

Summary of Norco Academic Senate Activities for the 2016-2017 Academic Year

Norco Academic Senate Mission:

The Academic Senate operates pursuant to Title 5, Subchapter 2, Sections 53200 – 53206, California Education Code B. The Academic Senate shall concern itself with making recommendations to the College President and the District Chancellor and the District Academic Senate, and the College Vice President for Academic Affairs with respect to policy development and the implementation of matters in the following areas:

1. curriculum, including establishing prerequisites and placing courses within disciplines
2. degree and certificate requirements
3. grading policies
4. educational program development
5. standards or policies regarding student preparation and success
6. district and college governance structures, as related to faculty roles
7. faculty roles and involvements in accreditation processes, including self-study and annual reports
8. policies for faculty professional development activities
9. processes for program review
10. processes for institutional planning and budget development
- +1. other academic and professional matters as mutually agreed upon between the Board of Trustees and the Academic Senate.

NAS PURPOSE:

The purposes of the Academic Senate shall be (1) to participate in the formation of policies and procedures in academic and professional matters; (2) to coordinate communication from the Riverside Community College District Academic Senate and the Academic Senates of the Moreno Valley, and Riverside City Colleges; and (3) to facilitate communication between the administration, faculty, students, and the Board of Trustees in all matters relating to community college education.

Action Items:

- Approved the senate resolution for a vote of no confidence in Trustee Miller. Trustee Miller lost the election in November and now Trustee Bill Hedrick is representing our area on the Board of Trustees.
- Approved the senate resolution in support of our values in light of recent presidential election results.
- Approved the syllabus shell that was revised by APC.
- Approved the accreditation midterm report. A huge shout out to Dr. Dieckmeyer and Kris Anderson for putting in so many hours to detail all that is done at the college to continue in good standing.
- Approved the Strong Workforce Program Planning process.
- Approved the Teaching and Learning Committee's mission statement.
- Approved the schools for the Completion Initiative.

- Approved a stipend of \$500 per semester for the part-time senator. The senate realizes that this amount is low, but the intention is to demonstrate an appreciation and value part-time faculty involvement on senate.
- Rex Beck was selected to be the Faculty Speaker at this year's commencement. Bob Prior and Quinton Bemiller were selected to be graduate name readers.
- Approved Level 1 participation in the State Chancellor's Online Education Initiative (OEI). Held an online survey to see if Norco faculty were opposed or not to Level 2 participation in the OEI. See survey results.
- Approved changes in next year's Academic Discipline Program Review process and submission through TracDat.
- Approved the Proposal for Prison Education.
- Approved an updated ISS Procedural Response when the college falls below the institutional set standards.
- Approved a DRC Course Substitution procedure.
- Approved multiple CORs and PORs including:
 - Facilities Maintenance POR
 - Business Information Worker POR
 - Music Industry Studies: Performance Certificate POR
 - Music Industry Studies: Audio Production Certificate POR
 - Associates Degree in Music POR
 - Music-AA
 - Audio Production-AA
 - Performance –AA
- Updated multiple BPs/APs including:
 - BP/AP4100 Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates (DAS approved)
 - BP/AP7120a Academic and Classified Administrators Recruitment and Hiring (DAS approved)
 - BP/AP7120b Classified and Classified-Confidential Recruitment and Hiring (NOT DAS approved, pending discussion with CSEA)
 - BP5050 Student Success and Support Program (NOT DAS approved, pending legal interpretation)
 - Working on the Preferred Name and Gender Administrative Procedure
- Held multiple discussions to keep faculty informed regarding:
 - Minimum qualifications and equivalency processes
 - College Promise Programs
 - Districtwide DE program- switching LMS
 - Summer Advantage Re-design
 - College and Career Access Pathways Partnership
 - JFK Students Midterm Report
 - Guided Pathways Project
 - Final Outcomes for Local and Regional Strong Workforce Program funding
 - Food Pantry
 - Bookstore update regarding New Learning and Solutions in Textbook Affordability
 - Updates from the Learning Resource Center
- Held two special meetings with senate standing committees to enhance communication.

- Norco College presented April's 5-to-Thrive to the Board of Trustees. Kara Zaminska talked about Teaching to Millennials.
- Held two All-Faculty meetings.
- Worked on Standard II A. Function Map to aid District in creating a District Strategic Plan.

2016-2017 NAS VOTING MEMBERS:

- Peggy Campo – Senate President
- Jim Thomas – Senate Vice President
- Kim Kamerin-Senate Secretary/Treasurer
- Quinton Bemiller – Arts, Humanities and World Languages Dept. Senator
- Tom Wagner (Fall) – Business, Engineering, and Information Technology Dept. Senator
- Gail Zwart (Spring)- Business, Engineering, and Information Technology Dept. Senator
- David Mills – Communications Dept. Senator
- Charles Sternburg – (Fall) Math and Sciences Dept. Senator; (Spring) Science and Kinesiology Dept. Senator
- Bob Prior (Spring)- Math Dept. Senator
- Kimberly Bell – Social and Behavior Science Dept. Senator
- Cameron Young – Part-time Faculty Representative

ALTERNATE SENATORS

- Mark Lewis- Communications Dept.
- David Payan- Social and Behavior Science Dept.
- Teresa Finner-Friedrich- Math and Science Dept.; Science and Kinesiology Dept.

SENATE REPORTS

- Maria Barragan – ASNC Representative/Student Liaison
- Jason Parks – Academic Planning Council Chair (Fall); Melissa Bader (Spring)
- Sarah Burnett – Assessment Committee Chair-Assessment Coordinator
- Brian Johnson – Curriculum Committee Co-Chair
- Jan Muto –Distance Education Committee Chair
- Vivian Harris – Library Advisory Committee Chair
- Melissa Bader – Profession Development Committee Co-Chair
- Alexis Gray – Program Review Committee Co-Chair
- Quinton Bemiller/Dominique Hitchcock –Teaching and Learning Committee Chairs
- Celia Brockenbrough – District PG & SL Committee
- Gail Zwart –CTE Liaison

As the Norco Academic Senate president, I participated at the state level in Area D meetings, Fall Plenary, Spring Plenary, Curriculum Regional Meeting, and Minimum Qualifications and Equivalency Regional Workshop held by the Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges (ASCCC). I will be attending with a team from Norco College the Curriculum Institute in July. I served this past year on the Relations with Local Senates Committee of the ASCCC.

At the district level, I represented the Norco Academic Senate at the Regular and Committee Board of Trustee meetings, District Academic Senate (DAS), District Strategic Planning Council

(DSPC), District Enrollment Management Committee (DEMC), District Safety Taskforce, District Distance Education Consultative Taskforce, and District Study Abroad Committee.