California community colleges compared to sanction levels and types seen in other regions of the United States.

We likewise support the United States Department of Education in its review of whether ACCJC is following nationally-accepted norms and standards of accreditations and sanctions.

And we support the recently passed resolution of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (2.04), calling for ACCJC to make a clear distinction in its reporting between “action required” and “recommendation.”

We urge ACCJC to preserve CCSF’s accreditation; to focus on the needs and interests of students; to aspire to fairness and accountability; and to foster a more collaborative and respectful spirit in its work with California community colleges.

ASGC President David Laderman indicated that he will forward the statement to all CSM faculty, the members of the District Board of Trustees, the District Chancellor, the District Academic Senate President, and the academic senate presidents at all California Community Colleges.

Additional suggestions for dissemination included:

- Placing it on the IBPC agenda
- Sending it to the San Mateo Daily Journal and the San Francisco Chronicle.
- Sending it to local Members of Congress Jackie Speier and Anna Eshoo.

2. Support for Umoja

Unanimously passed the following motion: The Academic Senate Governing Council of College of San Mateo supports the establishment of a Umoja program at CSM and requests periodic reporting on this program to ASGC.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. District Budget Finance Allocation (Laura Demsetz)

Discussed proposal in the District Committee on Budget and Finance to revise the resources allocation model for the 3 colleges in the District. ASGC President David Laderman indicated that he would invite Executive Vice Chancellor Kathy Blackwood to discuss this issue further with ASGC in spring semester.

2. CSM Cares Grant (Catherine Firpo)

Discussed opportunities for faculty to receive stipends for training in Kognito, a computer-based program to help faculty address the unique problems of veterans, LGBTQ, and other at-risk populations.

3. Program Review update (James Carranza)

Discussed IBPC's efforts to identify "common themes and trends" from program reviews and also the new online program review forms, which will be available on January 10 and must be completed by March 25.

4. Flex day planning

ASGC President David Laderman indicated that the first Discussion Item at the next ASGC meeting will be the January Flex Day activities. ASGC will also discuss more long-range planning for Flex Day in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.