

# SASLC Minutes

**3:00pm – 5:00pm September 27, 2021**

## **Zoom Room**

**RCC Mission Statement:** *Riverside City College serves a diverse community of learners by offering certificates, degrees, and transfer programs that help students achieve their educational and career goals. The college strives to improve the social and economic mobility of its students and communities by being ready to meet students where they are, valuing and supporting each student in the successful attainment of their goals and promoting an inclusive, equity-focused environment.*

**ATTENDANCE:** Carolyn Rosales, Thomas Cruz-Soto Jr., Allan Weyant-Forbes, Albert Jaramillo, Inez Moore, Liz Lecona, Amanda Vazquez, Melissa Olivieri, Benjamin Vargas, Eduardo Perez, Stacie Eldridge, Bryan Keene, Oliver Thompson, Marc Sanchez, Michael Love, Justin White, Rochelle Smith, Elizabeth Hilton, Jacqueline Lesch, Ismael Davila, and Mary Renteria

### **GUESTS:**

1. Call to order (3:02) – Carolyn Rosales
  - a. Welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. Approval of Modifying Agenda - (3:00) – Carolyn Rosales. Ismael Davila will present at next month's meeting in reference to Agenda item #6. Restorative Justice.
  - b. Dr. Eduardo Perez motioned to approve
  - c. Liz Lecona seconded the motion to approve
  - d. Abstentions: No Votes: No
  - e. Approved by consensus

Approval of Revised Agenda – (3:00) - Carolyn Rosales

  - b. Melissa Olivieri motioned to approve
  - c. Oliver Thompson seconded the motion to approve
  - d. Abstentions: No Votes: No
  - e. Approved by consensus
3. Approval of Minutes (May 24, 2021) (3:00) – Carolyn Rosales
  - a. Dr. Eduardo Perez motioned to approve
  - b. Melissa Olivieri seconded the motion to approve
  - c. Abstentions: 4 Votes: No
  - d. Approved by consensus
4. Land Acknowledgement – Dr. E. Perez read to members and reported that the Riverside City College and the Riverside Community College District have not yet adopted an official land acknowledgement. Dr. E. Perez stated that the conversations in many sectors are taking place and in the meantime, we can follow the example of our colleagues. Dr. E. Perez would like to “respectfully acknowledge and recognize our responsibility to the original and current caretakers of this land, water, and air. People and all of their ancestors and descendants past, present, and

future today refer as this meeting place is home to many indigenous people from all over the world, including members of our own communities. We are grateful to have an opportunity to live and work on these homelands, you may notice that some of the tribal communities are known by Spanish names reference to the colonial history of this place, which is still felt today. These words are a starting point and provide each of us a moment to reflect upon the areas of the history. We need to learn more about the ways we can be stewards of our resources around this and the connections with the native peoples, which we can build or strengthen”.

5. Welcome / Introductions – Carolyn Rosales, introductions were conducted from all members and non-voting members.
6. Restorative Justice – tabled next month.
7. Ongoing Business/Action Items
  - a. Community Engagement – Dr. Eduardo Perez
    1. Internship proposal – Dr. E. Perez and Michael Love discussed the Internship Programs with Melissa Matuszak which they shared much of what she had been doing and building in. Questions were addressed to different faculty on getting some ideas. Plans were to work over the summer; however, this will be a follow up for this fall.
    2. Next Steps – Reconvene as a workgroup/committee on gathering proposals, ideas, and key ways for funding. More information TBD.
8. Subcommittees -
  - a. Integrated Student Support (Dr. Inez Moore) – Discussion back in May 2021, the committee had conversations on what to expect with reopening. Currently the committee is on track working a three year plan on methodology to focus on. The focus is creating a logic model which will serve as a visual representation of how the committee can move toward reaching the overarching goals on increasing enhancement engagement.
  - b. Student Life (Dr. Thomas Cruz-Soto) –Reported the committee met last week and discussed grant opportunities that were recently received.
    - The Center for Excellence Grant – 3-year grant of 449k, will be tied in with VRC one of 16 colleges awarded. It is a great honor and privilege to receive this funding. Data for the next 3 years and plans to hire a Director and Administration support, and a full time Counselor.
    - VRC will be moving in a new renovated center possibly January 2022, with 20 computers and a student lounge. Plans are to hire a part time Coordinator and an Outreach Specialist. Location is the old music building.
    - Cal Wellness Foundation Grant in connection with Transitional Minds has received 250K for 3 years and Dr. Adrienne Grayson has been assigned to work on this opportunity. This will benefit 16 to 24 year-old students. Additionally, this grant will help sponsor incarcerated students. Plans are to start with a group of 5 to 10 students that can benefit from this opportunity. Along with Dr. A.

Grayson, Ismael Davila and Delia Tijerina are included in this project. This is in the writing phase, more to come in the New Year.

- Upward Bound was awarded an additional 5-year grant, and plans have started to explore to include 3 other high schools. Currently Upward Bound has succeeded persistence rates and the other high schools are looking forward to partner with this grant.
  - Foster Youth Services is another grant contract that the Dean of Grants at the District office is also looking for more opportunities available, more information TBD in the New Year.
  - Discussion on various services for students that are available on-line, such as food, along with gift cards, and financial needs.
  - Encouragement is continuing for all students to be fully vaccinated by October 15.
  - TRIO is recruiting with VRC for open enrollment for 50 veterans and their dependents for both programs.
  - Discussion on fraudulent Vaccine Vaccination cards which have been both clerical errors and students submitting false documentation.
  - A future parents club along with programming and available space was mentioned.
  - Campus housing discussion on how this can be mirrored similar to what Cerritos College has done for the students. This can be a great initiative particularly for the first Native American students on housing, security and other needs.
- c. Guided Pathways (Dr. Monique Greene) - Carolyn Rosales discussed how Dr. Monique Greene sent out her report with the information on today's Agenda. Dr. M. Greene is looking for volunteers. There will be two webinars and she is requesting for one member from each council that can attend.
- "Creating Classroom Conditions of Belonging and Psychological Safety for Students of Color through Teaching 21<sup>st</sup> Century Professional Competencies", October 15 from 12 pm to 1:30pm
  - "Exploring Two New Student Financial Stability Resources" December 3, 12pm to 1:30pm
  - All interested members/volunteers email Dr. M. Greene or Carolyn Rosales
- d. Faculty Development / Engagement Centers (Dr. Pati Avila)
- i. see report
- e. Professional Development (Natalie Halsell)
- i. see report
- f. Student Equity (Marc Sanchez and Ben Vargas) – Marc Sanchez stated the committee has met twice this fall.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was regarding Student Equity. The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting was a conclusion on the training that happened in spring 2021 from (NAPE) National Alliance for Partnerships and Equity. 30 participants attended. Dr. Kelly Douglas from Curriculum presented Equity suggestions with considerations and development Course Outlines to attendees. All comments and conversations were included in the

training. Returning to school with some equity concerns at the beginning of fall classes was discussed.

- Discussion on the concerns about students being treated while they are in quarantine, how they are able to make up their work, and students being dropped.
- It was agreed that we more support for the formerly incarcerated students is in need. Other Faculty are working as Advisors on different clubs. Transitioning Minds Club is a special group of students who were formally incarcerated and Marc Sanchez is the faculty advisor.
- Another concern from the committee was the attentiveness to student mental health and make sure as faculty we are providing the resources for the students.
- Dr. Thomas Cruz-Soto recommended to invite Dr. Adrienne Grayson to the Student Equity Committee on more awareness with her own assignments regarding the incarcerated students.

g. Dual Enrollment – Carolyn Rosales will reach out and find out who the new faculty person that is taking over this assignment. More information to be tabled next month.

#### 9. New Business -

- a. Allan Weyant-Forbes explained that EOPS has a Microsoft Team page that everyone should be able to view the upcoming events.
- b. A flyer on the LGBTQIA2+ events will be out soon for the month of October. An email will be sent out soon to Rivall once he receives the final approval.
- c. Prioritization Information & Timelines: A few meetings will be coming up in October for voting on Prioritization, possibly Mid-October or around the 29<sup>th</sup> of the month. For more information email Al Weyant-Forbes or Carolyn Rosales so that interested members can attend these meetings. These meetings are led by VP Kristine DiMemmo.
- d. Strategic Planning Meeting is being planned for October 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 12 noon.
- e. The Vaccination deadline has been extended to September 30<sup>th</sup>. Al Weyant-Forbes explained that if RCC students do not submit proof of second vaccination by September 30<sup>th</sup>, they will get dropped from their courses. Please remind all your students to continue to upload their vaccination information in **CLEARED4**. Clarification: students must be fully vaccinated by October 15<sup>th</sup>, which means 2 weeks after their second dose.

#### 10. Other -

- Carolyn Rosales has added and organized the Team Page in Microsoft Teams for SAS. Everyone is encouraged to review the documents under the File Tabs. In the General Folder housed is the Minutes, Agendas and Handouts. Any updates or revisions notify Carolyn Rosales.
- Ben Vargas had addressed to SAS members that in the website it seems that there is old information/terminology regarding Strategic Planning By-Laws and Constitution. He was reviewing additional information however; it seemed outdated. Also, the Teaching and Learning aspect of information/flowchart seems to need revision. Al Weyant-Forbes and Carolyn Rosales will look into the changes needed.
- Discussion on additional information regarding the Engagement Centers should be announced.

- Dr. E. Perez announced how this month has been reflecting on Latin Heritage Month and few events are being planned. A Display showcase was held at the Bradshaw Hall and a Low Rider Car Show. More events within the month of October to be announced.
- Ben Vargas announced that La Casa is planning a two-day table setting reflecting “Dia de Los Muertos” honoring RCC faculty, students, and staff that have been deceased over the last year and 1/2. Anyone interested participating contact Ben Vargas. More information to be announced.
- A film screening for October is being planned regarding “Chicano History of Riverside”, dates, location, and time TBD.
- Dr. I. Moore would like to solicit more attention and would accept all recommendations from SAS members to continue to promoting and outreach to the students on all the Engagement Center resources.
- Carolyn Rosales will add to next month’s Agenda “Outreach Activities” that other departments/programs who would be able to collaborate with Dr. I. Moore at the Engagement Center to integrate student support subcommittee(s).
- Al Weyant-Forbes announced that October is also LGBTQ month of events and in connection with Latin Heritage Month, October 7th will be a film screening Transvisible: “The Bambi Salcedo Story”.
- Ally Training is scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> RSVP to Al Weyant-Forbes for all interested participants. More events to be announced for October via website.

#### 11. Adjourn 4:14pm

*In order to streamline and reduce copies being made, all reference documents will be made available electronically prior to this meeting.*

*Minutes submitted by Mary Renteria*