

**District Academic Senate  
Approved Minutes  
Thursday, October 27, 2011**

**I. Organizational Matters**

**A. Roll Call**

Co-Chair Dorian called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

Senators	A	P	Senators	A	P
Clark (Ext. 2411) WVC / Bowers-Gachesa (WVC)		X	Kelly (Ext. 2546) WVC		X
Dorian (Ext. 5312) MC		X	Maia (Ext. 2507) WVC		X
Ghodrat (Ext. 2442) WVC		X	Morgan (Ext. 5397) MC		X
Johnston (Ext. 5305) MC		X	O'Neill (Ext. 5082) MC		X
Jones MC / Sun MC		X	Shoemaker (Ext. 2436) WVC		X
Kea (Ext. 2538) WVC		X	Winsome (Ext. 5217) MC		X
Guests: C. Cox, J. Lucas,		X	Guests: C. Stampolis, H. Davis		X

**B. Order of the Agenda**

The order of the agenda was approved as presented. (M/S/U – Winsome/Ghodrat)

**C. Approval of the DAS Meeting Minutes**

There were no meeting minutes to approve.

**II. Oral Communication from the Public**

Mission College student Natalie Nygen announced that the MC Student Government is seeking faculty to participate in the annual Halloween pie toss event, scheduled to take place during the day on Monday, 10/31.

**III. Information & Announcements**

None.

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Discussion re: DC/DBAC re: Consolidation & Membership**

Co-Chair Shoemaker provided the Senators with background information on this issue and explained that currently two issues remain for the Senate to discuss: the position the DAS wishes to take on the consolidation of District Council (DC)/District Budget Advisory Council (DBAC) and the subsequent membership of the combined body.

A discussion ensued, and the Senators agreed that before anything is done about the merging of the body, the membership should be addressed. There were concerns that the current body would likely vote down any future proposals to separate and therefore a membership that fairly represents the faculty must be proposed first. When the conversation about the merging of DC/DBAC does take place, Trustee Chris Stampolis suggested that the official role of DC/DBAC is considered. Should it be to advise the

Chancellor? Or should it be to communicate directly to the Board? What kind of relationship does and/or should the DC/DBAC have with the BOT? The Senators also considered the idea of directly recommending proposals for DC/DBAC to the Vice Chancellor.

At this time, the Senators discussed different possibilities for membership, and agreed to ask that Co-Chairs Shoemaker and Dorian recommend the following to the Chancellor:

- Faculty: 2 from each College, plus 2 ACE representatives
- Classified: 2 from each college, plus 2 from the District
- Students: 6 (3 from each college)
- Administration: 2 from each College, plus 2 from the District
- 24 members total

## V. New Business

### A. Consider Board Policy on General Education/Associate Degree

Co-Chair Dorian explained that the Board of Trustees requested that the two College Senates consider revising the current Board Policy language on the General Education/Associate Degree for Transfer. Currently, the Board is revising all of its policies with the intent that they become more in line with the language used by the Community College Leagues of CA (CCLC). MC Curriculum Committee Chair Cathy Cox was asked to look at the language used by the CCLC on this particular topic and recommend changes to the current policy. Ms. Cox's recommendations were presented to the group with the intent that if the DAS Senators are in general agreement with the revised policy, they will then take the language back to their respective Senates for their review and then be voted up or down. If both Colleges vote the revised policy up, it will essentially obtain DAS approval and be sent to the Board.

A discussion ensued, and the DAS Senators expressed general agreement on the revised policy. The DAS Senators also reviewed various other policies and minor changes recommended by Ms. Cox.

### B. Discuss the Board Policy to “Rely Primarily” on the Advice of the Academic Senates

Co-Chair Dorian explained that this issue became a non-issue shortly after the meeting agenda was posted. Initially, the Board Policy 2510 was changed to state that the Board would “consult collegially” with the Academic Senate; instead of “rely primarily on.” Such a change in language would require discussions between the Academic Senates and the BOT. Recently though, Ms. Dorian was informed by Assistant to the Chancellor, Albert Moore, that the Board Policy will state: “consult collegially by relying primarily upon the Academic Senate.” Albert will communicate this change to the consultant working on the policies for inclusion.

### C. Consider the Effect of Limitations on Repeatability

Co-Chair Dorian explained that recently, the Academic Senate for CA Community Colleges sent out their recommendations regarding repeatability. The

recommendations were distributed to the Senators and discussed today. Ms. Dorian stated that the recommendations will be voted on at the upcoming Plenary session. One MC faculty member and two WVC faculty members will be attending Plenary and therefore need guidance on this issue.

A discussion ensued, and the group discussed the differences between repeatability and course repetition and “lapse of time” policies. The group talked about how programs may be able to circumvent limitations on repeatability by creating more classes, but how that in itself could compromise the integrity of a course.

A resolution passed by the MC Academic Senate regarding repeatability and the WHP Department was read aloud. The resolution will be taken to the Plenary on behalf of the MCAS. A similar resolution will also be taken to the Plenary by the WVC Senators who will be attending. Representatives from the PE departments from both Colleges spoke about their positions on the matter.

The body also discussed issues associated with the Legislators Analyst Office and its effects on the community colleges.

#### **D. DAS 2011-12 Goals**

The following topics were approved as goals for the 2011-12 academic year:

- A. ACE/Senate Liaison Agreement
- B. Local Minimum Qualifications Reassessment Discussion
- C. Development of District Shared Governance Procedures
- D. Course Repeatability
- E. Redeveloping the Executive Management Hiring Practices
- F. Addressing the Achievement Gap

#### **VI. Publications**

None.

#### **VII. Future Agenda Items (In no particular order)**

#### **XII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4: pm. These minutes are respectfully submitted by Academic Senate Secretary Lauren Milbourne.