

**Riverside City College Academic Senate**  
November 13, 2023 • 3:00 - 5:00 PM • Hall of Fame

**3:04 I. Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

***Academic Senate Officers***

President: Jo Scott-Coe (not present)  
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  
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 Haghighat (not present)  
English: Christine Sandoval (not present)  
History/Philosophy/Humanities/Ethnic Studies: Daniel Borses  
Kinesiology: Jim McCarron  
Library: Sally Ellis (not present)  
Life Sciences: Lisa Thompson-Eagle  
Mathematics: Evan Enright  
Music: Steve Mahpar  
Nursing: Lee Nelson (arrived at 3:30)  
Physical Science: James Cheney  
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 (not present)  
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 (not present)  
VP Academic Affairs: Lynn Wright

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

***ASRCC Representative***

Jennifer Shaw (not present)

***Recorder of Minutes***

Danielle Elizondo

***Guests***

Jim Elton, Kinesiology  
Virginia White, Biology

Vice President Wilcoxson took a moment to recognize and thank the veterans for their service.

**3:04 II. Approval of the Agenda**

- M/S/C: (Romero/Soto) Approved by consent.

**3:04 III. Approval of the Minutes**

- November 6, 2023- Tabled until 12/4.

**3:04 IV. Public Comments**

- None

**3:05 V. Officer and Liaison Reports**

A. Secretary Treasurer-

- We offer our gratitude for the work of Danielle Elizondo, our Faculty Development and Academic Senate administrative assistant, from July through now. She has accepted a position at Norco College and her last day with us at RCC will be 11/21. We will have someone taking minutes on 12/4 however it does not look like the permanent position will be quickly filled.

B. President-

- Many thanks to Accreditation Faculty co-chair, Jacquie Lesch for her leadership, as well as that of Dr. Kristi DiMemmo, for gathering and synthesizing all faculty input on the midterm report shared through the leadership councils and presented for our second review and vote today. The document and the process belong to all of us, and pulling together as we did is something to celebrate in addition to the report itself.
- A small agenda note: The prioritization timeline item on the agenda today was presented as information only when it should have been identified as action for a vote. This was a mistake! We cannot take action as a Brown Act body unless it is identified on the agenda. We will take our vote on 12/4. Thank you to GEMQ and Program Review leaders for your patience.
- Senate officers will continue to take on feedback about ASCCC resolutions in preparation for Plenary this week. I have received a recommendation of support for Resolution 17.01 from Senator Sally Ellis.
- The total number of sabbaticals for the next academic year will be forthcoming soon—we should know by our next senate meeting. Once we have final details from Professional Growth & Sabbatical Leave, we will review the process and timelines.

- We hope to see as many faculty as possible at our concluding Senate gathering of Fall semester on Wednesday from 4-6 PM in Glenn Hunt.
- C. Vice President-
- No report
- D. RCCD Faculty Association-
- Faculty pay negotiations-the District is currently offering lab rate for independent study units. Faculty Association is pushing back and asking for associate faculty payrate. Update to come shortly.
  - If you are on the RCCD PPO plan and exceed the annual threshold you must fill out a supplemental verification form so that you are not billed. Reach out to [Edwina.Cardenas@rccd.edu](mailto:Edwina.Cardenas@rccd.edu) for the form. Filling out this form will ensure you are not billed once you exceed the annual threshold.
  - In order for your benefits to carry over into retirement, you must be enrolled in the PPO for at least 10 years prior to your retirement date. If you are enrolled in the PPO for a minimum of 10 years before retiring, you will be covered until you reach the age of 65 and are then eligible for Medicare. Kaiser and HealthNet will not roll over into retirement.
- E. College President Oliveros (VP, Academic Affairs, Lynn Wright reports on behalf of college president)-
- The Student Journey- District wide retreat took place on Friday 11/3. We looked at data sets and held table talk discussions to work together on enrollment management. More information to come on this from VC Susan Mills.
  - AB928 GALGETC- As of 8/1/24, students will be auto-placed in their ADT pathway if they are majoring in something that we have an ADT in and they intend to transfer to a Cal State.
  - Dashboard data shows that our college has 20% FT students. We actually have 30.3% fulltime students enrolled at RCC according to Power BI so more to come on that discrepancy. We have 69.7% students enrolled part-time.
  - Last Thursday 11/9 PLT went to UCR for the groundbreaking of the student resident complex. This housing project awarded by the state not only finds a new approach to meet student housing needs but gives our students full access to UCR facilities. Ribbon cutting ceremony expected to take place in fall 2025.
  - We are only 2% off from our next fall enrollment target. Summer enrollment was soft so we have some making up to do but overall our numbers are looking good.
  - The Barnes & Noble transition formally takes place on 11/15. DLC met with the new reps and were able to get questions answered.
    - Encourage faculty to get book orders in now. A few notes to help you with your order-
      1. Remember to look at RCC tabs.
      2. Email Barnes & Noble directly.
      3. Communicate directly and annotate the sheet
      4. Refer to your department chair or VPAA Lynn Wright if you have questions.
  - Enrollment for winter is almost at 72% of target.
  - We are currently at 50.4% enrollment for spring 2024.
- F. ASRCC Representative-

- Not present for report.

### 3:21 VI. Committee or Council Updates and Reports

- A. Interim Faculty Co-chair of EPOC, Ajené Wilcoxson introduced the strategic planning prioritization timeline draft for 2023-24 (information)-
- The timeline is included in the agenda packet.
  - We may revisit this after GEMQ proceeds with an assessment of this year's process.

### 3:25 VII. Ongoing Business

- A. Accreditation Faculty Co-chair, Jacqueline Lesch provided a brief overview of revisions made to the RCC Midterm ACCJC Accreditation Report for the RCCAS second read following input from leadership councils in Fall 2023 (second read and action)-
- This document reflects collaborative input from stakeholders and is a snapshot of the good work we have done since last accreditation.
  - Sections have been rearranged for readability and formatting.
  - ACCJC has updated and revised their standards to be more streamlined.
  - Changes that were made are documented in Teams.
  - This document will be taken to the District Strategic Planning Committee on Friday 11/17.
  - **Motion to accept the ACCJC Accreditation Report M/S/C: (Faux/Weiler) Motion approved.**
- B. Ratification of RCC Prioritization Process: Vice President Wilcoxson and Secretary-Treasurer Wiggs shared the letter to President Claire Oliveros of recommended college and faculty prioritizations for ratification of the process as followed by the Strategic Planning Leadership Councils in Fall 2023 (information and action)-
- **Motion to approve the prioritization recommendation letter signed by senate to submit to the college president M/S/C: (Soto/Borses) motion approved.**
- C. Vice President Wilcoxson opened up a discussion of comments and questions on proposed ASCCC draft resolutions submitted for consideration at the ASCCC Plenary on 11/16 (information)-
- No comments or questions raised.

### 3:46 VIII. New Business

- A. Ratification of new and ongoing appointments-
- a) Faculty Co-chair for SAS- remains vacant. Someone may be starting in the Spring. For now, Ajené Wilcoxson is assisting from his role as interim EPOC faculty co-chair.

### 3:48 IX. Open Hearing

- Digital Library-8 fire alarms and full building evacuations have taken place in the DL in the last two weeks. We have no evidence but we think the alarms are due to vaping.
- Cyber Security-41 students participated in the National Cyber Competition. 10 students made it into the top 200. RCC did so well in the team competition that we were bumped up into an advanced division. We placed #78 out of over 400 schools.

- Athletics-Women's water polo, women's cross country, and men's cross country are going to state championship. Our football team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and are pending playoffs. Women's volleyball team is doing remarkably well.
- Nursing- 100% first time pass rate for nursing students on NCLEX.
- We have an HVAC faculty member who has been identified for a prestigious award- official announcement to come.

**3:52 X. Learn, Share, Do**

- Remind folks about bookstore transition and encourage them to reach out to Department Chairs first then VP Wright.
- Mission Vision Values survey by 11/16.
- Senate Mixer happening on Wednesday 11/15 4-6pm.

**3:55 XI. Adjourn**

- M/S/C: (Weiler/Nelson)

**Glossary:**

M/S/C = Motion Seconded and Carried