



Merritt College Academic Senate

Monday, March 23, 2020
11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM – ZOOM CONFERENCE
AGENDA



1. Call to Order: Agenda Review

Note that the usual items 3 – 5 in the agenda (**highlighted in red**) will be held in abeyance so that the Senate can concentrate on urgent matters related to the transition to remote instruction.

2. Reading & Approval of March 5, 2020 Minutes

3. Reports of Officers

3.1 President; 3.2 Vice-President; 3.3 Treasurer; 3.4 Recording Secretary; 3.5 Corresponding Secretary

4. Reports of Shared Governance, Standing and Special Committees

CDCPD-TBD, IEC-Renbarger, CC-Thai, CBC-Renbarger, MTC- TBD, DE-Ambalal

5. Standing items: CE-Briffa; SLOAC-Casale; OER Grant-TBD; GP Planning-de Vito; Accreditation-Lawson

6. Public Comment

7. New Business

7.0 Approval of Institutional Set Standards

7.1 Remote Instruction (Content Delivery, Curriculum, Grading Policies)

- Hand-holding by chairs (broad range of comfort levels with remote teaching)
- Equity in terms of access/quality of instruction
- Support for remote ESOL learners
- Outdated technology, how to refresh technology
- Students/part-timers don't read Peralta emails
- Allied Health – Students need to complete supervised, can be done half remotely, half in person (no students allowed)
- SAS/DSPS issues
- Learning how to use computers
- Online summer school, has it been decided? Fall?
- Be forgiving of ourselves and our students
- Merritt Production open?

7.2 Remote Student Services (Providing Services, Student Withdrawals)

- Graduation cancelled? (Physical graduation cancelled, may be remotely held)
- Zoom/Cranium café/Facetime meetings with students
- 31 members of student services on Zoom last week
- Financial Aid, student graduations, petitions, A&R
- WHEN are services being offered? Communicate this to students.
- Follow-up from VC Brown about availability for student services
- Librarians available to chat online (Libchat), ebooks available to registered students

7.3 Remote Accreditation/ISER Work

7.4 Remote Professional Development/Flex Day

7.5 Remote Planning and Budgeting/Planning Summit

7.6 Remote Faculty Evaluations/TRC work

7.7 Remote MCAS 2020-21 Elections

8. Adjournment (Next meeting TBD)

The mission of Merritt College is to enhance the quality of life in the communities we serve by helping students to attain knowledge, master skills, and develop the appreciation, attitudes and values needed to succeed and participate responsibly in a democratic society and a global economy.

Title 5 53200 defines the Senate's role as an organization whose primary function is to make recommendations with respect to the following policy development and implementation 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