



Minutes
Norco Academic Senate Meeting
August 30, 2021
1:30 - 3:30 PM via Zoom

Roll

Officers, Senators, Alternates, and Committee Chairs & Liaisons: Laura Adams, Kimberly Bell, Michael Bobo, Courtney Buchanan, Sarah Burnett, Vivian Harris, Marie Hicks, Dominique Hitchcock, Samia Irfan, Brian Johnson, Kim Kamerin, Daren Koch, Virgil Lee, Barbara Moore, Lisa Nelson, Dan Reade, Jody Tyler, Dana White, Sigrid Williams, Patty Worsham, Cameron Young

Guests: Melissa Bader, Quinton Bemiller, Zina Chacon, Meghan Chandler, Michael Collins, Araceli Covarrubias, Torria Davis, Ashley Etchison, Kevin Fleming, Monica Green, Azadeh Iglesias, Starlene Justice, Samuel Lee, Jason Parks, Aldo Yanez, Alex Zadeh, Dan Reade

Meeting Called to Order: 1:32 PM

I. Approval of Agenda (motioned, seconded, approved)

II. Approval Senate Meeting Minutes of [May 17, 2021](#) and [June 7, 2021](#) (each motioned, seconded, approved)

III. Open Hearing

Kim Kamerin highlighted Buck Stevens's in Nor-All recommended that since we've been having trouble with all the Ad codes for students that just got resolved, is there a way to extend the add period for students. (Item discussed during reports of College President and VP)

IV. Action Item: Selection of Vice President of the Academic Senate (V. Lee)

The Academic Senate undertook the selection of a new Vice President.

- Nominations requested from faculty from 8/23-8/30.
- Kimberly Bell was the sole nominee.

Motion made and seconded to select Kimberly Bell as the Academic Senate Vice President for the remainder of the 2021- 2022 academic year. Approved Unanimously

V. Action Item: Selection of General Faculty Representative to the College Council (V. Lee)

To complete the [faculty representation on Councils](#), the Academic Senate undertook the selection a General Representative to the College Council.

- Nominees received at the end of the Spring semester included Hayley Ashby, Zina Chacon, Vivian Harris, and Kim Kamerin.
- Kim Kamerin withdrew his nomination.
- Roll Call vote of the three nominees was conducted.

Vivian Harris was selected by majority vote as the General Faculty Representative to the College Council.

VI. Action Item: Reaffirmation of [Robert's Rules of Order Procedures](#) (Kevin Fleming)

After a motion and a second, the Senate was asked to reaffirm its support of following Robert's Rules of Order in College committees and councils, Senate subcommittees, and Senate meetings.

VII. Officer Reports

A. Secretary/Treasurer (K. Kamerin)

- No Report

B. Vice-President (K. Bell)

- Thanked the Senate members for selecting her as Senate VP

C. President (V. Lee)

- Thanked the Senate members for selected him as President.
- ASCCC Fall Plenary to take place in November.

VIII. College Reports

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

- No report.

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

- Dr. Green stated that there been a number of technical issues with the vaccine verification process that administration is working to resolve, and she thanked faculty for being so accommodating in the start of a difficult full term.
- Dr. Lee echoed Dr. Green's thanks to faculty, especially in light of all the changes that were thrown your way.
 - Cleared4 screening looks to be going smoothly.
 - We have 65 late start sections starting on September 7th.
 - Online class offerings are still outperforming face-to-face class offerings in terms of enrollment.
 - Gave a breakdown of the of the late-start sections: 465 District-wide including 137 at Norco College. An email list of the NC late-start sections will be sent to faculty.

IX. Standing Committees & Liaisons Reports

A. Academic Senate Standing Committees

B. Academic Senate Liaisons:

DBAC (C. Buchanan)

- Cola increased to 5.07%.
- The district is getting \$2.76 million for hiring new faculty, which should translate to approximately 16 full time faculty positions
- The District also expects to receive \$1.47 million for adjunct faculty office hours.
- The state budget student financial aid has been set at \$155 million to eliminate the age and time out of high school eligibility requirements for Cal grants, which means 133, 000 students will have access to the grants for additional funding in this upcoming academic year. This also includes \$15 million in ongoing funds to create the Foster Youth Cal grant access award, which provides up to \$6,000 to foster youth to cover non-tuition costs of attending a UC, CSU, or CCC.

CTE (S. Williams)

- Norco College CTE faculty have been awarded \$327,000 in Perkins funding for the second year, which is over \$100k more than the prior year.
- IEDRC round six funding will remain relatively the same, about \$460k which will be available January 22.
- IEDRC and Perkins will be having a forum on equity and inclusiveness on December 6-9th, at a cost of \$225 per person.

Equity (D. Hitchcock)

- The college will be collaborating with an equity audit, as NC is the third in the district to go through this audit. RIV and MOV took place last year.

Guided Pathways (M. Bader)

- We are entering into our second year with the Guided Pathways State initiative that was initially the GP 20 but it now it's cohort two.

- Large workshops for our Guided Pathways partners, our project TEAM members, as well as individual coaching sessions and coaching sessions across the district.

X. Discussion Item: [Academic Senate Orientation](#) (V. Lee)

A presentation was given to help Senate members understand both the roles and responsibilities of Senate members and the purview of the Senate.

XI. Discussion Item: Actions Taken Related to Concurrently Enrolled Students (S. Lee)

The Senate discussed the actions taken for concurrently enrolled students in both the Summer and Fall terms to boost enrollment.

- Dr. Lee asked that Concurrent Enrolled Student limits be raised and registration dates be modified to the regular enrollment dates.
- Faculty and were asked to take it back to the departments to discuss.

XII. Discussion Item: Communication Issues Between Faculty and Administration (D. Reade) The Senate discussed some scheduling and communications breakdowns between faculty and administration relate to the implementation of the vaccine mandate.

- Dan Reade discussed how most chairs left the last emergency APC meeting without a clear message from administration about which classes should be put online and which should stay face-to-face.
- Sam Lee took responsibility for the miscommunication.

Motioned, seconded, and approved to extend meeting by 10 mins.

XIV. Discussion Item: Open Forum to Discuss Issues/Challenges Related to the First Week of the Fall 2021 Term (led by V. Lee)

The Senate discussed issues encountered by faculty during the first week of classes as a result of the vaccine mandate.

- V. Lee will schedule an all-faculty meeting either this week or next to continue this discussion.

XV. Adjournment: 3:44 PM