

SAC COLLEGE COUNCIL MINUTES  
March 11, 2015

PRESENT:	Erlinda Martinez Sara Lundquist Omar Torres John Zarske Monica Porter Pam Hernandez Maria Taylor John Olivares, ASG VP Carlos Palma, ASG Senator	ABSENT:	Michael Collins James Kennedy Cher Carrera Madeline Grant Bonita Jaros Raquel Manriquez
		LIAISON:	Mike Colver Teresa Mercado-Cota (Romero)
		GUEST(S):	Rhonda Langston Alistair Winter

**I. Call to Order**

Dr. Martinez called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – January 28 and February 11, 2015 – Not Available

The minutes of the January 28 and February 11, 2015 meetings were not available for review.

**III. SPECIAL/NEW ITEMS**

1. Board Update

Dr. Martinez briefly reported on action taken by the Board of Trustees to approve a recommendation from the RSCCD Foundation regarding a partnership and contract with Saudi Arabia. However, some faculty have taken an opposing view due to the practices and issues related to the employment of women and those of Jewish descent not being permitted to work under the terms of the agreement. There were about 10 speakers and most were from SCC objecting to the District entering into the contract. The Board listened and moved on to next item of business because the item was not on the agenda. However, during individual Board comments, Trustees confirmed support of the contract and noted this is history being changed. One Board Member pointed out that it was 50 years ago that it was “Bloody Sunday” and how much has changed as a result of that protest. The RSCCD Board will move forward with the contract. John Zarske confirmed there were several comments from SCC and SAC including his favorite from George Wright.

2. Accreditation

Dr. Martinez reiterated her previous report that SAC has been reaffirmed.

3. BS Degree Program Report

Dr. Martinez reported that Vice Chancellor Dr. Pam Walker of the CCC Chancellor’s Office met with Omar Torres and OTA staff last week. She was conducting visits to all colleges that are part of the pilot program. The discussion was organic in nature and touched on the possible bumps in the road. There were probably more questions asked than answers available at this point in the process. What began as 15 colleges has now been reduced to only 12 being a part of the pilot program. SAC is moving forward and Dr. Martinez will attend the Board of Governors meeting on Monday, March 16.

This pilot program is historic and wonderful to be happening to SAC as we celebrate 100 years of excellence and our boundless future. This is breaking barriers including the master plan for community colleges in California. Mr. Torres confirmed that Michelle Parolise, Dr. Jaros, Bart Hoffman and he are working diligently to prepare the substantive change for the Baccalaureate Degree. The proposal should be completed early next week to submit in late March or early April. May 7 is when we find out the outcome.

4. Planetarium/VRC Grand Re-Opening

Dr. Lundquist provided hard copies of the invitation to the Grand Opening for the Planetarium and the VRC. She thanked Dr. Tanakeyowma and Dr. Carrera for overseeing the event noting the reacquainting staff to the renovated space especially for our student vets.

**IV. STANDING/CONTINUING BUSINESS**

SAC Safety Report

Interim Lt. Mike Colver provided a review of recent incidents that occurred at SAC and CEC. He also commented on an incident that occurred over the weekend whereby a person (possibly a student) impersonating a security officer, approached students for money and opening a can of beer upon departing from the area. It was caught on video and the suspect has been questioned.

Campus Safety/Emergency Preparedness

Interim Lt. Colver reported on the recent evacuation drill noting he received good feedback and identified the need to update some evacuation drill areas. This matter will be discussed further in the HEPSS meeting. While there are no designated building captains in the evening hours, Mark Wheeler has requested training for all M & O staff to respond accordingly. Carlos Palma and John Olivares noted that students were not aware of the drill.

Campus Safety Update – Alistair Winter

Alistair Winter provided an update related to personnel and other changes to the Campus Safety and Security department as approved by the RSCCD Board of Trustees. A consultant has been hired to survey the “yellow” emergency phones and has recommended the phones be upgraded to newer technology. Such will arrive in the middle of April. There is also consideration for upgrading the radio system (as it is now the District and SAC are unable to communicate with SCC via the radio system).

Mr. Winter continued his report discussing the task force that was developed in 2013 to determine the readiness of security staff to respond to tragic, extreme or disastrous emergencies on campus such as an active shooter situation. The task force included faculty, classified staff, administrators and student representatives from both campuses (though some were unable to participate). RSCCD contracted with retired SAPD Officer Walters to conduct the study and provide options for consideration. The report is available online via the RSCCD Safety and Security webpage. As a result, recommendations were brought to the chancellor in July 2014, which brought about revisions to open and vacant positions moving towards arming officers. While the budget doesn't currently support the hiring of post-certified officers, the best option is to move forward through the Department Bureau of Security and Armed Officers linking with POST training courses. It was further recommended that three positions be identified (two sergeants and one

lieutenant) at SAC to be posted and filled based on new job descriptions that were approved by the Board in February. So the department is moving forward with the hiring processes to fill the vacant positions with armed officers. Once those positions are filled, the department will work with existing staff to get them trained and armed progressively. Policies and procedures will be developed for use of force and use of the firearm; it must be a life threatening situation. The officers are not police and that will need to be kept under control. The estimated cost was outlined in the report to the Board of Trustees at \$432,000 and must be defined within the District budget with no additional new money. As the phases progress new money will be needed, but not at this time. Dr. Martinez encouraged everyone to review the report that is available online and know that it is more than what was discussed here at College Council.

John Olivares noted that students were unable to attend the task force meetings due to conflicts with their class schedules. Many students are divided about what they want, but many suggested that with the new positions and uniforms that body cameras be included to keep officers accountable. Mr. Winter confirmed there are over 800 video cameras throughout the district.

When asked by Geni Lusk the difference between California POST and Police Academy, Mr. Winter explained that it has to do with the level and length of POST-certified classes such as 6-month training and 1-year probation before one can be POST-Certified. One can get POST training but you must be in probationary status for one year for certification. Because we are not becoming a POST certified department, we fall under the State Bureau of Security Services. It includes POST courses of 24 hours of armed training. SAPD has been using OEC building for some of their officer training exercises.

Dr. Martinez noted the “warm fuzzy” line between arresting a student and disciplining a student. Lt. Colver confirmed that the duties of the officers will remain the same; they are here to protect and serve. By arming the officers, it is cutting down the response time to extreme emergencies. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the use of tazers, the department being a police force without being the “police” and their purpose on campus is to make everyone safe and confident while on campus. John Olivares noted that many students are not aware of the videos that should be shared with them at the beginning of each semester. Lt. Colver volunteered to attend an ASG meeting to advise students of the safety and security videos. Pam Hernandez added that of the five surrounding local community colleges, SAC is the safest.

#### Faculty Senate Report

John Zarske expressed a concern for minors (MCHS students) and who retains responsibility for them during a drill and actual evacuation. Lt. Colver noted that he is scheduled to meet with Principal Kathy Apps to confirm understanding that students are to report to MCHS during drills and actual evacuations for them to take roll and release accordingly. Mr. Zarske provided a brief report of the Senate meeting and noted that Chancellor Rodriguez and RSCCD Foundation President have been invited to a future meeting to answer questions regarding the Saudi Arabia contract. Dr. Martinez clarified that dependent on the expected FON and changes in continuing education; she may be able to recommend the filling of the ethnic studies position. As a result of hiring last year, SAC was responsible for a penalty. The employee was hired in January and the FON was required in

December therefore SAC paid \$86,000 in penalties. Mr. Zarske noted he attended the meeting with CJA and Fire that met with representatives Dr. Pam Walker (CCC Chancellor's Office) and Chris McCallum (CCC Chancellor's Office) and the issue appears to be resolved.

Classified Report

Maria Taylor announced that per CSEA President Tom Andrews, there are several vacancies for classified representatives on shared governance committees and they are working on filling those vacancies. CSEA is also working on first mission statement as well.

ASG Report

John Olivares announced the upcoming leadership retreat; the legislative conference in Washington DC with one ASG representative attending, and upcoming events including Women's History celebration on March 17.

SAC Foundation Report

Teresa Mercado-Cota on behalf of Christina Romero thanked everyone for their participation in the Centennial Launch on February 6. It was a great kick-off event. There were so many items to fit into the capsule that a new one had to be made. The day of the Centennial Launch, the media requested (multiple times) to see the items that were being placed inside. So the official burial will be on Wednesday, March 25 with just College Council outside the front of the S Building. The SAC Birthday Party is scheduled for September 19, 2015 and the Open House is planned for March 12, 2016. The Foundation is making every effort to be involved and visible to get the word out about the centennial celebration year. Dr. Martinez announced that she heard at the Board Meeting, that Former Senator Lou Correa has been appointed to the railroad commission and will receive a stipend for his service. It is his intent to donate that stipend to SACs centennial celebration efforts. To date with the very generous sponsorships, SAC has \$150,000 to support the celebration efforts. On a sad note, the oldest living alum of SAC – Evelyn Furtch Ojeda passed away in early March. SAC is grateful that she was able to spend the day with us during the Centennial Launch event.

Enrollment Update

Omar Torres reported that enrollment is at 5,445 and does not include positive attendance from the academies. But with the projection of positive attendance, enrollment should be fine and on target.

Calendar of Events

Upcoming events were reviewed.

**V. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

Curriculum and Instruction Council

Monica Porter announced that Dr. Pam Walker and Chris McCallum from CCC Chancellor's Office met with the Curriculum and Instruction Council and the issues are no longer issues. However, there are two proposals that SAC is still waiting to hear from the State in hopes of resolving. SAC is in a holding pattern. If not resolved in two weeks, a follow-up call will be made.

Facility Committee

Planning and Budget Committee

Student Success and Equity Committee

Dr. Lundquist announced that a meeting is scheduled for next week and she will provide a more detailed report after that meeting.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**Reorganization(s) – Student Services Coordinator (part-time to full-time)

Dr. Lundquist provided a brief explanation for the need to support the request for reorganization. This has been the top request from ASG leaders and this is the appropriate use of SBO funds. This position will help coordinate student life activities. Maria Taylor asked on behalf of CSEA President Tom Andrews why the reorganization is proposed at step 3. Dr. Lundquist noted that is the standard level when projecting to hire an individual; basically budgetary purposes. There were no objections therefore the reorganization will be forward to HR for processing.

Request for Authorization to Apply for a Grant

- Enrollment Growth and Remediation for ADN Programs (renewal)
- Assessment and Remediation for ADN Programs (renewal)

Dr. Martinez explained that the requests were to continue existing grants and without objections the requests were approved as presented.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 25 at 9:00 a.m. and will be in-person instead of online. This meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.