

SAC COLLEGE COUNCIL MINUTES
December 10, 2014

PRESENT:	Erlinda Martinez Michael Collins James Kennedy Sara Lundquist John Zarske Monica Porter Bonita Jaros Raquel Manriquez	ABSENT:	Cher Carrera Madeline Grant Pam Hernandez Maria Taylor Omar Torres
		LIAISON:	Mike Colver Christina Romero

I. Call to Order

Dr. Martinez called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 26, 2014

The minutes of the November 26 meeting were presented for review and approval. No comments, corrections or edits were submitted; therefore the minutes are approved as presented.

III. SPECIAL/NEW ITEMS

1. Board Update

Dr. Martinez announced that as a result of recent RSCCD Board action, new officers have been appointed. The docket item that proposed an increase to the child development center fees was not passed. The fees will remain as is for the rest of academic year. There was a large contingency of parents and students at the board meeting to refute the increased fees. The SAC Student Equity Plan was approved as presented following questions by the Board of Trustees. Each college addressed student equity differently.

2. Accreditation

Dr. Martinez reaffirmed that she will attend the Commission meeting in Sacramento to provide testimony on behalf of SAC. Her scheduled appointment time is set for 4-5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7, 2015. Dr. Jaros and Vice President Torres are working on the response that Dr. Martinez will deliver to the commission. Dr. Jaros briefly explained how the external evaluation report indicated SAC did not meet or fully meet the standards and how that could make a difference between being placed on warning or some other sanction. Dr. Martinez will address such in her testimony.

3. BS Degree Application

Dr. Martinez reported that SAC is preparing the application in support of a BS Degree in OTA (occupational therapy assistant). Such a program is not offered in the whole country. Dr. Jaros and Vice President Torres are working with Bart Hoffman and Michelle Parolise for submission by next week. The accreditation agency (ACOTE) is in the process of making the certification process for OTA at the BS degree level making the AS degree useless. This information will be used in the application materials. However, if the college is on "warning" from ACCJC, SAC will not be permitted to apply for the BS degree pilot program. Mr. Zarske confirmed that the Academic Senate is supportive with no apparent objection of the BS Degree application and the OTA program to grow. Ms. Manriquez confirmed that students are supportive as well of community colleges offering such degrees.

4. Innovation Award

Dr. Martinez announced that Dr. Lundquist will be working on the Innovation Award project with a submission date for early January. The award is \$50 million to award higher education agencies that are doing: 1) shortening the pathway to Bachelor's degree and 2) shortening the cost to Bachelor's degree. This is a collaborative project with our Santa Ana Partnership that SAC is already doing and it is hopeful that SAC will be recognized with the receiving of the funds. There is no match required and can be spent on anything. It is not a grant but an "award."

5. Convocation – February 6, 2015

Dr. Martinez briefly discussed convocation scheduled for Friday, February 6 which will also include a launch of the Centennial Celebration with the burial of the time capsule. Details are being worked out with invitation letters being mailed prior to the break for the holidays.

IV. STANDING/CONTINUING BUSINESSSAC Safety Report

Lt. Mike Colver provided a review of recent incidents that occurred at SAC and CEC.

Campus Safety/Emergency Preparedness

Emergency evacuation drill is planned for February 26.

Faculty Senate Report

Mr. Zarske confirmed that the last meeting of the fall semester was yesterday. Today, he will meet with the HR committee to discuss faculty and administrative hiring and administrative regulations. There was a follow-up discussion about the faculty positions to be filled. Dr. Martinez noted that the data did not support the filling of an Ethnic Studies position. Mary Huebsch is working on the flex calendar of activities. There is a Joint Senate meeting scheduled the Wednesday of Flex Week in February. While a board policy regarding low enrollment has been removed, it was suggested that consideration for low enrollment classes be discussed during the Academic Affairs Advisory Committee meeting/planning process. It is not necessary to have a board policy.

Monica Porter provided a brief report that a lot of courses have been stalled at the State level. A conference call was held with the CCC Chancellor's Office confirming the backlog and reduction in staff to service all California Community Colleges. Two additional ADTs have been approved and will be sent forward to the State. A total of 22 ADTs have been approved with a potential of two more for an even 24 is expected and another in the pipeline.

Classified Report - No reportASG Report

Ms. Manriquez noted the last ASG meeting of the semester was held last week. Many ASG members will be working during intersession in preparation of the spring semester of activities. Over 400 students participated in the "paws for stress" event held Wednesday of finals week. Future items of interest for further discussion by students include parking, coffee cart and other things students deal with in life.

SAC Foundation Report

Ms. Romero confirmed the centennial launch will begin January 5. The centennial website is up and running and suggested everyone use it to engage faculty, staff, students, alum and partners to support the 100th celebration. Get involved and get others involved. www.SAC.edu/100 The first activity will be the burial of the time capsule on February 6 after convocation. Ms. Porter briefly discussed elements related to the Open House celebration scheduled for spring 2016.

Enrollment Update

Dr. Martinez reported on behalf of Mr. Torres who was out ill. Enrollment looks really good and SAC will exceed target. SAC has already met target for intersession.

Calendar of Events

The calendar of events was briefly reviewed especially noting the nursing pinning ceremony on Saturday, December 13; the all staff holiday luncheon (RSVP-ticket required) on Wednesday, December 17; and the campus being closed for the winter break with staff returning on January 5.

V. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS

Curriculum and Instruction Council – No report

Facility Committee

Dr. Collins provided a verbal report on the status of construction projects on campus. Planetarium is expected to be completed in February with a grand re-opening being planned for March 17. STEM Building user group meetings are underway. Johnson Center program draft dates have been prepared. Phillips Hall marquee is up and is expected to be in operation upon return to campus after the holidays.

Planning and Budget Committee - No report

Student Success and Equity Committee – No report

VI. OTHER BUSINESSCareer Pathways Trust Grant

Dr. Lundquist announced that a request for authorization to apply for a grant will be coming in January related to the Career Pathways Trust Grant. It is a partnership with SAUSD.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. This meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.