



Faculty Senate  
San Antonio College

## Minutes

January 19, 2018 – 12:30 PM, VAC 120

Meeting called to order by: Senate President, Julie Engel at 12:32 PM.

Note taker: Robyn McGilloway, Senate Secretary

Senators Absent: Gustavo Valadez-Ortiz

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### A. Approval of Minutes

- December minutes approved - Senators Gerald Busald and Jeff Hunt

### B. Board of Trustees Report and Chancellor Search Focus Group

- December 12<sup>th</sup> – President Engel reported that the Board congratulated everyone on re-accreditation. In addition, Earl Wright was awarded Emeritus status, and Tiffany Cox was approved as Dean of Student Success at SAC.
- January 16<sup>th</sup> – Cancelled due to weather. According to the senator attending the meeting, no formal notification of the cancelation was announced. The meeting will be moved to January 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Chancellor Search Focus Group

Senator Paula Rodriguez – The head of the search committee asked faculty senate members what characteristics they are interested in regarding the new chancellor. Members hoped that the chancellor would respect faculty members and seek input from faculty about policy. Members also expressed that the chancellor should value academics more than numbers. It was noted that Northwest Vista does not have representation on the focus group.

Senator Lennie Irvin – The head of the search committee has been contracted to help with the search process. According to Senator Irvin, the head of the search committee seemed familiar with our history and district. The search committee will consist of 20 members. Three of the twenty members are faculty.

### C. Reports of Officers

- Senate President Julie Engel:
  - Stated that the United Faculty Senates is revising their bylaws, which had been previously emailed out to senators. President Engel asked for input. During the United

Faculty Senates meeting, the new Vice Chancellor for Academic Success, Dr. George Railey, Jr. was announced. In addition, it was asked if enough faculty input was being requested for the CIP projects on the campuses. During the meeting it was announced that there will be no retirement incentive. In addition, the Chancellor stated he is not involved in the meetings to select the new chancellor.

- The Executive Faculty Council has not meet since the last senate meeting.
  - President Engel stated that Senator Ruby Martinez is the SAC representative on the ad hoc committee for the end of course survey.
  - During the meeting with Drs. Vela and Blackwood, information regarding the reverse transfer process was clarified.
  - The automatic withdrawal process is still being evaluated and revised.
  - Shane West, Chief Budget Officer from District, will be at our next meeting.
  - The faculty senate newsletter was shared with faculty at Dr. Blackwood's session during the 2018 Opening Week.
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- Senate Vice President Barbara Knotts: No report.
  
  - Senate Secretary Robyn McGilloway: No report.

#### **D. Adjunct Faculty Council**

- President, Amanda Martin: Adjunct Faculty Council has not yet meet this semester. The Adjunct Faculty Council is working on a newsletter, and the web site is up and running. Nomination requests for Adjuncts Creating Excellence (ACE) Awards will be upcoming. Senator Jeff Hunt recommended that the Adjunct Faculty Council contact Marie Valentin, Faculty Fellow, for adjunct faculty development opportunities.

#### **E. Reports from Standing Committees**

- **Communication - Senator Jose Luis Moreno:** stated that Public Relations at SAC has agreed to incorporate a faculty senate update into SAC Talk. The Faculty Senate will contribute information on a monthly basis. Biographies and photos will be upload to the Faculty Senate website.
  
- **Curriculum and Instructions - Senator Lennie Irvin:** provided a copy of the SAC Executive Team's response to the Win-Win Agreement and 70% PGR Standard. Senators discussed the response. Senator Irvin asked senators for input on where the committee should focus its efforts going forward. Senator Hunt requested clarification regarding housing the improvement plan in Faculty 180. Senator Irvin expressed interest in meeting with Marie Valentin, Faculty Fellow, for information about faculty development.
  
- **Policy and Procedures - Senator Jeff Hunt:** presented a breakdown of full time faculty size per voting department. This data will help shape the Faculty Senate Bylaws regarding membership representation. Senator Hunt asked for discussion and feedback on the faculty numbers. It was concluded that the committee needs to take into

consideration the concerns brought up in Senate meeting discussions and come back next meeting with a recommendation to be voted on.

- **Research – Senator Luis Rodriguez:** stated the committee will meet to discuss the Thanksgiving Holiday. The ad hoc committee on faculty lab pay will meet on Monday. Senator Rodriguez and the committee will compile the survey results submitted by faculty regarding the commitment required to teach laboratories. The committee will submit its recommendation to the EFC by mid-February.
- **Surveys and Elections - Senator Sharon Argo:** The committee will meet next week to discuss if another faculty survey is necessary at this time. Four senators have resigned from faculty senate.

#### **F. New Business/Announcements**

- President Engel asked senators to view the district budget model in preparation for the visit by Shane West, District Chief Budget Officer. The link was sent in an email.
- Senator Mariano Aguilar presented a Ranger article “New Students Agree to an Automatic Degree”. Faculty senators discussed the topic. President Engel will discuss the topic with district administrators. Senator Maunsell motioned that the research committee evaluate the procedure, and see if the procedure affects student financial aid district-wide. Senator Aguilar second the motion, and the motion passed.
- A motion was made to remove a senator for absences and it was put to a vote. The senator was voted to stay in Faculty Senate.
- Senator Hunt proposed that the two senators at the end of their term will not be replaced, and that the survey and elections committee will need to replace the remaining two senators. Senator Aguilar second, and the motion passed.
- Senator Bernal would like to request Dr. Vela visit Faculty Senate, and requested that the topic be added to the next agenda for consideration.

#### **G. Executive Session**

- Entered Executive Session at 2:04 pm.
- Out of Executive Session at 2:17 pm to vote.

Meeting adjourned: at 2:33 pm.

Next Meeting: February 16, 2018 at 12:30 pm in VAC 120.

Refreshments: February 16, 2018 – Senators Jeff Hunt & Tonya Maunsell

Standing Committee Meetings: February 20, 2018 - Senator Jose Luis Moreno

Regular Board of Trustee Meetings: February 27, 2018 - Senators Ruby Martinez and Bruce Davis

Submitted by Robyn McGilloway, Senate Secretary