

Riverside City College Academic Senate
October 2, 2023 • 3:00 - 5:00 PM • Hall of Fame

3:01 I. Call to Order

Roll Call

Academic Senate Officers

President: Jo Scott-Coe
Vice President: Ajené Wilcoxson
Secretary-Treasurer: Micherri Wiggs

Department Senators

Applied Technology: Patrick Scullin
Art: Will Kim
Behavioral Science: Eddie Perez (not present)
Business Admin/IST: Skip Berry
Chemistry: Leo Truttmann (not present)
Communication Studies: Star Romero
Cosmetology: Peter Westbrook (not present)
Counseling: Sal Soto
Dance and Theatre: Todd Faux
School of Education & Teacher Preparation: Emily Philippsen
Economics/Geography/Political Science: Dariush Haghghat (not present)
English: Christine Sandoval
History/Philosophy/Humanities/Ethnic Studies: Daniel Borses
Kinesiology: Jim McCarron
Library: Sally Ellis (not present)
Life Sciences: Lisa Thompson-Eagle (not present)
Mathematics: Evan Enright
Music: Steve Mahpar
Nursing: Lee Nelson
Physical Science: James Cheney (arrived at 3:11)
World Languages: Araceli Calderón

Associate Faculty Senator

Lindsay Weiler

Ex-Officio Senators

Teaching and Learning LC: Greg Russell
ASC: Jacquie Lesch
EPOC: Ajené Wilcoxson (interim)
Government, Effectiveness, Mission, and Quality LC: Wendy McKeen
Resource Development and Administrative Services LC: Patrick Scullin
Student Access and Success LC: Vacant
Curriculum: Kelly Douglass (not present)
Parliamentarian: Sal Soto

RCCD Faculty Association

Mike Chavez

Administrative Representatives

College President: Claire Oliveros
VP Academic Affairs: Lynn Wright

VP Business Services: Vacant
VP Planning and Development: Kristine DiMemmo (not present)
VP Student Services: FeRita Carter (not present)

ASRCC Representative

Jennifer Shaw

Recorder of Minutes

Danielle Elizondo

Guests

Jim Elton, Kinesiology

Diana Pell, Mathematics & Honors Coordinator

3:01 II. Approval of the Agenda

- M/S/C: (Faux/Borses) Approved by consent.

3:02 III. Approval of the Minutes

- September 11, 2023- M/S/C: (Faux/Borses) Borses and Philippsen department names were updated and with those corrections, the minutes were approved unanimously with 1 abstention.

3:04 IV. Public Comments

- Romero- Comm department is facing challenges due to enrolled students who are currently incarcerated which comes with unique needs and participation limitations yet the instructor is not told in advance making it difficult to support student success. Romero enquired about some sort of task force or best practice.
- McCarron- RCC Athletics programs are moving forward with their scheduled competition and many are currently ranking among top 10 in state! Since the SID position is vacant, the Athletics website is not up to date.
- Berry- Reminder: October is Filipino American Month, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Hispanic Heritage Month (continued), LGBTQ+ History Month, and Cybersecurity Awareness Month.
- President Scott-Coe mentioned here that if senators choose to make public comments, these are not on the agenda as items and cannot be commented on as such, the same as with any other commenter. We have Open Forum on every agenda for senators to raise items for possible future agenda consideration and/or to make announcements

3:07 V. Officer and Liaison Reports

A. Secretary Treasurer-

- A list of college acronyms was handed out. A copy will also be emailed to Senators to share with their departments.
- Senator name cards will be updated for next meeting with pronouns, if senators indicated their preference on today's sign in sheet.
- Thanks to those who came to our first Senate Mixer on 9/20. The event was a success. Berry and Scullin attended and provided feedback- It was an informal way to discuss challenges and form relationships in a relaxed setting.
- Invites for the next Senate Mixer, happening on 10/18 were sent out last week.

B. President-

- At the DAS meeting on 9/25, Blackmore briefed us on the ERP transition. Information and next steps should be coming any day now.

- Posthumous emeriti will be acknowledged. We are waiting to understand best processes for notification, etc.
 - At a meeting with District ambassadors as well as the Chancellor, senate presidents urged there to be some official briefing or presentation to local senates about IETTC. There is a general agreement about this need; perhaps later this fall or spring. It is crucial for the information pathways to occur in the right order (i.e. so Senate presidents are not in position of being “ambassadors” for IETTC, but as representing the questions of their respective senate bodies.)
 - Barnes and Noble bookstore presentation is scheduled at BOT tomorrow, 10/3.
 - B&N meetups will be scheduled at each college this month (date pending).
 - Attended curriculum webinar on AB 928. Reps from our administration and curriculum were also in attendance. Updates to come from our Curriculum Committee which will be especially important for departments that serve students with AOE as well as, or instead of, ADTs.
 - NACCC listening sessions- next sessions will be held in DL409 on 10/3 and 10/5.
 - Planning for area D Senate meeting. Will attend on 10/27 and report back in preparation for plenary.
- C. Vice President-
- Recruiting for Plenary, Costa Mesa, 11/16-11/18. We’d like 2 or 3 Senators to attend.
 - Shout out to Sally Ellis and Kelly Douglass for attending the Vision 2030 Webinar.
 - EMLI report coming soon.
- D. RCCD Faculty Association-
- Concern expressed about lack of consultation about how IETTC is developing.
 - Growing concern with uneven administration of IOI practices and procedures. Across the District, Deans have been making different decisions about how to handle scope and process. FA is working with HR to develop Dean level training.
- E. College President Oliveros-
- Oliveros expressed gratitude for faculty adaptiveness and flexibility while dealing with campus flooding which occurred on Friday 9/29.
 - Interim VP, Business Services is on leave. Permanent search for this position is underway. During this time President Oliveros will be acting on his behalf. PLT will help fill in and attend meetings. Patience and understanding are appreciated while we decide who will fill the VP role in RDAS. VP DiMemmo will fill the VP role in B&N transition process.
 - Hispanic Latinx Heritage Month- shout out to the many faculty who led, participated, and organized events, activities, and exhibits.
 - Attended inspiring Belize trip report back.
 - Congrats to EMLI 2nd Cohort kickoff.
 - Looking forward to seeing everyone at the NACCC listening survey sessions.
 - Working with our public affairs officer to create an awareness calendar- DEIBAAJ full scope of diversity calendar.
 - Attended Good Morning Riverside and first RCCD Foundation board meeting which provided the opportunity to give a college report.
 - Planning to attend future ASRCC meeting.

- Save the date- Coffee Chat with Claire Kickoff, 10/26, 9:00 am. Future session invites will be organized by years of service.
- F. ASRCC Representative-
- Tiger Pride- 10/5 from 12-2pm and 3-6pm, free burritos and drinks for students.
 - Homecoming Week 10/9- Winner gets a \$250 scholarship.
 - Students have expressed concern with lack of food on campus since the cafeteria closes at 5pm.
 - Students desire a more welcoming environment on campus. Faculty are encouraged to engage in small talk with students and to have more informal events beyond the formal engagement centers.

3:48 VI. Committee or Council Updates and Reports

- A. Honors Faculty Coordinator, Diana Pell, provided an overview about processes, timelines, and key elements of Honors student contracts.
- Associate faculty can teach honors courses however there is concern about compensation for the extra work that honors courses require.
 - Email Diana.Pell@rcc.edu with honors contract related questions.
- B. EPOC update-
- Tabled until EPOC holds their first meeting on 10/9.

4:00 VII. Ongoing Business

- A. President Scott-Coe led a brief discussion of routine questions related to Academic Senate purview. These are questions that presenters should anticipate and should spark meaningful conversation. President Scott-Coe thanked our faculty colleagues at Moreno Valley College for sharing this practice.
- a) How can Senate support?
 - b) Where does it fall under our purview?
 - c) What constituent groups are involved?
 - d) Who would be impacted?
 - e) Is this consistent throughout the District?
 - f) Senators can contribute additional questions.

4:04 VIII. New Business

- A. First read and discussion of RCCAS bylaws
- a) The changes included are not primarily the brainchild of the senate officers alone. Some changes were typos or about naming things accurately, some were passed along by former senate leadership, and some came from consultation with committee leads.
 - b) The focus for this bylaws update was to capture where we currently stand NOT to make massive changes. That said, we are sensing a desire/need for some bigger changes. So, once we get this iteration approved, capturing what is currently happening, we can move our discussion to what more substantive changes might be desired/needed. Let's plan to start talking about those in the spring and tackle them in fall.
 - c) The changes that were substantive, you'll see strikethrough of previous language and then new language in blue so you can compare.
 - d) With respect to most of the named committees, the leads were contacted for their feedback.

- e) Two of our committees named in the bylaws are operating at the district level, not at the college level (PGSL & Academic Standards). Yet, we weren't sure we wanted to strike those from our bylaws as there is still a lack of clarity about how they officially function at the district (e.g. don't know that they have bylaws). That is why we left them in with language about the right to recall them to the college. We aren't sure we can do that but we didn't think it was the right time to let them go.
 - f) A new section related to public comment should be added per Brown Act to clarify as a body that we can not respond to public comment. There was discussion on clarifying public comment time frame.
- B. Ratification of new and ongoing appointments
- a) Faculty co-chair for SAS- still vacant
 - b) Alternative faculty member representative on TLLC (temporary)- motion to approve appointment of Lashonda Carter to replace Diana MacDougall and represent the division of LHSS until the end of Fall semester M/S/C: (Romero/Borses) motion passes unanimously.
 - c) District Cyber Security Advisory Committee- motion to approve appointment of Skip Berry M/S/C: (Scullin/McCarron) motion passes unanimously.
 - d) Other District committees
 - i. District Safety and Security- Rudy Arguelles was selected by majority vote.
 - ii. District Global Learning and Study Abroad- Tonya Huff by majority vote.
 - iii. District Guided Pathways- Melissa Matuszak by majority vote.

4:45 IX. Open Hearing

- Issues when trying to put ZTC on COR- (date is no longer an issue) reach out to Heather Smith for assistance.
- Meeting modality for leadership councils- Jo Scott-Coe will reach out to legal counsel and report back.
- No student parent tab on RCC homepage- equity issue
- Study Abroad in Tokyo Japan next summer- 400 students on the interest list and 50 applicants already!
- Ghana trip has been postponed to winter 2025 to allow students time to prepare.
- Miracle of Dreams Scholarship- RCC nursing student winner

Motion to extend the meeting until 5:02 pm M/S/C: (Romero/Sandoval)

5:00 X. Learn, Share, Do

- Email Wiggs with bylaw comments
- Take honors contract back to departments
- Email officers with suggestions for Senate questions
- Collegiality Mixer on 10/18
- NACCC Listening Sessions
- Coffee chat with Claire 10/27 at 9 am
- Homecoming week 10/9

5:02 XI. Adjourn

- M/S/C: (Borses/Sandoval)

Glossary:

M/S/C = Motion Seconded and Carried

