Academic Senate Minutes

Wednesday, March 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:** <mark>9 Needed for Quorum</mark>

☒ Matthew Freeman, President Academic Senate	☒ Melina Bersamin, Senator Social Sciences
☒ Gabriel Martinez, Vice President Academic Senate	☒ Jenny Yap, Senator Library
☒ Kelly Pernell, Secretary Academic Senate	☒ Mark Rinker, Senator Mathematics
☒ Lisa Cralle, Senator Arts and Cultural Studies	☒ Anne McCormick, Senator Modern Languages
☐ Pete DuBois, Senator Business/CIS	☒ Jenny Gough, American Sign Language (ASL)
☒ Joseph Bielanski, Senator Counseling	☐ Mary Clarke-Miller, Senator MMART
☒ Jenny Lowood, Senator English	☒ Joya Chavarin, Senator Part Time
☐ Osa Kauffman, Senator ESOL	☒ Randy Yang, Senator Sciences

 Guests: Catherine Nichols (Curriculum Chair), Claudia Abadia (Chair of Chairs), Laura Ruberto, Cora Leighton, Richard Kim, Kuni Hay, Tim Rose, Pieter De Haan, Vanessa Philip, Izzy Villanueva,

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-up Action	Decisions (Shared Agreement/Resolved or Unresolved?)
Meeting called to order	12:31pm		
1. **Approval of Agenda**	a. Motion to Approve Agenda (2 mins)		Moved by: Joseph B Seconded by: Joya C. Yes: 12 No: 0 Abstain: 1
2. **Approval of Minutes**	a. Motion to Approve Minutes March 1 (3 mins)		Moved by: Anne M. Seconded by: Jenny L Yes: 12 No: 0 Abstain: 1
3. **Action Items**	a. MOTION: Creation of DAS Subcommittee on Enrollment		**a. MOTION: Creation of DAS Subcommittee on Enrollment Management (5 mins)**

	Management (5 mins)		Today's vote is just to endorse the creation of a subcommittee, not to debate on what the makeup of the members would be. Moved by: Joseph B. Seconded by: Jenny L. Discussion: This is a good direction to go in is the elevate our faculty voice when it comes to enrollment managements. A DAS subcommittee can make direct recommendations to the BOT, which is good. We still have committee fatigue, though. Ideally, this would be a working smaller group. It would be great to have someone from POCR on this committee because the CVC has a ton of great data on enrollment (and success). Vote: Yes: 13 No: 0 Abstain: 0
4. Discussion and/or Information	a. Update on Discipline Equivalency List (10 mins) b. Meeting Modality Update (10 mins)		**a. Update on Discipline Equivalency List (10 mins)** Tabled; presenter not present. What is at stake is to speed up the process to approve/deny equivalency proposals. **b. Meeting Modality Update (10 mins)** The Board of Trustees voted on January 24th to return to normal operations. Governor Newsom ended the State of Emergency for COVID. That took effect March 1, 2023. Our District Academic Senate asked for legal interpretation the state's AB2449 legislation. How do we proceed with our Brown Act committees? The Board approved that we can provide remote options for attendance through January 2026. Quorum of a body (committee) is met with 50% +1.

			We only need quorum when we need to take action.
			Within the jurisdiction = somewhere in a Peralta building.
			If you are not within the jurisdiction, there must be "just cause" to remotely attend a meeting as a voting member.
			Just cause is defined as caregiving/childcare need, contagious illness, physical or mental disability, or travel while on office business.
			Nowhere within AB2449 is there a statement that defines what happens when just cause is not met.
			Once a member uses the "for cause" option twice in a year, additional remote appearances require committee approval.
			No member can use "just cause" for over 20% of the regular meetings in any given year.
			Senate comments: When ASL Interpretation is needed, it is most often secured when interpreter and attendee has the remote option to attend.
			Legislative (standing) committees follow Brown Act.
			Advisory Committees do not need to follow Brown Act.
			We should take action on this topic. "Looking the other way" doesn't work for everyone; some faculty will feel that their leadership is unwanted by this.

5. Standing Items
    a. Assessment Committee Report
    b. Curriculum Committee Report
    c. Chairs Council Report
    d. Professional Development Committee Report
    e. Distance Education Committee Report
    f. CE Committee Report
	a. Standing Committee Updates (10 mins)		

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			
6. Public Comment/Announcements	OPEN (5 mins)		
Meeting adjourned	1:24pm		
Next Meeting:	April 5, 2023		