

SASLC Minutes

3:00 – 5:00 pm Oct. 23, 2023

Zoom: [Link](#)

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: Thomas Cruz-Soto, Allan Weyant-Forbes, Carolyn Rosales, Alex Gilbert, Cynthia Gonzalez, Lorena Franco, Christian Castellanos Perez, James Ducat, Michael McCracken, Alex Lesueur, Manual Gray, Lily Martinez, Andrea Dillon, Liz Lecona, and Bryan Keene. Cathlene Castellanos (Recorder).

GUESTS: Maria Maness, Araceli Calderon

- 1) Call to order (3:03)
- 2) Approval of Agenda (Sept. 25, 2023)
- 3) Approval of Minutes (Apr. 24, 2023)
- 4) Land Acknowledgement: We would like to respectfully acknowledge and recognize the Cahuilla [ka-weeahh], Tongva [tong-va], Luiseño [loo-say-ngo], and Serrano [se-ran-oh] peoples and their lands –Carolyn Rosales reported to SASLC the land acknowledgement which is a commitment recognizing the indigenous or native peoples of the place. Ideally, moving beyond these words to actions on relationship building with communities and the commitment to living in harmony with the land, water, air, and creatures of this place: RCC and the District are in the presence of the land that is now called the California part of the traditional ancestral and unseated territories of the Tongva (meaning the people of the world).

The Cahuilla (BIOME) are the powerful ones, the BIOME meaning the ‘peoples of the West and many other indigenous people’. Their presence today stretches back in time in memorial and remains vibrant today. We offer gratitude and respect to the ancestors, elders, and community members of the past, present, and emerging.

Allan Weyant-Forbes shares, RCC is currently creating new social justice studies including Native American and Indigenous studies, as an associate degree for transfer.

5) New Business

- a) Maria Maness presents written letter on behalf of Association of Latinx Advocating for Student Success, for the need of a permanent full-time Puente Program counselor. Interested parties may reach out to Maria directly or an ALASS member.
- b) Student Parent Club: Visibility Concerns presented by Araceli Calderon and Maryelesa Valencia. AB2881 now provides priority registration for student parents and information about the student parent resources on the RCC website homepage. Student-Parent Club would like to request a website tile on the RCC registration webpage to represent the parenting students of RCC. Thomas Cruz-Soto will arrange a meeting with Leslie Vargas and Liz Lecona and the Student-Parent Club members to discuss how to best support our parenting student on the RCC webpage.
- c) Mission Vision and Values: Draft Proposal Review Feedback. SASLC members to review and complete survey.

6) Ongoing Business

- a) Prioritization of SASLC: Voting deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 25th, 2023. Reach out to Wendy McEwen if you did not receive your link to vote. Meeting is Friday October 27th, 2023 at 12pm and faculty meeting is at 3pm to ratify votes.
 - b) SAS Faculty Co-Chair 2023 – 24- Still in need of Co-Chair for the remainder of the year. Andrea Dillion will join as co-chair in Spring 2024.
- 2) Subcommittee Reports
 - a) Student Life: no report at this time.
- 3) Open Forum & Other Announcements
 - a. Student Equity are working on new bylaws and will need to be approved by SASLC in the future.
 - b. MUSE Liberty journal will open an exhibit at the Center for Social Justice and Civil Liberties in two weeks, covering the last 11 years of the national distribution of the journal.
 - c. STEM Connection Fair Thursday.
 - d. SAGA drag Show this Thursday
 - e. Voices of the Communities, Sherman Indian School: Past, Present, and Future. Next week Wednesday.
- 4) Adjourn (4:09)

Next Meeting: Monday, November 27, 2023.

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