Minutes for the General Session
Thursday, March 19, 2015
12:30 PM
Faculty and Staff Center
855 N. Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90029

NOTE: The actual minutes taken at the meeting are written below in italics, using the agenda as a framework.

I. Call to Order—called to order at 12:38 PM
II. Adoption of the Agenda (1 minute) – J. Freitas—MS to adopt as written
III. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meetings (5 minutes) – J. Freitas
   a. Minutes of the March 5, 2015 meeting—MSP to approve with one abstention (Lorentz)
IV. Public Comments – 5 minutes per speaker
   Daniel Marlos expressed dismay that faculty job postings have not been posted on the District website after we worked so hard to have them ready. John Freitas has been pressing on this issue.
V. Consent Calendar (5 minutes)—MSP to adopt
   a. Curriculum Approvals
      i. Title 5 Course updates – see spreadsheet
      ii. New courses – English 207
      iii. New programs – none
      iv. Advanced course status – see spreadsheet
      v. Course archives – see spreadsheet
      vi. Course reinstatements – see spreadsheet
      vii. Course changes – see spreadsheet
      viii. Combined course requests – none
      ix. Certificate/Program changes – none
      x. Honors addenda – see spreadsheet
      xi. Distance education addenda – see spreadsheet
      xii. Student learning outcomes – see spreadsheet
VI. Guests/Special Presentations (15 minutes)–none
VII. Special Reports (10 minutes)
   a. Accreditation Report – D. Wanner—no report
   c. AFT Report – S. Hendricks—no report
VIII. Associated Student Government (5 minutes) – B. Woodard
      LGBT Mixer coming up on March 23rd. Comedy show on April 1st. Discount card for vendors in the area. Setting up classroom visits about ASG benefits. Setting up Movie Nights.
IX. Senate Standing Committee Reports (25 minutes)
   a. Educational Policies and Program Integrity – D. Ruiz
      Reviewed APR summary and how to address recommendations made in report.
i. Student Learning Outcomes—April Pavlik for Christine Tinberg
   *Revising and updating institutional student learning outcomes*
ii. Distance Education—no report
iii. Program Review and Effectiveness—no report
iv. Hiring Prioritization Committee
   *Discussed revising rating rubric and hiring request form*
b. Department Chairs Caucus – B. Vasquez—no report
c. Professional Development – C. Park—No report
   i. Book Program – A. Maeck
   *Featuring series of science writers; April 29th Bryant Bartels presenting on altered states of consciousness with dance performance; May 13th authors*
d. District Academic Senate – J. Freitas/A. Pavlik
   *Elections coming up in May and several vacancies and offices will be contested*
e. Constitution and Bylaws – K. Gray—No report
f. Academic Rank – H. Plotquin—No report
g. Elections – J. Freitas for B. Vasquez—Elections process and timeline handout included in packet
h. Fellowship – K. Miller
   i. Next department for senate lunch – Communication Studies...thank you Cinema/TV!
   *Retirement luncheon May 15th*

X. Officers Reports (15 minutes)
a. President’s Report – J. Freitas
   • North Quad appearance. Has been in communication with Bob Garcia. Contractors were supposed to leave area as they found it according to contract. Containers will be moved out soon. Gardeners will work on weeds in earnest.
   • Asked President about status of hiring announcement. Senior Staff told at last moment to submit to People Admin System instead of emailed. They are being reviewed. Vice Chancellor reviewing them now. History and nursing positions have gone up. Third week of May is the earliest we could conduct interviews at this point.
   i. Executive Committee – J. Freitas
b. Vice President’s Report – A. Pavlik
   i. Curriculum Committee
   *Maria Reisch has submitted resignation letter from Curriculum Tech. April is looking for an interested member. Most Title 5 updates have been submitted. Will prioritize how they are being reviewed. Will bring pre-req forms up for review.*
c. Treasurer’s Report – J. Bhakta
   *See below*

XI. College Council and Special Committee Reports (25 minutes)
a. College Council – J. Freitas—Nothing further
   i. Budget – B. Vasquez—no report
   ii. Strategic Planning – S. Hendricks—no report
      1. COMPASS
      2. Technology Steering
      3. Student Success and Support Program
      4. Enrollment Management
   iii. Facilities Planning – N. Lorentz—no report
b. Student Accommodations – no report

XII. Action Items (Time certain 1:00 PM)
a. Resolution 04-S15: Reconsideration of the Recommendation to Prioritize the Cesar Chavez Modernization Project Over the South Gym Modernization Project – N. Lorentz
John Freitas handed gavel over to VP April Pavlik at 1:02 PM, in order to discuss events transpiring last week regarding to this matter. Discussed in consultation the meaning of thorough and timely information. Emphasized that we need to be made aware of all options considered. Couldn’t get a satisfying answer to what happens if we run out of money for Chavez project. Need to know information like how design-build and lease-lease back options work. John explained his thought processes in drafting original resolution, and substitute resolution after further meetings with Senior Staff.

Nancy Cairns concerned about biased information and lack of information provided to voting members of committees. Pleads with Senate members to take a stand on this and to join her in addressing the Board.

By consensus we will limit each speaker to two minutes.

John Freitas read resolution, letter from Barbara Vasquez, and the substitute resolution. Jan McEvety offered an amendment

MS to accept resolution as a substitution along with McEvety clause. Jan described her experience speaking with District Bond oversight committee.

A student guest Tatiana questioned where the money has gone. Advocated for the athletic department and programs.

Daniel Marlos feels that there will not be enough money to finish Cesar Chavez and thinks that unconscionable.

Gary Colombo feels that although we may have followed parliamentary procedure, that doesn’t necessarily mean we followed transparent shared governance process.

Bryant Woodard of ASG spoke in favor of motion, based on his experience on College Council.

Nate Lorentz spoke to his support of Cesar Chavez as WEC chair since it deals with safety issues including the Sheriff and IT. He feels shared governance may not have been followed.

Gary Colombo called for the motion. One abstention (Lorentz).

Yays, D. Cohen, Freitas, Gnerre, Chen

Nays, Marlos, Kelly, Colombo, Manos, Lopez, Bhakta, Sedghi, Washburn, Miller, Cowgill, Upshaw, Cortez-Oritiz, Pumphrey, Rivera, Cairns, Tiwari,

Abstentions Lorentz, Farrell

Motion Failed

Original motion

Farrell questions what real choice we have. Only two choices? Are there other things to consider?

Call for question

Motion passes (Abstentions) D. Cohen, Freitas, Gnerre

John Freitas will advise President Martinez that the motion passed

John Freitas thanked Senate for great discussion

XIII. Notice/Discussion Items (Time certain immediately following Action Items)

a. Increase in Dues – J. Bhakta
   Presented summary of past four years of membership dues. Discussion over whether to raise dues, or how we can get more faculty to pay their dues. Jayesh will publish a list of those who have payed.

b. Resolution 05-S15: LACC Philosophy Statement on the Associate Degree and General Education – A. Pavlik (For April 2 meeting)

c. Resolution 06-S15: Hiring Prioritization Process Timeline, Revised Position Request Form and Revised Committee Rating Form and Rubric – A. Cohen (For April 2 meeting)

d. Resolution 07-S15: Revised Program and Course Student Learning Outcomes Handbook – C. Tinberg (for April 2 meeting)

e. ASCCC Resolutions for Discussion at Area Meetings – J. Freitas
XIV. **Announcements (5 minutes)**
   
a. Area C Meeting, Saturday, March 28, Cerritos College
   [http://www.asccc.org/content/area-c-meeting](http://www.asccc.org/content/area-c-meeting)

b. Spring Plenary Session, April 9-11, SFO Westin Hotel

Find out what’s going on at LACC through “This Week at City” at [http://lacitycollege.edu/calendar/ThisWeek.html](http://lacitycollege.edu/calendar/ThisWeek.html)
For more information about ASCCC meetings and events, go to [http://www.asccc.org/calendar/list/events](http://www.asccc.org/calendar/list/events)

XV. **Adjournment**

   – Next meeting is Thursday, April 2, 12:30, Faculty and Staff Center. — *Meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM*

Evidence provided:

- Agenda on SharePoint
- Draft Minutes from March 5, 2015 Academic Senate meeting
- Resolution #4-S15: Reconsideration of the Recommendation to Prioritize the Cesar Chavez Modernization Project Over the South Gym Modernization Project
- Resolution #5-S15: LACC Philosophy Statement on the Associate Degree and General Education
- Resolution #6-S15: Hiring Prioritization Process Timeline, Revised Position Request Form and Revised Committee Rating Form and Rubric
- Resolution #7-S15: Revised Program and Course Student Learning Outcomes Handbook
- ASCCC Resolutions for Discussion at Area Meetings