

NORCO COLLEGE

Minutes

Norco Academic Senate Meeting

April 19, 2021

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Zoom

Call to Order: 1:32 pm

I. Roll Call:

Officers, Senators, Alternates, and Committee Chairs & Liaisons:

Laura Adams, Kimberly Bell, Quinton Bemiller, Michael Bobo, Courtney Buchanan, Sarah Burnett, J. Marie Hicks, Vivian Harris, Dominique Hitchcock, Brian Johnson, Daren Koch, Virgil Lee, Lisa Nelson, David Payan, Dana White, Sigrid Williams, Patty Worsham, Cameron Young

Absent: Kim Kamerin

Guests: Makenna Ashcraft, Melissa Bader, Elisa Chung, Jessica Cobb, Torria Davis, Hayley Garcia Ashby, Ashley Etchison, Kevin Fleming, Monica Green, Megan Lindeman, Jethro Midgett, Jason Parks

II. Approval of Agenda

Amend Agenda to remove item X., M/D. White, S/M. Hicks- Motion Approved
M/V. Lee, S/K. Bell- Motion Approved as Amended

III. Review of [April 5, 2021](#)

IV. **Open Hearing**

S. Burnett:

- OER will be sending a survey any day now to all faculty to get a sense of where we are.
- Meeting will be held to encourage faculty to participate and we are hoping to get some CARES money to pay for a pilot in the fall.
- OER training will be for 8 weeks, four modules.

Q. Bemiller

- An email went out about the Art Gallery- there will be two virtual exhibitions this semester
- There is a faculty exhibition (which only happens every three years) with Dr. Meghan Chandler, the new Art Historian faculty member and her wonderful essay on the history of Kodachrome Film.
- A discussion with the art faculty, studio faculty and our history faculty will be taking place tomorrow.

V. **Action Item, First Read: Adding Ethnic Studies to SBS (P. Worsham)**

Academic Senate is asked to approve APC's recommendation to house Ethnic Studies in the Social & Behavioral Sciences Department/School of Social & Behavioral Sciences.

- Newly developed program and APC has approved the request of Ethnic Studies be moved to SBS.
- Item will be voted on next Senate meeting, May 3, 2021.

VI. **Action Item, First Read: Social Justice Studies at Norco College (L. Nelson)**

Academic Senate is asked to approve the development of Social Justice Studies at Norco College and will receive a report and status update on this work.

- [See Attached](#)

VII. **Officer Reports**

A. Secretary/Treasurer (K. Kameran)

No Report

B. Vice-President (V. Lee)

No Report

C. President (Q. Bemiller)

[See Attached](#)

VIII. **College Reports**

A. Associated Students of Norco College (A. Calderon, S. Irfan)

- Makenna Ashcraft reported on behalf of Angelica Calderon.
- There will be two events this month... Live Zoom on the 29th and a magic show on April 23rd from 12-2pm.
- Angelica is meeting with the other Presidents and will be discussing the survey sent to students regarding returning to campus.
- Survey will be discussed in the next Senate meeting.

B. College President/Vice-President Academic Affairs (M. Green/S. Lee)

President Green:

- Each townhall (that NAS President Bemiller referred to previously) will be recorded and a PowerPoint presentation and recording will be posted on RCCD COVID-19 page.
- Takes place third Wednesday of the month:
 - April 21st will be focused on facilities and safety.
 - May 19th will focus on Instruction and Academic Services
 - June 16th will focus on Student Services
 - August 18th will focus on Student Life, Athletics and Performing Arts
- There will be a panel discussion where each panelist will be asked to give a brief overview of the topic with a good portion of the session being for Q&A.
- The District and our Strategic Communications department is gathering the information.
- We are being asked to coordinate among the colleges for a return back to the college and this plan needs to be done by end of May to prepare for June.

Vice President Lee:

- No Report

IX. Standing Committees & Liaisons Reports

A. Academic Senate Standing Committees

1. APC (P. Worsham)

- APC voted on replacing three positions due to retirement:
 - Chemistry
 - Communication
 - Electronics
- Will be brought for a vote at next Senate meeting

B. Academic Senate Liaisons

1. LGBTQ+ Advocates (C. Young)

- Speaker Series is to be held in May (Monday thru Thursday; times will vary). The speakers are currently undergoing a process of review. There will be information forthcoming as the LGBTQ+ Advocates committee works the remaining information of the series out.
- Dr. Raja Bhattar on Thursday (5/20), 2-4pm
 - Facilitation workshop/lecture on QTPOC history, storytelling and activism Title: We're Queer, We've Always Been Here
- Ana Paula Teixeira on Wednesday (5/19), 1-3pm (Pacific Time)
 - Facilitation workshop/lecture (still in the works) Title: Estamos Aqui: An introspective look at a nonbinary person in Puerto Rico, and the importance of allyship to QPOC of the post-colonial experience.
- There will be an ALLY training to be conducted on 4/29 and the call out will be forthcoming. Another will be held in May as well.
- There will be offerings of Train the Trainer sessions to grow the ALLY facilitator network coming in Fall;
- We have 7 members from our committee having undergone this workshop to potentially serve as facilitators.
- The virtual translation of the ALLY workshop (thanks to Laura Adams and Brady Kerr) will also be continued as the virtual training offers the ability at drawing in part-time faculty and fellow staff.

2. DE (S. Burnett)

- DE Newsletter went out and everyone is being invited to Friday's discussion where we will have someone from the CVC OEI come to explain CVC OEI is.
- It's an overview of what it is before we start to have deeper conversations about it.
- The revised IOI document is nearing completion and will be brought to the first May Senate meeting for the first read across the district.
- The RSI document that MVC has been working on which the guidelines for regular substantive interaction to support the AP that we approved earlier this semester. (It will be coming on the same day as the revised IOI doc)
- Voting for documents will take place at the second May meeting.

3. DBAC (C. Buchanan)

- No DBAC meeting was held because we are waiting on the state budget to be finalized.
- During Spring Break, Esmeralda Abejar presented on CARES and HEERF, funding that has been allocated through American Rescue Plan, and funding that has been allocated to our district.
- If faculty are interested in how it's being used or plan to be used, there are lots of restrictions. (Courtney offered to share PPT which shows breakdown)

CSEA

- The PDCN Charter for 2021-2022 has been approved by CSEA's Classified Senate for the Classified Professional Development Committee's participation in the PDCN.
- The Classified Professional of the Year Committee has selected the recipient for this year's Classified Professional of the Year. The announcement is forthcoming.
- The Classified Professionals from the Guided Pathways Equity Teams made a presentation at CSEA's Classified Senate meeting and will be presenting this Friday at a classified professional workshop.
- Classified professionals are collecting questions for the Safe Return to submit via CSEA.

X. **Discussion: Lack of Funding/Staffing for Unity Zone (C. Young)**

Academic Senate will discuss concerns regarding funding/staffing of the Unity Zone in preparation for Fall 2021 return to campus.

Voted to be Removed from agenda—issue was resolved prior to the meeting.

XI. **Information: [Faculty Assignments to College Councils](#) (V. Lee)**

Academic Senate was updated on the process for appointing Faculty members and co-chairs to the new College Councils for Fall 2021.

- See Attached

XII. **Information: [Guided Pathways & Equity Project Teams Update](#) (C. Buchanan)**

Academic Senate was updated on the work of the Guided Pathways/Equity Project Teams.

- See Attached

XIII. **Information: [Guided Pathways Scale of Adoption Assessment](#) (M. Bader/T. James)**

Academic Senate was updated on Norco College's Guided Pathways planning.

- See Attached

XIV. **Information: Canvas Certification - Option One: RCCD Canvas Course - Canvas Boot Camp (S. Burnett)**

The Distance Education Chairs (NC, MVC, RCC) requested Academic Senators review the proposed in-house training - Canvas Boot Camp - as one of the options we would like to offer faculty in achieving district certification. Course Design Camp

- Sarah Burnett shared the Canvas Course Design Camp page.
- It is being proposed that this bootcamp be one of the options that faculty can choose to become certified to teach online and/or earn FLEX credit.
- A link for self-registration has been sent out
- Site has great organization that give you examples on how to structure a course and earn badges

XV. Adjournment: 3:42 pm