



ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT
San Antonio College

Faculty Senate
San Antonio College

Minutes

October 19, 2018 – 12:30 PM, VAC room 120

Meeting called to order by: Senate Vice-President, Gerald Busald at 12:30 PM.

Note taker: Ruby Martinez, Senate Secretary

Senators absent: President Lennie Irvin

A. Approval of Minutes

- Tom Cox made a motion to approve minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

B. Reports of Officers

- Senate Vice- President Gerald Busald: The end of class survey is still being worked on and we still do not have an EFC fellow. Vice-President Busald also mentioned that the United Faculty Senate is looking at the role/status of non-faculty Chairs. He referred the Senate to look at the handout title Faculty Senate Updates for College and District Issues 10/24/18 which was passed out during this meeting. Vice-President Busald also mentioned that President Vela is going to award the Minnie Steven Piper Nominee from SAC with a \$1000 scholarship to attend an academic conference in the Spring of 2019. Dr. Vela wants to know which parking lots have issues. Dollars spent on parking enforcement stayed the same, but the rates for parking enforcement went up. He also reminded the Faculty Senate about the mixer Friday October 26, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the foyer of the Victory Center. All faculty are invited and President Vela is paying for the refreshments.
- Senate Secretary Ruby Martinez: No report

C. Adjunct Faculty Council

- President, Amanda Martin: mentioned the "Sick Leave Bank" and the council is hoping to get the support of the Senate for the request, which lead to the resolution voted in Senate electronically. Amanda also mentioned that the council is working toward a proposal relating to increasing Adjunct voice at district level. Additionally, Vice-President Gerald Busald welcomed David Vaughan, the new second representative for Adjuncts.

D. Senator Robyn McGilloway and Senator Jennifer Caraway reported out on October 11, 2018 Committee of the Whole Board meeting and Regular Board Meeting October 16, 2018:

- ECHS were discussed and “dual enrollment” was the terminology that Robyn stated was used. ECHS students are/will be encouraged to file a degree plan at the Alamo Colleges

and seek an advisor on campus. In addition, Sembradores of San Antonio Award Educational Foundation Honoree of the Year was Dr. Robert Vela. Senator McGilloway also stated that there is no EFC fellow, thus far.

E. TCCTA Faculty Leadership Conference September 28-29, 2018 at the Menger Hotel –

Senator Mahmud Yusuf: mentioned the same speaker from last year spoke about policy and budget concerns. Voting was stressed. On the second day, there was a professor from Dallas who spoke about leadership. **Senator Olivia Sandoval** mentioned the attorney that spoke at the luncheon about Open Carry. Senator Olivia Sandoval was concerned with the legalities of Open Carry. The attorney clarified that the weapon is to be on the person or near the person in a backpack. He presented a power point presentation with over 50 slides. There was a question about seeing a backpack with a weapon in it. What would the professor do? Would he or she ask to see the open carry permit? The conversation was rushed because it was lunch time. Senator Sandoval said that the presentation was beneficial with 52 power points. Senator Alex Bernal asked if dual credit was discussed at all. Senator Mahmud Yusuf said not as much as last year in Austin.

F. Reports from Standing Committees

- **Communication - Senator Robyn McGilloway:** mentioned that the mixer with President Vela on October 26, 2018 will be informal. She stated food has been ordered for the event. President Lennie Irvin and senator McGilloway need to coordinate the orders; there was a miscommunication about who was taking care of the food order. Senator McGilloway also stated she will reach out to President Vela's office to ask about an additional date for President Vela to meet with the Senate during this Fall 2018.
- **Curriculum and Instructions - Senator Alex Bernal:** mentioned the Senate's charge of evaluating the College Program Learning Outcomes starting Spring 2019. He stated that the committee that will be in charge of determining what marketable skills are needed for the AA, AS, and AT degree. He also stated that whoever is on the committee needs to stick to the original charge of mapping. Senator Bernal also stated that we need to look at professional organizations for data on capping internet class sizes, not just community colleges in the immediate area. Mr. Bernal then presented a proposed motion to support Adjunct Sick Leave. A motion was made and seconded to support a proposition for Adjunct Sick Leave. The motion was debated and then amended. The amended motion was seconded and voted on electronically by the Senate. The wording of the motion as passed is as follows:

Adjuncts and Full-Time Faculty Members teaching overloads should be eligible for 3 class sessions of paid leave per course per semester. This would mean no deduction from their salary to cover pay for a substitute (about \$28 dollars per hour). Furthermore, these hours would be non-accruable and classified as "Personal Leave," and would encompass all types of leaves and absences (i.e. illness, bereavement, civic duty, military duty, personal matters, and professional development). Leave would be documented when applicable, using the "Request for Leave" form currently used by Alamo Colleges District employees.

- **Policy and Procedures - Senator Deidra F. Dobson:** stated the Faculty Handbook is complete. Senator Dobson stated that Senate President Irvin will inquire about the IM

charges at the bi-monthly meeting with President Vela first before the committee comes up with a statement. Senator Dobson made a motion to amend the by-laws to move the nomination and election of Senate officers from April and May to January and February, respectively. The motion was seconded and passed.

- **Research - Senator Patricia Portales:** stated that in December of 2017 Former Chancellor Leslie stated it was upon us (faculty) to prove that tenure results in student success. Senator Portales stated that Palo Alto wants to bring tenure back. She also stated that her committee would like to get data on how many tenure and non-tenured faculty we have in the Alamo Colleges with a specific breakdown based on discipline, gender, rank, and race. Does anyone know how we can get this information?
- **Surveys and Elections – Senator Mai Lai Eng:** stated that the tenure termination appeals committee is consists of: Dr. Jose Moreno, Maria Mena, and Patricia Portales. Letters for Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation are due at noon on the 22nd of October. There were 6 nominations and 4 professors accepted. The voting will run from October 29, 2018 through November 5, 2018. The committee plans to announce the winner on November 6, 2018.

G. New Business/Announcements

Senator Patricia Portales mentioned that Lisa Zotarelli is not a course content specialist and should not be in charge of anyone's faculty schedule. According to an unnamed faculty member, Zotarelli changed someone's schedule after a chair had set the teaching schedule. Lisa Zotarelli is the SACSCOC Liaison.

Senator Tom Cox made a motion that the SAC Faculty Senate endorse the effort to reduce the international student tuition to a level competitive with Texas community college systems of similar size to Alamo Colleges. The motion was seconded and passed. All were in favor. No one opposed.

The wording of the Proposition was as follows:

SAC Faculty Senate endorse the effort to reduce the international student tuition to a level competitive with Texas community college systems of similar size to Alamo Colleges. The current proposal is for two tuition rates, domestic and other. We are advocating for \$86 per semester credit hour for domestic students and \$150 per semester credit hour for out of district, non-resident, and international students.

Meeting adjourned: at 1:55 pm.

Submitted by Ruby Martinez, Senate Secretary