



Santa Ana College Academic Senate Business Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 • 1:30-3:30pm

Meeting Location:

A-210

Attendance:

Senators – Christina Axtell, Steve Bautista, Jennie Beltran, Matt Bittner, Amberly Chamberlain, Rick Corp, Ben Hager, Tiffany Heremans, Louise Janus, Jaime Lopez-Garcia, Annie Knight, Reza Mirbeik, Mario Robertson, Gabriel Shweiri, Brian Sos, Michelle Vasquez

Executive Team – Claire Coyne, James Isbell, Jorge Lopez, Roy Shahbazian

Guests – Andrew Barrios, Karen Bravo, Marvin Gabut, Daniel Martinez, Trudy Naman, Krystle Taylor, Monica Zarske

Santa Ana College Mission Statement:

Santa Ana College inspires, transforms, and empowers a diverse community of learners.

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order** - Prof. Jim Isbell @ 1:39pm
2. **Approval of Additions or Corrections to Agenda**
 1. Motion to approve: Christina Axtell; Second: Louise Janus; Carried
3. **Approval of/or Corrections to Minutes**
 1. Motion to approve: Steve Bautista; Reza Mirbeik; Carried
4. **Public Comments**
 1. **Introduction of Dr. Krystle Taylor, Interim Associate Dean of Disabled Students Program and Services (DSPS)**
 2. Christina Axtell spoke for her department who conveyed issues with the email changeover happening when it did. This was problematic and raises the question as to why important updates like these are scheduled to take place during the middle of the semester.
 3. Gabriel Shweiri announced that Legal Studies was up for a Bachelors approval, but was denied; academic easily passed, but the approval was denied by three points due to college readiness.
 4. Zeke Hernandez mentioned that health benefits compensation for part-timers is on the agenda for the Board.
5. **Reports**
 1. **ASG Report** – Vice President Francisco Ramos
 - Not present to report.
 2. **SCC Report** – Prof. Tara Kubicka-Miller
 - Not much to report, due to Spring Break, but the SAC Resolutions discussed at the last meeting were brought to their Senate and they have begun work on the language.
6. **Action Item**
 1. **Timely Hiring Resolution** – Update
 - This Resolution is being worked on by the Executive Senate team to determine if multiple resolutions need to be presented due to other concerns that arose pertaining to the subject.

2. **AB928 Life-long Learning Resolution** – Second Read & Vote
 - Motion to discuss: Steve Bautista; Second: Rick Corp; Carried
 - Motion by Jorge Lopez to remove the 4th Whereas, feeling it wasn't necessary.
 - Motion by Gabriel Shweiri to move the 4th Whereas up to be the 2nd Whereas to support the argument of it being a 10+1 matter and under the purview of faculty; Second: Mario Robertson; Carried; Resolution passed.
 3. **ACCJC Accreditation Practices** – Second Read & Vote
 - See updated presentation.
 - Motion by Ben Hager for Jim Isbell to sign off on and support the report; Second: Gabriel Shweiri; Carried
 4. **Prioritizing Joint Senate Retreat Topics Board Items/Concerns** – Update
 - Jim Isbell has met with the Chancellor, who wants examples as to the statements made by faculty on the Topics Board.
 - Some faculty's main argument is that the Chancellor isn't always following process; Faculty hear one thing at Board meetings and then actions reflect otherwise. Accountability also is an issue.
 - It was decided that the document will be added with an "Examples" area to Teams, so Senators can add specific examples. Deadline will be April 16, so Jim can take it back to the Chancellor at his next meeting on April 20, and to other relevant admin; then, the Exec team can discuss responses given and add needed items to the agenda for the future AS meetings.
7. **Informational Presentation**
1. **Data Presentation: Units Completed for an AA/AS** – Dr. Daniel Martinez
 - See presentation.
 - Different Faculty made comments in terms of a focus just being on completion numbers; this concentration is hurting a well-rounded education.
 - Disciplines like the Arts also being hurt, as their students tend to get their degree in Liberal Studies, further dwindling their numbers.
 2. **Pass/No Pass and Excused Withdrawal Guidelines** – Dr. Mark Liang
 - Mark Liang wasn't present, so Senate looked at the documents provided and had a general discussion.
 - Claire Coyne and Brian Sos added insight/information from the last Curriculum meeting.
 - The guidelines set during the pandemic emergency orders will continue with students being able to submit up until the last day of instruction for an EW and P/NP, and the course then becomes repeatable. Now, no rationale is even required.
 - Louise Janus stated that students can still get hindered by taking an EW in terms of Financial Aid though.
 - A question was asked: Why not just remove the "W" option all together then?
8. **Informational Reports**
1. **President** – Prof. Jim Isbell
 - At the Board meeting:
 - a continued discussion on putting money toward student housing, which will continue to be looked at due to its popularity amongst students;
 - celebration of the newly tenured faculty;
 - a dual Enrollment presentation was made.
 2. **Historian** – Prof. Amberly Chamberlain
 - Reminder of the Distinguished Faculty Lectures and AFE ceremony was given.
 - See recent email to vote for Classified awards.
 3. **Curriculum** – Prof. Claire Coyne
 - Jaime Lopez-Garcia presented an update to their program regarding a department

name change from Diesel to Diesel-Electric Transportation Technology. This updated name will align with changes to the field as industry moves more towards cleaner technologies. The Curriculum and Instruction Council supports the name change unanimously.

4. **Faculty Professional Development** – Prof. Amberly Chamberlain
 - See highlighted opportunities and bi-weekly eblast:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fdmj9sAQIRN9m_wBk3R8QYbB9gAgCVyV3C6xaLE6IHo/edit?usp=sharing
 - Resume Building workshop on April 28 at 12:00pm
 - Budget Town Hall on May 19 at 1:00pm in A-210
 - Distinguished Faculty Lectures will be eligible for flex; register in the Gateway
 5. **Planning & Budget** – Prof. Jorge Lopez
 - No prior meeting to report on.
 6. **Facilities and Safety** – Prof. Jason Huskey
 - Not represent to provide a report.
 7. **Equity/Guided Pathways** – Prof. Chantal Lamourelle
 - Not present to provide a report.
 8. **Intersectionality, Race, and Social Justice Advisory Group** – Prof. Annie Knight
 - No prior meeting to report on; meeting tomorrow.
 9. **Faculty Leadership & Engagement Workgroup** – Prof. Jennie Beltran
 1. **Senate Nominations and Voting Update**
 - 72 people have voted so far; elections close Friday at 5:00pm
 - It was asked to make it so Faculty can have an option to vote differently, in-person and anonymously. A voting ballot box will be made available; it will be confirmed if those voting are from SAC and full-time. The hope is to announce the President on Monday.
 - Other positions are still open to nominate faculty until the 18th.
 10. **Distance Education** – Representative or Dr. Marvin Gabut
 - No representation to provide a report.
 11. **Human Resource Committee** – Prof. John Zarske
 - Not represent to provide a report.
 12. **Other: Outcomes/Assessment** – Representative
SACTAC – Representative
 - No representation to provide a report.
9. **Announcements**
10. **Adjournment @ 3:40pm**

Next Academic Senate Business Meeting: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 from 1:30-3:30pm

Highlighted Senate-Related Professional Development Opportunities:

- **EEO Training** | April 18, 2023 | 1:30-4:30pm | <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlofuuspzgpGNA7y8HAv1D-H-AmZ6crK73E>
- **ASCCC 2023 Spring Plenary Session** | April 20-22, 2023 | <https://asccc.org/events/2023-spring-plenary-session>
- **2023 Faculty Leadership Institute** | June 14-17, 2023 | <https://asccc.org/events/2023-faculty-leadership-institute>
- **See full list of external professional development opportunities:**
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fdmj9sAQIRN9m_wBk3R8QYbB9gAgCVyV3C6xaLE6IHo/edit?usp=sharing

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(1) Curriculum including establishing prerequisites and placing courses within disciplines; (2) Degree and certificate requirements; (3) Grading policies; (4) Educational program development; (5) Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success; (6) District and college governance structures, as related to faculty roles; (7) Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes, including self-study and annual reports; (8) Policies for faculty professional development activities; (9) Processes for program review; (10) Processes for institutional planning and budget development; (11) Other academic and professional matters as mutually agreed upon between the governing board and the academic senate