

Academic Senate Minutes

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023 - 12:30 pm - 1:20pm

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Berkeley City College's mission is to promote student success, to provide our diverse community with educational opportunities, and to transform lives. The college achieves its mission through instruction, student support and learning resources which enable its enrolled students to earn associate degrees and certificates, and to attain college competency, careers, transfer, and skills for lifelong success.

Required Membership: (Attended = marked with "X", Partial Attendance "P"). NOTE: 9 Needed for Quorum

☐ Gabriel Martinez, Vice President Academic Senate	
	☑ Anna McCormick, Senator Modern Languages
☑ Pete DuBois, Senator Business/CIS	☐ Jenny Gough, American Sign Language (ASL)
☑ Joseph Bielanski, Senator Counseling	
☑ Jenny Lowood, Senator English	
☐ Osa Kauffman, Senator ESOL	□ Randy Yang, Senator Sciences

Guests: Cora Leighton (DE Coordinator), Richard Kim (TLC Coordinator), Claudia Abadia (Chair of Chairs), Vanessa Phillip (Interpreter), Tim Rose, Fabian Banga, Laura Ruberto, Barbara Des Rochers, Fatima Shah, John Saenz (LRC)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-up Action	Decisions (Shared Agreement/Resolved or Unresolved?)
Meeting called to order			
1. Approval of Agenda	a. Motion to Approve		Moved by: Joseph B
	Agenda (2 mins)		Seconded by: Joya C
			Yes: 13
			No: 0
			Abstain: 1
2. Approval of Minutes	a. Motion to Approve		Moved by: Joseph B
	Minutes Dec. 7 (3 mins)		Seconded by: Randy Y.
			Yes: 13
			No:
			Abstain: 1
3. Action Items			

4. Discussion and/or Information

- a. Part-Time FacultyHiring Requirements (10 mins)
- b. Update on Meeting Modality Options (5 mins)
- c. President's Award Nominations (5 mins)

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a. Part-Time Faculty Hiring Requirements (10 mins)

FSA minimum qualifications can be a problem. For example, Romance languages PhD degree forces an Equivalency application process in order to teach PT at Peralta despite clearly meeting minimum qualifications for modern languages.

Here is a link to the UC Berkeley Romanc Languages program: https://romancelangs.berkeley.edu/program/

This issue of equivalency is also an issue with Humanities parttime hires

DAS has been notified and asked for assistance in this matter. Can we identify a list of degrees within our district to help facilitate the Equivalency process?

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Fabian Banga will take to Department Chairs Council to start this Task Force.

Department Chairs need to evaluate the alternative degrees/qualifications to ensure the degree meets the minimum qualifications.

HR and DAS ought to have this assistance from faculty to help fast track this system.

Goal: initiate this Equivalency List to support PT faculty and to help them to be qualified to work at ANY Peralta college.

Recommendation: Inform Curriculum Committee Chair of our plan. We may be able to assign Min Quals for particular courses that frequently get Equivalency applications.

		b. Update on Meeting Modality Options (5 mins)
		VC Droker will send out an Executive Summary on this issue this week. Thank you for your patience. So, we will have a legal update this week. Thank you for your input on your advocacy for those who must continue to work remotely for health and safety reasons.
		c. President's Award Nominations (5 mins)
		We have the nominations process that is going. Deadline is February 24th to nominate a faculty, classified, and administrator for this award.
		President's Award Nomination Form: https://login.microsoftonline.com/common/oauth2/authorize? client_id=c9a559d2-7aab-4f13-a6ed- e7e9c52aec87&resource=c9a559d2-7aab-4f13-a6ed- e7e9c52aec87&response_type=code%20id_token&scope=open id%20profile&state=OpenIdConnect.AuthenticationProperties% 3DeyJ2
5. Standing Items a. Assessment Committee Report b. Curriculum Committee Report	a. Update from Standing Committee Chairs (10 mins)	e. Distance Education Committee Please complete the DE survey if you have a few minutes. It is open until 2/20/23. https://tinyurl.com/PeraltaDESurvey
Committee Report c. Chairs Council		Next meeting to third Thursdays of the month, 12:30 - 1:20pm.
Report d. Professional Development Committee Report		IPAR needs another faculty representativee to serve on the committee
e. Distance Education Committee Report		IPAR essentially reviews the college budget and allocation requests.
f. CE Committee Report		We meet twice per month on the second and fourth Tuesdays froom 2:30 - 4pm. We have a tri-chair model with Brooks, Martinez, and Sayavong as chairs this year.

g. Affordable Education Materials Report h. FASTT i. Integrated Planning Committee Report j. IPAR Report k. Facilities Committee Report l. Technology Committee Report m. Teaching and Learning Center Report n. Accreditation Report/Update o. District Academic Senate Report p. Senate Equity Working Group q. Senate BUG Task Force r. OPUS Award: Faculty Honors & Acknowledgement		m. Teaching and Learning Center Convened Advisory Board to get guidance on how to proceed. Put out a call for FIGs, DARTs, and APPLEs to faculty this term. March 1st is the deadline to apply for funding through these areas. r. OPUS Award: Faculty Honors & Acknowledgement Next Academic Senate meeting, we will address the OPUS Award, that is given from a faculty member to another faculty member. It's an Organic Acknowledgment of Faculty. f. CE Committee Report Trying to make sure funding is used up appropriately. Perkins needs will be sorted out in the next month. Meeting minutes are in the Teams folder on Outlook if you'd like to check out what's happening. District has grabbed indirect costs from grants. We are trying to get those funds back. Recommendation: go through the Senate to ask for those funds to come back to the colleges. h. FASTT Created a Google Group to facilitate communication. Talking about doing a "Writing Across the Curriculum" project. We welcome more faculty participation in this group.
6. Public Comment/Announcements Meeting adjourned	Comments/Announceme nts (5 mins) 1:22pm	