



• A C A D E M I C • S E N A T E •  
**MINUTES**

Thursday, September 24, 2015  
2:00 – 3:45 p.m.  
Room I -207

- Present:** Paul Carmona (Vice President), Lindy Brazil, Daniel Curtis, Nanyamka Hill, Raad Jerjis, Kristin McGregor, Angela Nesta, Kathryn Nette, Dave Raney, Patricia Santana, Seth Slater, Claudia Cuz-Flores, Joe Young
- Absent:** Alicia Munoz (President), Michael Aubry, Ian Duckles, Courtney Hammond, Robert Stafford, Patrick Thiss
- Others:** Chuck Charter, Lauren Halsted, Michael Verrier
- Recorder:** Laci Diaz

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Paul Carmona, Vice President called the meeting to order at 2:10pm

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - September 10, 2015 minutes have been approved with no abstentions. M/S Curtis/Nette

**II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**A. Announcements –**

- Our FTES is 2,097 and the total goal is 5,747. We are doing well at this point and the 2,097 does include the FTES from the summer 2015 session.
- Achieving the Dream Kick-Off event was a success with approximately 100 people attending the event. The College presented our ideas and thoughts to help with student equity. We were asked to think about what kind of questions we want to start asking. A concern was brought up that when these questions are asked, how will the data be collected and analyzed. It seems sometimes that once data is collected, it is never analyzed.
- September 30<sup>th</sup> is the East County Education Alliance event at Cuyamaca College in I-209 from 12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. This new alliance between GCCCD and the Grossmont Union High School District will or intends to create a seamless transition to college for high school seniors.

**B. District & College Council Updates – None.**

**III. Vice President's Report**

- A. Appointments have been made to the SSPRPC which is Amaliya Blyumin, Jane Abu-Ghazaleh, and Jesus Miranda will serve as the Faculty Co-Chair. Hiring committee appointments have also been made, but are kept confidential.

**IV. Part Time Senator Report-**

- A. The resolution seeking payment for serving on committees will be redrafted and sent back to the Senate for endorsement.

- B. There will be an Equity Rally on October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Lawn at 12:30 p.m. All faculty members are encouraged to attend to show support. Debbie Justeson will be the keynote speaker at this rally. Seth Slater is looking for part-time faculty members to speak at this event. Michael Verrier noted that he would like to be one of the speakers.

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **Curriculum Committee** – Chuck Charter, Curriculum Committee Co-Chair, provided information on the proposed General Education Packages that will be made available to students. It was stated that Cuyamaca will have different GE packages for students to choose from. This will give them more options to choose which path fits them the best and take a few less classes. Students that would be most affected by this change would be ones in the transfer degree areas. One discipline that would be affected the most is the Exercise Science program. Donna Riley has stated that the Exercise Science area has no objection to this new proposal.
- B. **Student Success and Basic Skills** – Dr. Lauren Halsted, Student Success and Basic Skills Committee Coordinator, provided an update on Cuyamaca College’s Basic Skill Action Plan and Expenditure Report. The annual Basic Skills report, due October 1<sup>st</sup>, was submitted. This year Basic Skills received extra funds because of the increase in FTES, and the money was used to support additional hours at the Tutoring Center and to provide CORA training for tutors. (See Handout)

- VI. ACTION-** The Senate entertained a motion to approve a resolution calling for the preservation of the Central Park/Grand Lawn. The resolution was approved with no abstentions (M/S Nette/Slater).

**VII. INFORMATION**

- A. **Changes to the Academic Senate Bylaws** –Paul Carmona, Academic Senate Vice President, proposed changes to the Academic Senate Constitution and Bylaws that speak to the composition of the Senate Officers Committee. It was stated to allow for an addition officer, that Section 2.1 should be changed and that the bylaws will be reviewed for consistency. Once the document is ready, it will be brought to the Senate for approval.

- VIII. Announcements/Public Comments-** Faculty expressed concern that they had to purchase ink cartridges from personal funds. As of last week, faculty will now be able to obtain ink cartridges from their Dean’s office. Kathryn Nette asked if there was any movement to send an all campus email announcement requesting faculty volunteers to serve on the Honors Program task force. A suggestion was made to draft a resolution stating the intentions of the Honors subcommittee.

Paul Carmona, Vice President Adjourned meeting at 2:56pm