

Gavilan College Academic Senate Tuesday, December 13, 2016 from 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Room Art 103

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

G. Cribb, A. Delunas, E. Venable, P. Hendrickson, J. Hooper, A. Rosette, D. Achterman, S. Dharia, S. Lawrence, J. Maringer, and E. Talavera (minute recorder)

I. Opening Items:

- A. Call to order at 3:00 pm
- B. Welcome and Roll Call
- C. Approval of minutes from senate Election meeting from 12/6/16 MSC (A. Delunas/G. Cribb). Vote: unanimous. Approved as presented
- D. Approval of Agenda MSC (A. Delunas/J. Maringer). Vote: unanimous. Approved as presented
- E. Public Commentary
 None

II. Discussion:

The senate will discuss the current state of vacant officer seats and possible solutions should vacancies persist

A. Rosette discussed some options for the senate. The first option is that the academic senate elects a new president at the present meeting. The second option would be that if he stayed as Past President, he would have one item agendas which would be election of a president. All senate matters will cease until a new president is elected. The third option is for A. Rosette to continue as interim president until June 1, 2017 and the senate would elect an interim vice president to continue on the same timeline. This would be dependent on changing office terms to match up to academic years. The senate bylaws need attention and would be the focus if this option was chosen. Another focus would be to continue discussion of the institutional structure, especially on how committees are created and dissolved. The third area he would focus on is the added resources the senate needs, which leads into a grey area. He would like senate to work in collaboration with administration and GCFA to come into agreement with this. A. Rosette spoke with Dr. Rose, who is amendable with opening up discussion on these areas. It was asked that if the senate chose the third option, would A. Rosette receive the stipend allocated for the Academic Senate president. He said yes as agreed upon. J. Maringer added that she would be available to help with attending the board meetings, which A. Rosette feels is great and needed. He mentioned that other campuses require nominations for officers need to be from the current serving senators, which is needed in senate. This is a discussion that will be included with bylaw revisions, which will also include duties for officers to be better defined. D. Achterman added that the recommendations point to stability and the kind of senate that the campus needs. He voiced that the senate needs to be intentional in the support that the senators give to each other. A. Rosette also added that there are various supports that need to be included for senate, such as an Academic Senate handbook.

A. Rosette also mentioned that there will probably need to be discussion on release times. The focus should be on institutional governance and a lot of work can be done in the spring semester. The hope is that more faculty will step in to leadership roles. The senators agreed to elect both positions as interim positions until June 1, 2017.

III. Election of Senate Officers (Blanca Arteaga)

The election will be facilitated by the chair of the Elections Committee (or designee). We will proceed to elect the following Senate Officers for 2017:

J. Maringer was designated as the chair of the Elections Committee. G. Cribb volunteered to help in counting the votes.

A. President (interim until June 1, 2017)

A. Rosette was nominated and elected.

B. Vice President(interim Vice-President until June 1, 2017)

D. Achterman, A. Delunas and S. Dharia were nominated for the position. D. Achterman declined the nomination. A. Delunas was elected to the position.

IV. Closing Items

G. Cribb moved for adjournment by consensus at 3:42 pm.