

Barstow Community College  
**ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES**  
Thursday, September 21, 2017

**DATE:** Thursday, September 7, 2017

**TIME:** 12:00 - 12:55 p.m.

**PLACE:** LRC Solarium

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. by President Sona Vartanian.

Members in attendance included Dawn Howey, Rodolfo Duque, Nancy Nunes-Gill, Susan Nylander, Paul Courtney, Eduardo Vasquez, Denise Pasley and Jill Murphy.

Members absent: none.

Guests: There were numerous guest in attendance including Heather Minehart--A&R/Financial Aid Manager, Penny Shreve--Dean of Instruction, Beverly Ranney, Melissa Cunningham, Barbara Rose, David Morse--VP of Academic Affairs, Melissa Matteson--Special Programs Counselor Curtis Cleveland, Lewis Goldstein--BCFA

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Nance Nunes-Gill and seconded by Eduardo to approve the agenda with the change of removing Information/Discussion Items 7.4a and 7.4b. The motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Nancy Nunes-Gil asked that Senate By-laws be placed on the agenda and pointed out that the Senate currently has two vacant positions.

Melissa Cunningham stated that she was removed from the SLOAC committee without notice Penny Shreve explained the changes to SLOAC (not referring to committees) were made as a Board of Directors directive.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Sona Vartanian stated a desire for the Senate to work together. President Vartanian states that the faculty evaluation teams have been set. There will be a link with the assistance of Nancy Olsen for members to make recommendations for Senate agenda items, and stressed that only those items related to Title V or Ed Code would be placed on agenda. Sona Vartanian expressed interest in connecting with students and will place the Student Advisory Committee (item removed from agenda) onto future agenda.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Approval of the Minutes**

A motion to strike the minutes of September 7, 2017 made by Paul Courtney. Secretary Dawn Howey suggested that the item be tabled. A motion to table the minutes was made by Paul Courtney and seconded by Susan Nylander. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Academic Senate Meeting Calendar**

A motion was made to set the Senate Meeting Calendar by Paul Courtney and seconded by Susan Nylander. Meetings will be set at the first and third Thursday of each month with the second meeting held only as necessary. The vote to approve motion was 12 yes and 1 no.

### **Approval of Travel to 2017 Fall Plenary**

A motion was made by Jill Murphy and seconded by Susan Nylander to discuss travel to 2017 Fall Plenary. AS President Sona Vartanian states that she has received approval and funds via VP David Morris to send two additional senators. Nance Nunes-Gill and Eduardo Vasquez were approved to attend. The motion carried unanimously.

## **INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **The California Guided Pathway Project – David Morse**

VP David Morse states that The California Guided Pathway Project is good for BCC and that the project will be further discussed in the next Curriculum Committee Meeting

### **BCC Degrees, Certificates, CSU Transfer, IGETC – Heather Minehart**

Heather Minehart discussed the low rate of completion in many certificate programs due to the English and Math requirement. Suggestions for change were discussed and Nance Nunes-Gill states that she is working on Certificates for the Core classes only, so that the math and English requirements will not prohibit students from obtaining a certificate.

### **Course Level SLO Data and Reports– Lisa Holms**

Tabled as presenter was not able to be present.

### **Adult Education Block Grant**

A grant for Adult School in the amount of \$261,000

### **Assembly Bill 705**

This bill is opposed by the State Academic Senate. It requires students to graduate within three years.

### **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Paul Courtney questioned the reason for the security guard in attendance. David Morse stated that the security was not contracted by BCC, but that senate meetings are open to the public.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Dawn Howey and seconded by Denise Pasley. The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

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Dawn Howey, AS Secretary  
Minutes approved: 10-5-17

### **Attachments:**

Academic Senate Career Technical Education Committee Proposal  
Academic Senate Student Advisory Council Committee Proposal  
California Guided Pathways Project  
Adult Education Block Grant Framework