Minutes

October 21, 2016 – 12:30 PM, MLC 643
Meeting called to order by: Senate President, Tiffany Cox at 12:35 PM.
Note taker: Barbara Knotts, Senate Secretary

Senators Absent: Aguilar, Black, Borawski, Castillo, Duffy, and Watson

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A.   **Approval of Minutes**

- September minutes approved-Senators Mike Burton & Tom Cox

B.   Board of Trustees - October 18th Meeting -Attended by Senator Liz Lennon:

- It was announced that Professor Liz Ann Aguillar received the 2016 Western Regional ACCT Award and the William H. Meardy Faculty Award. Dr. Vela spoke on the college's Neighborhood Outreach Program with SAISD and received Board approval of $140,000 to support the plan. The program will bring college awareness to students who attend three schools near the college. Senator Lisa Black spoke about the Decision-making Model. A presentation was given about SAC's new student orientation program which promotes making families more aware of the college. It was announced that tuition is going to increase. To encourage students to increase their class load, two plans were announced, Equality and Momentum. The first plan addresses the cost of a class; there will no longer be a reduction in cost for taking two or more classes, there will now be a flat rate for each credit hour. The second plan offers students the opportunity to receive 6 hours free in the summer if they take 24 credit hours in a given year. There was also a discussion on a new CIP for the colleges and to charge a fee for dual-credit courses.

C. Reports of Officers

o   Senate President Tiffany Cox: She was not able to attend the Super Senate meeting Teanna Staggs was asked by her to provide details on the Faculty180 model. Senator Staggs explained the Faculty Development Plan is for all faculty to do yearly. The Faculty Development requires you to look forward, plan what you need to do, and decide what training you need to do. The Improvement Plan addresses faculty who receive an unsatisfactory rating; the details of this plan are still being developed.

Senator Stagg also gave an overview of the upcoming District Employee Development Day. Events scheduled included a guest speaker, a panel of former students, a panel of college and university administrators. During the afternoon a variety of programs will be offered for staff. Educ1300 was also discussed. A new student drop system is being worked on to allow a student to select from a drop down menu and give a reason for dropping a course. More information to come later.

President Cox announced that Dr. Leslie had established a District wide-anti-poverty program. The SAC's Anti-Poverty Center in CAC, room 323 still needs a name. The plan is to announce the new name at the can construction event on November 15, 2016.

Dr. Vela supports the Senate leadership recommendation to establish a College Calendar and Committee Depository list. Information that will be listed: committees, standing committees with members, meeting locations, times, dates, when it meets, where it meets, and what its charge, etc. If you have suggestions for the calendar, please bring them to the next meeting.

The Senate will hold its first Faculty Roundtable, November 4, 2016, at 2:30 pm in NAHC 218.

o   Senate Vice President Tammy Perez: Attended the Executive Faculty Council (EFC), it is well established as a committee. They are working on a website to list the processes that have been developed. The website will explain what they do and the members of the committee. The committee meets every two weeks. She provided an update on the Faculty Mentoring program. There are problems connecting with students; they are not returning calls. A charrette will be held November 4th with advisors and faculty mentors to help define their roles as they work with students.

o   Senate Secretary, Barbara Knotts: Distributed the Refreshment and Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting signup sheets for Senators to select a date to bring refreshments or attend a BOT meeting.

o   Adjunct Faculty Council President, Amanda Martin: Announced the next Adjunct Faculty Meeting, October 25th. They are working on a newsletter and working on improving communication and interaction. They are working on a survey to distribute to adjunct faculty. Victor Castillo is Vice-President of the Adjunct Faculty Council.

D. **Reports from Standing Committees**

- **Curriculum- Senator Mike Burton**:   There is a perception that SAC has lowered its standards to improve students' GPAs. The committee is planning to work with Survey and Election to develop a survey to take a look at the pressure of GPA. SAC was presented as the leaders of Guided Pathways at TCCTA.

- **Policy and Procedures-Senator Jeff Hunt:** No report. But welcomes more people to his committee.

- Senator Tammy Perez assigned each standing committee a portion of the Senate Handbook to review and edit- Communications, pages 17-26; Curriculum, pages 27-36; Policy, pages 37-46; Research, pages 47-56 and Survey, pages 57-66 Senate Offices; pages 67-76. All senators should review the shared governance section at the end of the document.

- **Research – Senator Kim Hochmeister:** Provided the results of their questionnaire. Some of the topics suggested for research included: the legislation, dual-credit courses, guns on campus, Alamo Colleges' budgets, travel budgets, rising administration cost vs student tuition and instruction, and pathways issues. The committee will also review the ACCD documents.

- **Surveys and Elections - Senator Julie Engel:** Reported on the Piper Award. Four faculty were nominated, but only one submitted a package. The guidelines are not clear as to how the committee should address one nomination. The committee recommended a review of the college's procedures to ensure that this charge is handle appropriately.

Meeting adjourned: at 1:40 pm.

Next Meeting: November 18, 2016 at 12:30 pm in MLC 643.

Refreshments: December 2, 2016 – no refreshment (College Holiday Brunch)

Standing Committee Meetings: Senators Tammy Perez & Teanna Staggs

Regular Board of Trustee Meetings: -open-

Submitted by

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