

Meeting Minutes

Merritt College Academic Senate

Thursday, September 16, 2021

12:30-2:00 pm

Zoom URL: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/99184622859>

MEMBERS:

VOTING – List full name below, identify which constituency group each individual represents (place X in box adjacent to name when present)			
X	Tom Renbarger, President	X	Mary Ciddio, Vice President
X	Jennifer Yates	X	Arja McCray
X	Heather Casale	X	Isela Gonzalez Santana
X	Lowell Bennett		Monica Ambalal
X	Ron Moss	X	Stefani de Vito
X	Derrick Ross	X	Maria Suarez
X	Anthony Powell	X	Jack Smith
Guests – List full name below, identify which constituency group each individual represents (place X in box adjacent to name when present)			
X	Nghiem Thai, Librarian		
X	Denise Richardson, VPI		
X	Nathan Pellegrin, Director of Research		

GUESTS:

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW-UP ACTION
I. Call to Order	Called to order at 12:31 pm	
II. Adoption of Agenda	Motion: (Ciddio) to approve modified agenda: move update on Accreditation Report to 5(a) and strike item 5(c) (Contract Faculty email list) – approved unanimously	Chair – Email to merrittgovdocs@peralta.edu
III. Approval of Minutes	Motion: (Ciddio) to approve minutes from 9/2/21 – approved unanimously	Chair – Email to merrittgovdocs@peralta.edu
IV. Public Comment	None	
V. Action Items/ Presentations	<p>(a) Accreditation Follow Up Report (Richardson): MCAS raised concerns re: ability of any individual college to address ACCJC findings when the concerns are largely district responsibility. VPI expressed confidence in Interim Chancellor’s leadership, citing updates to APs and BPs, decorum at BOT meetings. Expected ACCJC decision: late 12/21 or early 1/22. Motion: (Ciddio) to approve the report</p> <p>(b) FTEF allocation for Spring 22 (Richardson): Merritt exceeded its FTEF allocation in Summer and Fall 21 because we ran required courses that had been postponed due to COVID; students needed these courses</p>	Passed unanimously

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	<p>to complete their programs. FTEF allocation comes from District formula (Office of Academic Affairs) and is available on BI Tool. VPI states that Spring 22 courses with waiting lists will justify opening additional sections despite FTEF cap. MCAS members requested explanation of “productivity” and why FTEF caps result in section cuts even when there are full waitlists for those sections.</p> <p>(c) MCAS Goals: MCAS attendance at 9/24 Participatory Governance Training; 3 MCAS members to attend Fall Plenary ASCCC session; work with PFT to achieve goals related to FT/PT faculty employment and PFT contract issues. Motion: (de Vito) to revise 21-22 MCAS Goals via email for approval at next meeting</p> <p>(d) Special MCAS election: in Spring 22, MCAS will lose at least 2 members to retirement/sabbatical. Motion: (Ciddio) to set Special Election Nomination Period for October 13-26, Election Period for November 3-16</p>	<p>Discussion only</p> <p>Passed unanimously</p> <p>Passed unanimously</p>
VI. Standing Items	None	
VII. New Business	None	
VIII. Old Business	None	
IX. Announcements	None	
X. Adjournment	Adjourned at 1:58 pm	