

District Academic Senate Meeting

Thursday, October 9th, 2014

Los Angeles Mission College

MINUTES

Attendance

	Present
Officers	Don Gauthier (President), Elizabeth Atondo (2 nd Vice President), Angela Echeverri (Secretary)
City	John Freitas, Dana Cohen, April Pavlik , Kamale Gray
East	Jean Stapleton
Harbor	Susan McMurray
Mission	Leslie Milke, MiChong Park, Pat Flood, Curt Riesberg
Pierce	Blanca Adajian, Pam Brown, Kathy Oborn
Southwest	Allistaire Callender
Trade	Inhae Ahn, Lourdes Brent, Wally Hanley
Valley	Josh Miller, LaVergne Rosow, Vic Fusilero, Deana Heikkinen
West	Adrienne Foster
Guests	Vice President Michael Allen, Nancy Smith (Mission), Virginia Sarkissian (Mission), Carolyn Daly (Mission)

1. Call to order/Approval of Agenda:

DAS President Gauthier called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

Freitas/Oborn moved to move the action items up after old business (MSU).

The modified agenda for the meeting was approved (Freitas/Gray MSU).

2. Approval of September 11, 2014 Minutes:

The approval of the minutes of 9/11/14 DAS meeting was postponed due to a formatting problem with the hard copies (Rosow/Oborn MSU).

3. Public Speakers:

Vice President Michael Allen greeted DAS members and welcomed them to Los Angeles Mission College.

Chef Giovanni Delrosario from Harbor (formerly from Trade Tech) stated he wanted to make DAS members aware of the Food Program Assessment by Jerry Truder (Vice President of Aramark Food Services) requested by Board of Trustee member Svonkin. The report recommended the adoption of a single food service provider across the district, without consulting any faculty or the academic programs involved. Delrosario talked about the track records of the Culinary Arts programs at Mission (22 years), Trade (98 years), and Harbor (8 years). He reported that over 58 restaurants are recruiting our culinary students. He urged faculty to stay vigilant to make sure the academic programs are protected and that the trustees understand shared governance and consult all constituents. He reported that over 100 students from Harbor and 200 from Trade went to yesterday's Board meeting at LATTC to protest the Aramark proposal. Delrosario discussed Trustee Svonkin's 2011 campaign contributions and asked DAS members to tell their union to reconsider supporting a trustee who does not care about the students or faculty. He added that many complaints have been filed against Aramark for providing substandard prison food and other violations and questioned why this company

34 should be entrusted with LACCD's food program. Gauthier also reported there were over 300
35 students at yesterday's Board meeting at Trade; many could not fit in the auditorium. Some had
36 signs accusing Trustee Svonkin of corporate ties to Aramark. Chancellor Rodriguez met with
37 students before the Board's open session. McMurray lauded Delrosario for his courage and
38 fortitude in organizing this response. He reported that he had been intimidated by sheriffs, who
39 told him he would be held responsible for anything the student protesters did. Flood stated
40 that Trustee Moreno was against the single provider proposal and in support of the students.

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42 **Old Business**

431. **Adult Ed-ongoing meetings and discussions with AFT, UTLA, and Senate:** Gauthier stated there
44 has been a lot of misinformation about the upcoming changes in Adult Education. Gauthier, and
45 Beaulieu from the DAS, along with Joanne Waddell and Bill Ellarton of the AFT (and other faculty)
46 participated in the initial fact-gathering task force in Spring of 2012. A preliminary plan
47 supported by Vice Chancellor Cayajon came out of this effort.

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49 LACCD's Adult Ed Consortium is one of 70 in the state of California. Each consortium is charged
50 with developing a plan; the state will review the plans and decide which one(s) will be adopted.
51 The LA Regional Adult Ed Consortium (LAREAC) has met for three Fridays so far, and the
52 members are developing a plan as required by the AB 86 legislation. Gauthier has been in close
53 communication with ELAC President Marvin Martinez and Dean Adrien Mullen as well as the
54 various faculty unions along with the AFT. The college presidents and adult school
55 administrators have stepped back and are now letting the faculty talk about the possible
56 problems and issues. Tomorrow, the UTLA, AFT, CFT, and senate people are meeting. Gauthier
57 encouraged DAS members to participate in the process, complete the Adult Ed survey, and send
58 it to their students. Gauthier added we are moving from pedagogy to androgogy, from teaching
59 kids to teaching adults. It is clear that Adult Ed is quite complicated; the bill spells out the
60 schedules and when the reports are due. The Academic Senate can decide to sit the process out,
61 but Gauthier stated he does not feel this would be the right decision.

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63 Many LAUSD people are concerned about losing their jobs. There is a long list of issues, but this
64 is a state directive and there is no way around it. McMurray expressed concern about the survey
65 because it was hard to understand. Gauthier agreed and encouraged faculty to ask students to
66 fill out what they could. The survey is due October 13 (Monday) but Gauthier said he would ask
67 for an extension to the end of the week. The first draft of the report is due to the state by
68 October 31; the second draft is due at the end of the year (Dec. 31). In the interim, there will be
69 time for additional comments and modifications. Rosow stated at the same time colleges are
70 working on their Student Equity Plans and these have to be in the same conversation. Gauthier
71 reported the administrators got together early on and decided to do an Adult Ed inventory (# of
72 students, facilities, equipment, etc.). Foster asked whether the Adult Ed plan needs to have
73 senate approval. Gauthier replied the statewide work group will approve the plan(s) and the
74 ASCCC has a representative on the group. At this point, it is not clear what role the DAS will
75 have in the approval of the plan. This is an issue we can take up in consultation with the
76 Chancellor.

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782. **District-wide Food Vendor Study:** Gauthier discussed the Food Program Assessment Svonkin
79 requested. While any outside vendor would find our existing food service facilities very useful,
80 these are instructional lab spaces for academic programs and, for that reason, the proposal

81 went too far. Foster asked what the DAS could do to stop the single provider proposal. Gauthier
82 replied that the Facilities Master Planning, and Oversight Committee may stop the proposal.
83 [The student protesters made it clear the single vendor proposal is not something they can do
84 easily.

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863. **Academic Renewal (BR 6700):** Brent obtained and discussed additional data on the amount of
87 financial aid LACCD students received. Brent and Ahn are exploring increasing the unit cap on
88 academic renewal, so that students can take more substandard grades off their grade point
89 average (GPA). This would have a financial impact on students and colleges, because SB 1456
90 prohibits students from receiving financial aid if they have two consecutive semesters on
91 academic or progress probation; this will go into effect in Fall 2015. There is no data available on
92 how many LACCD students have taken advantage of academic renewal but it is believed that the
93 number is not large. A report done by former Vice Chancellor Delahoussaye indicated that 28%
94 of students in our district have a GPA lower than 2.0. Based on that figure, potentially up to
95 33,644 students could benefit by increasing the unit cap for academic renewal. Ahn looked at
96 the caps at several colleges: Santa Monica College has a 30 unit cap; Long Beach has 24 units.
97 Other colleges have two consecutive semesters that can be renewed instead of unit caps. All the
98 other requirements are pretty similar. For example, students requesting academic renewal are
99 required to maintain a certain GPA over the last semesters or units. Brent reported she tried to
100 find out where the current 18-unit cap originated and speculated it might have been tied to 18
101 units required in a major, which was in Title 5.

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103 Brent and Ahn are recommending that the unit cap be raised to 30 units (though they would
104 prefer 36 units) and requested to have it noticed at the December DAS meeting. Atondo
105 reported that DCC's preliminary recommendation was to leave the cap at 18 units, but there has
106 been talk of raising the limit. Freitas replied a draft of the Board Rule should be sent to the local
107 colleges for review. Rosow asked whether this would affect the number of times a student could
108 take a class. Brent replied academic renewal is for classes students don't need or want to
109 retake. The CSUs honor academic renewals and line-outs (repeats), which erase the original
110 substandard grade. Brent will send the documentation electronically for review. They can have
111 the Board Rule with some proposed changes. She wants to know about the timeline, and asked
112 whether they could notice the Board Rule in December and approve it in Spring. We are looking
113 to Fall 2015 implementation guidelines for Student Success and Support Program. Gauthier
114 replied the DAS could send the draft out and be ready by December. Foster stated it was critical
115 to receive handouts for people who miss the meetings. Brent will send the information out.
116 Rosow asked why there should be a limit on the unit cap. Ahn replied that based on the studies
117 of other colleges, many have a higher limit than we do, but they still have a limit. Freitas added
118 the 150% unit limit applies to academic renewal because students lose federal financial aid
119 eligibility once they attempt 150% of the units of their major. Gauthier stated he hoped to have
120 BR 6700 back to the DAS by December.

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1224. **Modifying Chancellor/Presidential hiring process to include community forum:** The next
123 consultation will be Monday, October 20, 2014. Gauthier reported that there have been
124 problems with community members who have other responsibilities that limit their availability
125 to participate in candidate evaluations. In the three recent presidential searches, not a single
126 community member made it through the process. If it doesn't serve a purpose and we truly
127 want to hear from the community, there may be a better way to make it happen. McMurray
128 stated that former Harbor president Farley Herzek went back East and spent two days in public

129 forums there before being hired. Milke stated colleges did hold forums before, for example,
 130 when Dr. Barrera was hired as president at Mission. Freitas added there is an accreditation issue
 131 when decisions are made that are not based on evidence. He suggested we find out how other
 132 colleges hire administrators. Brent said the Board-hired consultants should not be allowed to
 133 stay in the room during the entire process and during confidential discussions.

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135 **Action Items**

136 **1. Motion on Course Outline of Record: Atondo**

137 *The COR shall contain all elements required by Title 5 regulations. Each college may*
 138 *elect to require any other element(s) as determined locally by the academic senate.*
 139 **(Miller/Pavlik MSP; Stapleton, No).**

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141 Stapleton proposed a motion to amend, stating East's Senate opposes this change because they
 142 want to include an example of a critical thinking assignment in the COR. There was no second.

143 Freitas replied this did not sound like an amendment. Gauthier added colleges could still
 144 require a critical thinking assignment; any college can add whatever they want to their local
 145 COR. Echeverri asked about the implementation timeline. Atondo replied the District is
 146 transitioning to CurricuNet and colleges are not going to start changing things on the current
 147 ECD system before the transition.

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149 **2. Motion on BR 6200-LACCD GE units from 18 units to 21.** Atondo discussed the LACCD GE
 150 plans including:

- 151 • Local 21 unit plan
- 152 • California State University (CSU) plan
- 153 • Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)

154 Freitas expressed concern about the LACCD consultation process, which at times seems to
 155 involve everyone including CIOs, articulation officers, and others. He stressed this is clearly part
 156 of the senate's purview under "rely primarily" in the 10 + 1. When we go to consultation with
 157 the chancellor we expect this information to go to the Board soon.

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159 **Atondo/Freitas MSP proposed two amendments (Riesberg, Ahn, Brent, Hanley, Rosow, and**
 160 **Callender voted against):**

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162 Section 6201.13

163 *Students who have completed the degree requirements for which there is a paired*
 164 *certificate of achievement **or other state approved and transcribed certificate** will*
 165 *be awarded the certificate automatically.*

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167 *6201.15: The colleges of the LACCD shall not impose any requirements in addition to*
 168 *the CSU plan or IGETC requirements including any local college district requirements*
 169 *for students completing either of these general education plans for the associate*
 170 *degree.*

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172 Atondo stated these friendly amendments are not substantive changes. The District Curriculum
 173 Committee (DCC) voted on an 18-unit plan and DAS approved a 21-unit plan.

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175 **BR 6200 was approved (Atondo/Freitas MSP; abstentions: Ahn, Brent, and Callender).**

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177 3. **DAS Resolution Recommending Areas for District-Wide Focus in Students Success Efforts:**
 178 Gauthier stated faculty want to see the Board move Student Success efforts and stop
 179 funding unsuccessful practices. We should be talking about Student Success as a priority and
 180 work with the ASO on this, especially in peer mentoring and tutoring.

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 182 **Freitas/Echeverri moved to approve (MSP; voting against: Rosow, Hanley, Stapleton,**
 183 **Adajian).**

184 Freitas suggested the following amendment:

185 *Resolved, that LACCD faculty, staff and administrators be encouraged to participate*
 186 *in culturally responsive professional development training*

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 188 Brent asked what sort of process would be used to defund “non-effective” programs. Gauthier
 189 replied it would be a local process. Brent asked whether any of the colleges had a viability
 190 process for non-academic programs. Oborn replied Pierce does and they have performed a
 191 viability study on their noncredit program. Rosow stated she felt the document was too fuzzy.

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 193 **Motion to table failed (Rosow/Hanley MSF 6 to 14: Voting no Atondo, Milke, Flood, Callender,**
 194 **Foster, McMurray, Freitas, Park, Ahn, Gauthier, Echeverri, Cohen, and Riesberg)**

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 196 **4. Resolution in Support of Articulation Officers:** Atondo explained that a few of the new
 197 Articulation Officers approached the more senior ones and expressed concern that they were
 198 not supported by the administration and not receiving sufficient reassigned time to do their
 199 work. Southwest doesn’t currently have an Articulation Officer; Pierce’s AO has had reassigned
 200 time reduced from 1.0 to 0.5 and Harbor’s went from 0.8 to 0.5 after a retirement.

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 202 **Motion to approve the resolution on the Articulation Officer Position Statement was**
 203 **approved (Milke/Gray MSU). Unanimous.**

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 205 **5. DAS Resolution for Area C: Aligning State Reporting Deadlines With Academic Calendars:**
 206 Freitas will change the language to state Los Angeles Community College District instead of
 207 East Los Angeles College.

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 209 **Motion to approve the DAS resolution for Area C was approved unanimously (Oborn/Miller**
 210 **MSU).**

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 212 **New Business**

213 1. **60-unit limit and possible ASCCC resolution (discussion):** Freitas and Atondo expressed
 214 their frustration with the 60-unit limit in SB 1440 (Student Transfer Achievement Act). The
 215 state chancellor’s office has suggested reducing the units of certain science classes, to get
 216 the Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADTs) approved more quickly. The original resolution
 217 was that the unit limit on ADTs would be in Title 5 instead of embedded in legislation.
 218 Additionally, the CSU system has moved to restrict all majors (except music, landscape
 219 architecture, and architecture) to 120 units, which does not bode well for raising the 60-unit
 220 limit.

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 222 Gauthier mentioned he received a complaint from Computer Applications and Office
 223 Technology (CAOT) about the degrees not lining up across the LACCD. He announced that
 224 Discipline Day would be held on February 27, possibly at Trade.

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2. **Collegial Consultation Process** (discussion and noticed motion for Dec.): Gauthier discussed a draft document developed by Freitas titled: “*Collegial Consultation Process between DAS, College Senates, Chancellor and Board.*” Freitas stated the origin of the document was that after the senates do all their work, things often get delayed. The way the approval process is supposed to work is that once the senate acts on a document, it should go to the Chancellor or directly to the Board. The DAS made a revision to administrative regulation E-65 to delete language specifying the membership of DCC. Atondo added that changes to the Board Rule on Academic Renewal were passed by the DAS two years ago and still have not been posted. We are being held up because the consultation process is backwards. We have the greatest voice, when it comes to academic matters, because mutually agreed means agreement between the chancellor or board and the senate. The senate gets to vote on any proposals for changes on Board Rules or E-regs, once suggestions for change are made. This is to make sure senates have the role they are supposed to have. Atondo argued that approving this would help expedite the consultation process immensely. Many groups think that the senate must consult with them, but the senate only consults with the chancellor and the Board only. The proposal is to make the senate the gatekeeper of all Board Rules that are under our academic purview. The Exec would like to notice for December so please send suggestions. The Exec will discuss with the Chancellor at the next consultation as well and ask what he would like to improve. It has happened sometimes that things get stuck in the General Counsel’s Office for months because they are too busy. Gauthier stated we have to coordinate better with the Vice Chancellors because they have to type changes and put them on the Board agenda. We also have to develop a tracking system, so DAS-approved documents don’t get lost.

Oborn/Adajian MSU moved to extend the meeting.

3. **Prerequisite Policy:** Over the summer Atondo sent out a draft E-reg on prerequisite policies that included the challenge process. Gauthier asked if DAS members were familiar with their local prerequisite policies. The typical policy around the state says that a seat can be held for the student until the challenge is resolved.

The student will be enrolled in the requested class if space is available.

Freitas stated we had to update our prerequisite policy due to changes in Title 5. Gauthier added DCC would discuss the issue tomorrow. Freitas replied this highlights why it is important to have a consultation and review process. We need to do what is right for **our** colleges regardless of where our chancellor came from. The East catalog says the deadline to challenge is 10 days before the semester.

Reports

1. President’s Report:

- Bond Steering Committee met and we discussed our Fiber Optic project. AECOM had an inflated bid estimate for LACCDConnect. There is concern about being ready for the new Student Information System (SIS) and increased demand for broadband. The Energy Oversight Committee met and attended the Facilities Master Plan and Oversight Committee (FMPOC) meeting. They approved the newly renamed Valley College Cultural Center (the former MAPA project). West was able to lease one of their parking lots to

273 Culver City Motors. The DAS Summit was well attended and very well received by all
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276 **2. Treasurer's Report:** Immerblum was not present but submitted a written report.

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279 **Meeting adjourned at 3:56 pm (Brown/Oborn MSP; no Miller)**

280 **Minutes submitted respectfully by DAS Secretary Angela Echeverri**

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