



Merritt College Academic Senate

Thursday, October 3, 2019
12:30 TO 2:00 PM – ROOM R29
AGENDA



1. Call to Order: Agenda Review

Note that reports in agenda items 3 and 4 are to be submitted in writing and read in advance by Senate members

2. Reading & Approval of Sept. 19, 2019 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-TBD, MTC- Hackett, DE-Ambalal

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

6. New Business

6.1 Merritt College Committee Appointments: MCAS President Renbarger recommends the Academic Senate approve the following committee appointments:

Merritt Facilities Co-Chair: Brock Drazen

MC Appointment to District Facilities Committee: Brock Drazen

MC Appointment to CIPD ("District Curriculum Committee: A member of the MC Academic Senate (normally Academic Senate President, but MCAS President unavailable)

Next Steps: Distance Education and Technology Committees still require two faculty appointments, as does the **Open Educational Resources Work Group.**

6.2 Annual Program Update (APU) 2019-20: Dean Holloway will give a brief update on this. Holloway (10.9)

6.3 Accreditation: (Placeholder for any discussion/action)

6.4 Educational Master Plan (EMP) 2020-25: College Council voted to include a second Classified member on the EMP Core Team, preferably one well-versed in Facilities issues. MCAS President Renbarger recommends the Senate approve this adjusted EMP Core Team structure. (10.10)

Next Steps: How shall Merritt College secure the data necessary to compose a responsible, well-informed EMP?

6.5 VPSS Vacancy: Jason Cifra's imminent assumption of Merritt's Vice President of Student Services was reversed by the Board of Trustees in their last meeting. How shall MCAS respond? De Vito (10.11)

6.6 CDCPD Chair Compensation: Shall MCAS direct the Office of Instruction to institutionalize a 0.1 FTE release time for the Chair of the Council of Department Chairs and Program Directors? (10.6)

Next Step: This would most likely take the form of a formal resolution.

6.6 Fall 2019 Planning Summit: College Council approved MCAS's recommendation to hold the Fall Planning Summit during the morning of the October 22 Flex Day programming. The planning will be a joint PDC/IEC/Administration effort. (10.10)

Next Step: Can members of the Academic Senate augment these planning efforts?

6.7 Adjunct Faculty Senator Vacancy: Currently, Simon Chan is the only adjunct faculty senator. We need to organize an election to find a second adjunct to serve. Ciddio

6.8 CalBright (the online community college) Resolution: State Chancellor Eloy Oakley responded to the District Academic resolution opposing the establishment of physical headquarters for CalBright within the boundaries of the Peralta Community College District and the duplication of programs offered within the district. MCAS President Renbarger recommends that MCAS still pass a modified version of this resolution. (10.4, 10.10)

7. Adjournment

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