

MERRITT COLLEGE
Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting
March 3, 2011

- PRESENT:**
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| ✓ Black, Anita (President) | ✓ Brown, Siri | ✓ Litchfield, Ken |
| ✓ Park, Tae-Soon (Vice President) | ✓ Dimopoulos, Barbara | ✓ McLean, Carlos |
| ✓ Trotter, Audrey (Treasurer) | ✓ Elliott, Ann | ✓ Mofidi, Fereshteh |
| ✓ Seals, Jason (Corresponding Secretary) | Foster, Chriss | ✓ Murphy, Jon |
| ✓ Alexander, Alexis | ✓ Greenside, Mark | ✓ Santana, Isela Gonzalez |

Absent: Dr. Chriss Foster

Guests: Dr. William Love, David Morales, Simon Chan, Dr. Gisele Giorgi, Kenneth Smith, Waduda Karim, Doris Hankins, Tobey Colston, Tanya Ilarde and Alejandria Tomas

AGENDA ITEM	SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP ACTION
I. CALL TO ORDER	Meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m.	
II. READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES	The Merritt College Academic Senate (MCAS) approved the February 3, 2011 meeting minutes as amended.	
III. REPORT OF STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES ❖ IT Strategic Plan	Alexander reported that the revised draft of the Information Technology (IT) Strategic Plan has not been released from the office of the Associate Vice Chancellor of IT.	
IV. NEW BUSINESS ❖ Vote of No Confidence	<p>Mr. David Morales proposed a Vote of No Confidence on Dr. Robert Adams, President of Merritt College. The following were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ What is the basis of the Vote of No Confidence? The information provided was insufficient. The MCAS should make a list of charges—areas that should be improved by President Adams. President Adams should also be given the opportunity to talk and to answer to the charges as presented by the MCAS. ❖ Someone suggested that the MCAS should recognize the fact that there is a problem. “This discussion is taking place because there is a problem.” ❖ The problem is beyond President Adams. The college is not only run by President Adams. If President Adams is to be evaluated, the whole College Administrative Team should also be assessed. ❖ This kind of action in the midst of adversity (Accreditation Status and Budget Cuts) will simply divide the whole college. 	<p>Response to Mr. David Morales: The MCAS has not acted upon his request.</p> <p>The MCAS will conduct a survey to assess the whole college’s view of the Administrative Team. Senators will submit the questions that will be in the survey to Black by March 15, 2011.</p>

<p>❖ Merritt Microscopy Program</p>	<p>Dr. Gisele Giorgi attended the MCAS meeting to promote Merritt College's Microscopy Program. She explained what the program does and spoke of the achievements of the program. She also requested the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ For the MCAS to advocate limiting the classes in the Microscopy Program into 20 students per class. ❖ For the MCAS to support her request for a two-year plan of course offerings 	<p>MOTION: The MCAS supports the integrity of the Microscopy Program and demands that the college establish a two-year plan of course offerings for the program effective 2011.</p>
<p>V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS</p>		
<p>VI. REPORTS OF OFFICERS</p>		
<p>VII. ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.</p>	

(From Title 5 Section 53200)

Academic Senate means an organization whose primary function is to make recommendations with respect to *academic and professional matters*.

Academic and Professional matters means the following policy development matters:

1. Curriculum, including establishing prerequisites.
2. Degree and certificate requirements.
3. Grading policies.
4. Educational program development.
5. Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success.
6. College governance structures, as related to faculty roles.
7. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes.
8. Policies for faculty professional development activities.
9. Processes for program review.
10. Processes for institutional planning and budget development.
11. Other academic and professional matters as mutually agreed upon.