D I S T R I C T A C A D E M I C S E N A T E
APPROVED MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 2022
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
On Zoom

DAS Members Present: Emily Banh, Judith Bell, Elena Dutra, Laura Garcia, Tina Iniguez, Garry Johnson, Fabio Gonzalez

Guest: Amber Machamer

I. The Meeting Called to Order – at 4:06

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA- Approved without objection

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –
October 11th minutes—approved

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS –
A. Machamer shared the updated SJECCD Administrative and Governance Handbook, which includes board meetings, board policies & administrative procedures, updated district office organization charts, updated names of individuals in those positions, and district shared governance committees. Anyone with questions and suggestions are encouraged to email at: iess@sjeccd.edu with the subject line “Handbook.”

V. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

E. Banh welcomed DAS members and guests to the third DAS meeting of the Fall 2022 semester.

A. Debriefing of ASCCC Fall Plenary and resolutions passed (Garry, Judith, Emily)
All three Senate Presidents, Emily Banh, Judith Bell, Garry Johnson, attended ASCCC Fall Plenary. At the 2022 Fall Plenary, there were 44 Resolutions and 15 amendments. While most amendments failed, the majority of resolutions were passed and adopted. A total of 40 were adopted. Click on the hyperlink to view the list of adopted resolutions and read the resolutions.

J. Bell: Panelists at ASCCC conveyed urgency re: academic freedom. They called for urgent actions. Along with AB 1111 Common Course Numbering and other bills discussed, AB 928 The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act of 2021 received the most attention. The discussions brought home the inequities of the three higher ed systems: UCs, CSUs, and CCCs. The CCCs are underfunded and over-legislated. We need a plan to establish legislative liaison to the Academic Senate and not wait for things to happen and pick up the pieces.
G. Johnson: There are 2,100,000 students in the CCC system and 80,000 of them transferred to the CSU and UC systems, representing 4% of CCC students who transferred. More applied but those were the ones who were accepted. Many of the resolutions discussed had to do with transfer, yet they impacted very few of our students. Perhaps, as community colleges we need re-branding and promote ourselves to be the destination. More students graduate from our system that from all of the other systems combined, included private institutions.

Also, there were conversations about OER, zero textbooks, the ratio of librarians as well. ASCCC continue to push for inclusion, diversity, equity, anti-racism, and accessibility. We’ve passed many resolutions regarding those.

E. Banh: Interim Chancellor Daisy Gonzales spoke at one of the general sessions at the Fall Plenary. A memorable line: 100% completion for our students.

T. Iniguez: Counselors have to constantly keep in mind and keep up with the changes re: GE patterns for the CSU and UC systems and our own. The people in Sacramento need to understand that the CCCs don’t have enough resources to keep up with all these legislative changes that the UCs and CSUs require. It’s frustrating. Was there any push back all this?

B. Webinars and training from ASCCC representatives on diverse topics:-
E. Banh had requested a data training from ASCCC, asking for specifically for the two panelists, Eric Wada and Craig Rutan, who presented at ASCCC 2022 Fall Plenary. Also requested was a training session from ASCCC about AB 928.

L. Garcia pointed out that the counselors have been quite aware of AB 928 for over a year. She has attended all of the webinars and asked many questions re: 1) catalog rights (i.e., What happens when a student returns to our college after being gone for a few years? Will they now be held to the new GE pattern or will we be able to pull some pieces from the old GE pattern? She received no definitive responses to her questions). Full implementation of AB 928 is 2025. All these legislations have been additional work put on our plates as additional work over the years. It was enormous work to get our courses ready for the new Area F (new ethnic studies graduation requirement) with super short timeline to do it.

E. Updates of Board Policies and Administrative Procedures (BPs/APs)
E. Banh: 2021-2022 is the year that BPs & APs of Chapter 6: Business & Fiscal Affairs are being reviewed, updated and revised. As we head towards the November 17th District Council meeting,
L. Garcia expressed concern that the District Policy Committee has not met this semester. All agreed that faculty need to have input in this matter.

F. Ad Hoc Committee for the East San Jose Expansion Project
J. Bell suggested that we form an Ad Hoc Committee for the East San Jose Expansion Project. Perhaps this committee will consist of members from both colleges. All agreed to this is and that EVC will need to take the lead.

G. Draft of resolution for Equity Center- tabled
H. DAS goals -tabled

Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.