



## OFFICIAL MINUTES

*We respectfully acknowledge that MiraCosta is on the traditional territory of the Luiseño/ Payómkawichum people. Today, this meeting place and surrounding areas are home to the six federally recognized bands of the La Jolla, Pala, Pauma, Pechanga, Rincon, Soboba Luiseño/ Payómkawichum people and remain the shared space among Kumeyaay and Ipai peoples. In addition, we pay respect to elders, present and past: keepers of history, culture, wisdom, and knowledge.*

**I. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 9:02am.

**II. Remote Member Attendance**

Description: *Academic Senate will consider remote participation of members under the provisions of AB2449, if any.*

No members of the Academic Senate requested remote participation under the provisions of AB2449.

**III. Roll Call**

**Members present:** Robin Allyn, Daniel Ante-Contreras, Leigh Cotnoir, Sean Davis (Vice-president), Erica Duran, Julie Graboi, Sarah Gross, curry mitchell (President), Jeffrey Murico, Ghada Osman, Brian Page, Nate Scharf, Alexis Tucker Sade, Krista Warren, Afifa Zaman

**Members absent:** Sunny Cooke (Ex-officio), Jim Julius (Coordinating officer)

**Others present:** Carl Banks, Eric Bishop, Stacey Hull, Denée Pescarmona

**IV. Persons Wishing to Address the Senate** – None.

**V. Changes to Agenda Order** –

The meeting will begin with agenda item IX. Periodic Review to help new Senate members understand the rules of the meeting. It is a way to talk about how to do business.

**VI. Consent Calendar**

**A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 17, 2024**

**B. Ratify Academic Senate Constituent List for AY 2024-2025**

**C. Equivalencies**

Description: *Approve one equivalency for Drama / Theater Arts.*

Consent calendar item B. Ratify Academic Seante Constituent List for AY 2024-2025 was pulled from the agenda.

**Consent calendar items A and C were approved by unanimous consent.**

**MSU (Warren / Graboi)** to approve the ratification of the Academic Senate constituent list for AY 2024-2025 as presented and to come back to the list to discuss a more equitable distribution of the Associate Faculty distribution list of constituents.

Warren noted that associate faculty on the constituent list are arbitrarily divided amongst the associate faculty representatives. She suggested coming up with a more intentional way to have the list created. The AF Senate representatives have a different amount of faculty each semester and the way the list is divided currently, it is not evenly distributed.

Page suggested approving the list as it is and have a discussion amongst the AF about how to more equitably distribute the list moving forward.

**VII. Action Item, Second Read (Vote Required)**

*A senate member may move to add 5 minutes for discussion, approved by a majority vote; other times will be reduced to allow the meeting to end on schedule.*

**A. Academic Calendar 2025-26 – Stacey Hull**

*Description: AAC forwarded the proposed 2025-2026 Academic Calendar to Academic Senate for approval.*

**MSU (Tucker Sade / Warren)** to approve the proposed 2025-2026 Academic Calendar as presented.

Stacey Hull, chair of AAC, noted the calendar was discussed at the end of last year. Currently, 12/24 is not a holiday. No changes were made over the summer in the Classified Senate employee manual, which is unfortunate. It was further noted that the long President's weekend of Friday and Monday are holidays, but Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> is a working/class day.

Hull further noted that this calendar was developed by AAC with representatives from classified and AF. CS is also orienting classified members of AAC. The academic calendar is under the purview of the AS in accordance with the 10+1. Senate has to approve this first and then it can go to negotiations for meet and confer as a working conditions issue. Because there is a recommendation from the calendar taskforce, we will review and see if there are substantive changes such as the number of Flex days and review for the bargaining agreements.

**B. AP4010 Academic Calendar – Stacey Hull**

*Description: Updates to include a classified senate representative as a resource member of the taskforce and removal of operating principle of Veteran's Day being observed on the federal holiday as our current practice includes asking veteran students for feedback on which of the pre-approved days from the Chancellor's Office they would prefer to observe the holiday.*

**MSU (Daniel / Tucker Sade)** to approve AP4010 Academic Calendar as presented.

This update specifically included a Classified Senate representative and asks the veterans what day they want to approve for Veteran's Day.

**VIII. Reports (Written, Included Via Links Below)**

**A. Academic Senate President – cury mitchell ([access report](#))**

See the Senate President's report attached above.

**B. College Superintendent/President – Sunny Cooke ([access report](#))**

Instructional Services Vice President, Denée Pescarmona, reported on behalf of Superintendent/President, Sunny Cooke. Thanks to the Flex folks.

See the attached report from Dr. Cooke.

**C. Classified Senate – Carl Banks ([access report](#))**

See the Classified Senate report at the above link.

**D. Associate Student Government – Representative TBD ([access report](#))**

ASG representative not present. No report.

**E. Senator Reports**

Alexis Tucker Sade proudly announced that one of MiraCosta's students, Bryce Wettstein, is an Olympian at the 2024 Paris Olympics. She is a world class skateboarder. After competing in Paris, she came in 6<sup>th</sup> and is ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in the world. Here is a [LINK](#) to her webpage.

Ante-Contreras announced that from 1:30 to 3, there is going to be an event called Connections and Confections; a collaboration between Mi Gente, the Black Alliance, and the Rainbow Collective. There will be information about all of those groups in Aztlan on the Oceanside campus. Fliers will be sent to everyone.

Erica Duran wanted to give a shoutout to several faculty who went to NCORE in Hawaii at the end of last semester. Additionally, a former noncredit student who graduated from the Adult High School five years ago and went to the credit side of the college, also went as part of the panel at NCORE. He is now an instructional aide for a noncredit horticulture class.

Robin Allyn gave an invitation to a networking opportunity for students on Wednesday during Flex week. Thirteen local employers will be there to answer questions.

*To submit a Senator Report, contact the Academic Senate President and share your report in writing.*

Seemed appealing to do business items at the beginning of the meeting and moving the reports to the end of the meeting. It will also allow for compressing the meeting to allow for lengthier discussions for other agenda items.

**IX. Periodic Review – Academic Senate Rules and Bylaws**

**A. Academic Senate Rules, Section A. Meetings, Quorum, and Voting of the Academic Senate**

Description: *A welcome extended to new senators followed by a humanized, just-in-time review of voting rights and procedures, including a review of “motions to approve” and “abstention votes.”*

Discussed section A of the Rules of Senate regarding meetings, quorum, and voting of the Academic Senate. Further discussed Section B, noting that voting strength is equal.

New members of Senate were thanked for being part of the Senate body.

It was noted that the job of Academic Senate is to vote as a decision and recommending body. It was also noted that a quorum is one more than the majority of senators present to vote. The superintendent/president is a non-voting member as ex-officio. The AS president only votes in the event of a tie. A member can also call the question to stop the discussion and move to vote. If someone abstains, only the yea and nay votes are counted, and the majority of those votes will determine if the motion passes or not.

**X. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 10:19am.**