

**EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, November 25, 2014**

Adopted on December 9, 2015

<b>PRESENT</b>	Adjunct Rep, Randy Adsit Admin of Justice, Mel Stevenson Anthro/Geog/Geol, Julie Bernard Architecture, Jim Kawahara Art, Chris Turk Business Admin, Rod Lipscomb CAOT, Karen Cross CF&ES, Alicia Mendiola Chemistry, James Ross Chicana/o Studies, Mary Romo (alt) Child Development Center, Marcia Cagigas Curriculum Chair, Steve Wardinski Engineering & Technologies, Kamy Khashayar English, Diane Mannone Foreign Languages, Lynn Vogel-Zuiderweg (alt)	Journalism, Jean Stapleton Library, Choonhee Rhim Life Sciences, Kevin Booth Math, Victoria Kotlyar Music, Chie Nagatani Nursing, Lurelean Gaines Photography, Aaron Lyle Physics, Marina Papenkova President, Alex Immerblum Psychology, Cathy Cleveland (alt) Social Sciences, Jeffrey Hernandez Speech and Theatre Arts, J. Ed Stevenson
<b>ABSENT</b>	Automotive Tech, Adrian Banuelos Chicano Studies, Eddie Flores Communication Studies, Myftanh Anderson Counseling, Lydia Rudametkin Foreign Languages, Melanie Vansell Kinesiology, Sara Alkire	Noncredit, Marian Manalo Past President, David Beaulieu Philosophy, Ramon Posada Psychology, Sherrie Davey
<b>ALTERNATES</b>	Engineering & Technology, Jose C. Ramirez CF&ES, Linda Wilbur	Life Sciences, Dorothy A. Roane Social Sciences, Marcel Morales
<b>GUESTS</b>	Business Administration, Babak Khollesi Chemistry, Franklin Ow Speech and Theatre, M. Kasnetsis Library, Erika Montenegro Chair of Chairs, Linda Kallan	Chair of Accreditation, Barbara Dunsheath English, Gisela Herrera English, Jim Kenny SLO, Amanda Ryan-Romo

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** A. Immerblum, President, called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** M/S/P (S. Wardinski / L. Gaines) to approve the agenda with the following changes: move (VI. F.) Accreditation Report to follow Announcements; and, Action Items: (I) and (J) to (D) and (E).
- 3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** M/S/P (J.E. Stevenson / R. Adsit) to approve the minutes with changes for October 28, 2014 meeting.

**4) PUBLIC FORUM/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a) **K. Khashayar announced that the Engineering students participating in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) competition in Montreal Canada, came in second place, being defeated by the home College.**
- b) **M. Stevenson announced that Administration of Justice would be holding a food drive on Wednesday for Maravilla Projects. Their goal is to feed 170 families. All donations are welcome.**
- c) **M. Stevenson announced that the By-laws Committee is currently meeting to review and revise the Academic Senate By-laws and Constitution and distributed a related packet to all Senators. J. Bernard, Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, announced that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12/2/14, 12 - 1:30 pm in G1-301E, and that all are welcome.**
- d) **A. Immerblum passed around a survey for suggested Academic Senate retreat days for winter 2015.**
- e) **S. Wardinski announced that A. Ryan-Romo e-mailed an SLO survey. She reported that she received 95 responses; a 50-50 split between adjunct and full-time faculty.**
- f) **M. Cagigas thanked those that participated in the Child Development Center's Annual Harvest Appreciation Brunch.**

**5) Accreditation Report:**

- a) **B. Dunsheath sent an e-mail requesting volunteers to participate in a mock accreditation visit to a sister college. Only one faculty has responded. If interested, faculty should notify B. Dunsheath as soon as possible.**
- b) **Committee Self-Evaluation has been completed by the Academic Senate, yet, some sub-committees have not submitted their self-evaluations.**
- c) **The Accreditation Committee will be meeting on December 8, 2014, from 3:15 – 4:30 pm. They will be reviewing basic eligibility requirements that must be met for accreditation.**

**6) ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a) **Curriculum:** S. Wardinski submitted the Curriculum Committee's recommendations courses and programs for Senate approval. Called for a vote: **Passed.**
  - i) **S. Wardinski submitted the ELAC State-Approved Degree and Program Submittal Approval Timeline for Senate approval. This timeline has been approved by the Curriculum and Catalog Committees. It allows for the submission of degrees and certificate of achievements with the exception of ADT degrees to be subject to a deadline of the final Senate meeting in March rather than May. The deadline for ADT degrees and skills certificates remains the final Senate in May. Passed.**
- b) **HPC Recommendations (electronically noticed):** This process began with questions or concerns on the original document. Clarifications were made to various positions being requested. A recommendation was made to remove those departments requesting counselors without Counseling Department consent. JE Stevenson stated that this would be unfair to colleagues that had submitted the requests. J. Hernandez remarked that the Senate approved application specifically stated that requests could only be submitted by the department chair and that we were obligated to follow that rule. S. Wardinski mentioned that the same thing happened last year. M. Romo commented that every department went through the process and were ranked because they were asked by the President to rank all positions requested. Questions arose regarding FYC positions being requested since FYC has a sizeable budget. K. Cross noted it was not appropriate to submit a faculty position request without the department chair even being notified.

**M/S/P (R. Adsit / K. Booth) In Favor: 19 Opposed: 4 (JE Stevenson, M. Stevenson, MP Cagigas, A. Lyle) Abstention: L. Gaines. A motion was made that if positions were submitted without department approval, they should not be considered.**

J. Hernandez stated that the President has discretion to make changes to the Senate recommendations. J. Bernard asked if both lists, overall rankings and ranked by type of application, could be sent to the President. M. Romo gave some insight as to the HPC list and noted that requests from two programs, Professional Development and Distance Learning, presented very similar descriptions for a full time tenure track position.

**M/S/P (J. Hernandez / S. Wardinski) Motioned to send both lists to President, with corrections.**

**c) Petition for Establishing New Department – Communication Studies:**

JE Stevenson began discussion stating that all full-time faculty in the Department, except one, were in favor of the name change. Adjuncts were split in the decision requesting the name change. Kelly Hogan, full-time Theater faculty, opposed the name change and requested more time to study art programs statewide that have split from their departments. She also asked how are department chair responsibilities going to be split and how are concerns to be voiced on policy? David Scott, Adjunct, stated that 16 of 35 adjunct faculty opposed the name change and provided a few comments: small programs function better in larger departments, there is a fear of the loss of FTE's, ELAC has a great arts complex and there should have more community outreach, and the Fine Arts/Performing Arts should have a better museum connections.

**M/S/P (S. Wardinski/JE Stevenson) A motion was made to extend the meeting by ten minutes.**

M. Kasnetsis stated that he would try to present both sides of the argument. Theater faculty are aware of the risks but have determined that this is a more appropriate action for the department and added that while there has been speculation about a future Theater Dance combination, zero discussion between Theater and Dance has taken place. He further stated that communications study faculty have had questions about the distribution of hours between disciplines within the Departments. In 2007, Communications had two classes taught by adjunct faculty. Since then, there are four Full-time speech instructors, communication courses, AAT degrees and ownership of the department. In 2005, there was a 70% Speech and 30% Theater split. Since then, the split is 40% Speech, 30% Theater, and 30% Broadcasting. There is a high risk of fewer courses offered in Theater; there is less risk for Communications courses to decrease. It would be unfair to ask one department chair to manage both departments in two separate buildings. Theater adjunct are active participants in productions. J. Hernandez stated that there is one policy for all departments to follow, that change and breakups are difficult, and that this petition meets all requirements. C. Turk asked what is the risk of leaving the current department as is. JE Stevenson expressed the need for students to transfer to a UC school with a communications degree, there was a need for more space, and growth for communications would be stifled. A. Ryan-Romo asked if this situation was under faculty purview. J. Stapleton stated that it meets faculty agreement.

**M/S/P (JE Stevenson / M. Stevenson) Moved to approve petition for establishing new Communication Studies department.**

- d) Professional Development Committee recommendation: Allow flex time for Senate Meetings.** The Professional Development Advisory Committee recommended a change to the list of approved Professional Development activities so that participation by Senators at Senate meetings shall count for flex credit.

**M/S/P (S. Wardinski / K. Booth) Move to approve Professional Development Committee recommendation to allow flex time for Senators at Senate meetings.**

**e) Department Name Change – Foreign Languages to Modern Languages.**

The Foreign Languages Department submitted a Department Name Change Request to be renamed as the Modern Languages Department.

**M/S/P (S. Wardinski / JE Stevenson) Motion to approve changing the name of the Foreign Languages Department to Modern Languages.**

**VI Reports:**

- a. **President (A. Immerblum): Tabled**
- b. **Vice President (J. Hernandez): Tabled**
- c. **Secretary (M. Cagigas): Tabled**
- d. **Treasurer (S. Davey): Tabled**
- e. **SLO Coordinator (A. Ryan-Romo): Tabled**
- f. **Accreditation (B. Dunsheath): Moved to beginning of the meeting.**

**VII ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: None**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m. The next full meeting of the Academic Senate is scheduled for December 9, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia P. Cagigas, Secretary, and Julie Bernard

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