



# District Academic Senate Minutes

FOR TUESDAY OCTOBER 10, 2023

## **PRESIDENT**

Heidi Kozlowski, SJCC Vice-President

## **EVERGREEN VALLEY COLLEGE**

Tina Iniguez, EVC Academic Senate Vice-President

## **SAN JOSE CITY COLLEGE**

Elena Dutra, SJCC Academic Senate President

## **VICE-PRESIDENT**

Garry Johnson, EVC Academic Senate President

Charlie Lomax, EVC At Large

Fabio Gonzalez, SJCC

Academic Senate Treasurer

## **TREASURER**

Banh, Phuong (Emily), EVC At-Large

### **I. CALL TO ORDER 4:07 PM**

### **II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA (3 minutes)**

1. 1<sup>st</sup> motion: Garry 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Tina
2. Unanimous approval

### **III. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> 2023 MINUTES**

1. 1<sup>st</sup> motion: Garry 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Tina
2. Unanimous approval

### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: none**

### **IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION**

#### **A. District Academic Senate Membership, Vice President, and Treasurer**

1. Phuong (Emily) will replace Lisa Hayes as EVC At-Large
2. Charlie Lomax will represent EVC at-Large
3. Garry will serve as DAS Vice President
4. Tina will serve as DAS Treasurer

### **V. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Introduction/welcome to new SJCC Academic Senate President, Elena Dutra
- B. Cal-GETC GE pattern-Tina

Tina discussed that there are still questions about the Cal-GETC GE pattern that will be implemented Fall 2025 and the adjustments that will need to be made as a result, such as the local degree requirement for cultural pluralism.

Gary remarked that there are three changes that can be made: legal/legislative changes that are automatic, changes made by constituency groups that go through the policy committee, and policies that are amended and reviewed through cyclical reviews.

Tina shared that the Cal-GETC GE pattern was a legislative change.

Heidi remarked she is working on getting speakers from ASCCC on the topic and that she will gather the information on the topic at the Fall Plenary.

### C. Shared Governance Concerns: District Budget Committee

#### 1. 2023-2024 budget

Heidi reported she felt that progress has been made in restoring shared governance to the budget process. She remarked that at the Sept. 2023 District Budget Committee, Administrative Services Vice Chancellor Edwin Chandrasekar had indicated interest in shared governance by saying he would look into voting on the 2023-2024 budget and that he would send out a survey to members of the District Budget Committee.

Garry reminded the DAS committee that the budget that went to the Board of Trustees (BOT) and was voted on by the BOT was not endorsed by shared governance and that revisiting the vote and, in the future, gaining the endorsement of constituency groups at both colleges will carry weight and direct action.

Heidi commented that planning and development of budget is under the purview of the Academic Senate.

#### 2. Heidi handed out Title V. 53200, further emphasizing the Academic Senate being relied on primarily for advice and judgment on processes for institutional planning and budget development.

#### 3. AB 1705

Heidi shared, as an example, that the 2023-2024 budget has a line item for SJCC for \$365,000 specified to be used for AB 1705, which is an Academic Senate matter, but that Academic Senate was not involved in determining how the funds be used.

### D. Shared Governance Concerns: the renaming of District Council as Chancellor's Committee Member of the DAS had asked at the Sept. 2023 District Council meeting (AKA "Chancellor's Advisory District Council") that its former name that has always been used (District Council) be officially restored.

Heidi cited consistency as a reason for the change, as the committee is referred to by different names in its own documents.

Garry remarked that the change to "Chancellor's Advisory District Council" was symbolic of a more top-down leadership structure rather than one of shared governance where we are all working together.

### E. Revising DAS By-Laws in 2023-2024 (working group)

We decided to table the by-laws discussion until we had a chance to review the May 2023 minutes. Phuong (Emily) explained the conversation from the previous academic year, 2022-2023 was on the DAS Mission, not the By-Laws, and that revising the By-Laws was a discussion for an item for the 2023-2024 Academic Year. She also explained the language of the DAS Mission on the SJECCD DAS web page did not represent the current DAS Mission.

Phuong (Emily) also suggested that since our DAS committee is relatively small, that we do it together at a meeting.

F. the November 2023 Plenary

Phuong (Emily) who will be presenting on Thursday.

## **V.REPORTS**

A. Evergreen Valley College Academic Senate

Garry reported that the Karen Fray will be retiring after 39 years as the EVC AS Office Assistant, and they are very thankful for her service. Other items discussed at EVC's AS include: Concur training, NIAs, Distance Education training, ZTC, Program review moving from a 6 to 4 year cycle, language about standing committees, and Garry and Tina resisting 0 funding for the EVC library.

B. San Jose City College Academic Senate

Elena reported that SJCC was conducting Program Review on ELumen and that the college was focused on the Accreditation visit in early October and its report on the college's two findings. She also mentioned ongoing campus projects like the 2030 Vision.

C. District Academic Senate: no new reports

**VII. RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS :** the AFT 6157 rally in preparation for the BOT meeting Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> is underway, and Senators are invited to participate in the rally and march.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT** at 4:55 PM.



