**Humanities and Social Sciences Division**

**Minutes**

Friday, October 6, 2023

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Location: 3-104

Zoom:

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**Members present: James Carranza, Gerardo Pacheco, Bob Lee, Michael Stanford, Denise Erickson, Danielle Pelletier, Yolanda Valenzuela, Anna Budd, Alicia Aguirre, Dave Meckler, Diana Espinoza Osuna, Ami Smith, Rebekah Sidman-Taveau, Julie Carrey, Jessica Marshall, Maureen Wiley, Monica Malamud, Salumeh Eslamieh, Lisa Palmer, Kiran Malavade**

**Absent: Katie Schertle, Doniella Maher**

**Guests: Gonzalo Arrizon, Michiko Kealoha**

**12:03     Meeting called to order**

**12:06    Minutes approved. Agenda adopted.**

**James announced that members are free to attend the chancellor’s search session at 1 pm.**

**Alicia Aguirre requested input, as she is on the search committee.**

**12:09: Announcements**

**Valenzuela: Puente facilitated a very productive “Noche de la familia” event last week with approximately 100 attendees.**

**Eck: Smoking/vaping in the restrooms is setting off the alarms in Building 13, which causes 30 minute interruptions to classes. Tell students not to smoke/vape but try not to broadcast the idea.**

**Valenzuela: Students need to be more informed about the code of conduct; they may not know that smoking/vaping is a violation.**

**12:14**

**Gonzalo Arrizon: Interim transfer supervisor for COLTS U**

**Transfer day is annual college fair; Tuesday, October 17th from 11 – 1:30**

**Open to all students**

**More than 40 transfer institutions are participating**

**Also tabling:**

**Honors’ Transfer**

**SMCCD Alumni**

**ARK Project**

**Free pizza**

**Wear our college gear during every Tuesday in October (“transfer Tuesdays”)**

**Sign up to help: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4EACAE2FAAFD0-44943527-transfer**

**We are in application season; there are workshops available for students planning to transfer. https://canadacollege.edu/transfercenter/workshopschedule.php**

**On behalf of Nimsi Garcia, Gonzalo invited us all to participate in the annual statewide Undocumented Student Action Week, Oct. 16 – 20 https://www.canadacollege.edu/dreamers/usaw.php**

**There are events across the district; Monday and Friday will be shared activities across the district**

**12:23**

**James: textbook orders**

**With AB 893, students can get free tuition and textbooks, including photocopies. However, all materials need to be listed on the book order form as either required or optional for them to be covered.**

**Dave Eck: AS is working with Wissem to convey information about free books to all students**

**Alicia: ESL faculty district-wide created information sheet for all faculty, counselors, and students. Jai is the point person. Alicia will share the information sheet.**

**EAPC**

**Kiran Malavade and Michiko Kealoha**

**Anti-woke stickers were put on Latin American history book display, in the restrooms, on a copier, which made students feel unsafe**

**The same stickers are also being seen at CSM**

**The stickers say: “Woke” is demonic; vomiting emoji with “woke”; quote from Elon Musk about the woke virus infecting people**

**Defacing public property.**

**Julie Carey: we need proactive work to combat anti-immigrant rhetoric that is often part of election cycles.**

**Aguirre: This is happening in Zoom public meetings as well, in the last two weeks. Trying to clarify what is protected free speech.**

**Eck: perhaps we should have sessions on free speech as well as contract grading follow-up**

**Kiran: contract/labor grading may be an AB 1705 “pod”**

**Yolanda/Eck: maybe have ACLU and/or philosophers present a “free speech” forum**

**12:52. Questions for chancellor search committee and the candidates:**

**Yolanda: what is their record? Not just what do they say but what do their past actions show?**

**Lisa: What is their position on labor negotiations? Classified/faculty contracts?**

**Julie: How much does our feedback matter? How much is it considered?**

**Alicia: The Board has changed the rules recently. She doesn’t know if the Board will be at these sessions but she hopes so.**

**Monica: Unfortunately, the Board changed the end part of the process significantly, allowing themselves to interview someone who was not forwarded (after consulting with the committee). We will never know because of confidentiality.**

**James: The person should have experience as an educator who has experience with students.**

**Gerardo: They should be a leader who really believes in our mission and goals. Our morale is low; the new Chancellor should help us.**

**1:01: Cañada de noche webpage (James)**

1. <https://canadacollege.edu/night/>

**Sandwiches in the refrigerators; also students may order groceries from the food bank to pick up in the evening. Sandwiches are re-stocked daily, around 5 pm. James will get more info.**

**Services available in building 9.**

**Drop-in counseling is available in 13-332A, Tues to Thurs 4:30 – 8 pm**

**Julie: SSPC**

**Student Services Committee discussed evening resources for more than a year; please send her any needs and suggestions. Evening health services is still TBD.**

**Maureen: Upcoming Writing Center Workshops (Zoom and in-person)**

**Next one: early November—quotes and paraphrasing**

**December: planning for finals**

**Also in November: overcoming overwhelm; managing stress**

**Yolanda: Writing Center signage? Maureen is working on it with Vince and Ron.**

**Julie and Yolanda: the webpage links and tutoring schedule are hard to navigate (Maureen—this may be because faculty doesn’t see the same thing that students do)**

**1:15    Participatory Governance Committees, Representatives**

1. Academic Senate, HSS rep, **Katie Schertle**(SP 2024) 2nd and 4th Thursday, 1:00 to 3:00 or 2:10 to 4:00 pm, In-person, Brown Act.
2. Curriculum Committee, HSS reps, **Bob Lee** (semester replacement, Fall 2023) and **Maureen Wiley** (Fall 2024)—1st and 3rd, Thursday, 1:00 to 2:30. In-person, Brown act.

Yesterday, the CC approved by a 9 – 6 vote to change our local degree requirements to “12 units or 50% at any of the three colleges” not just at Cañada

1. Distance Education Advisory Committee, HSS rep, **Danielle Pelletier** (SP 2024)

By-laws are finished

Looking at ways to eliminate redundancy among tech committees

AI conference in place of January flex day—if you want to propose a session, please do.

“AI for Equity” is being added as a component of the flex day

Discussing CVC (California Virtual College)

1. Equity and Antiracisim Planning Council, HSS rep, **Yolanda Valenzuela** (SP 2025)

Students are supposed to be able to get Lyft vouchers from bookstore, but the transportation website needs updating.

Has created focus groups who will be reporting progress.

Rebekah—the work groups look at the mission, classified staff re-assignment time, training, community building, consistent headshots for the SMCCD portal, student ed achievement plan, contract grading

1. Planning and Budget Council, HSS rep, **Alicia Aguirre** (SP 2024) 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 2:10 to 4:00.

Ludmila and the president are re-evaluating high cost of Lyft program; that might be why it’s not on the webpage.

VPI gave enrollment and modality update

Ameer Thompson gave funeral services program information

By-law update group

Ludmila presented resource allocation model for budget; we have a deficit

1. Technology Committee, **Ami Smith**, (SP 2024) 2nd Wednesdays, 12:30-2:00

Building 13—still working on high-flex rooms

Do we need additional training on “Papercut”?

What questions would we like to see on a tech survey?

Creating list of computer labs for students—location, availability, software, tech help

Do we have any tech tool needs? See google doc from last semester.

Salumeh—wifi access in building 13 is slow and weak;

Julie--13-213 getting frozen on fac-staff; problem with Crescon interface

Ami—contact ITS first, during the class, if you have tech glitches (Learning Center will triage right away)

Rebekah—if there are tech changes, we need advance warning; Ami will ensure faculty gets notified

Yolanda—can we get list of high-flex rooms so we can select a different classroom if preferred?

Alicia—in 13 this week, lights were blinking; doors were locking/unlocking; many glitches

Gerardo—AC in bottom floor of 13

Julie—eratic heating/cooling in 333

Michael—key wouldn’t open building

James—you have to use your badge on the exterior doors

**Regular Division Updates**

1. AFT—see shared document (health care, impasse, upcoming meetings)
2. Honors—encourage students to attend this Thursday’s honors’ event so they can access exciting transfer opportunities. Opening for honors’ student ambassador—send referrals to Rebekah.
3. Human Behavior and Culture Interest Area (HBC), Denise Erickson

Successful HBC transfer success workshop last week; well attended. Gloria Darafshi was stellar. Another will be offered in the spring.

First speaker event was engaging

October 25th: second speaker; poli sci grad

Please share ideas for future speakers

First COLT Success meeting next week

1. Art, Design, and Performance Interest Area (ADP), David Meckler

“COLT Success” has replaced “guided pathways,” but we still have our interest areas

**See HSS Division Reports and Updates**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1d5mKJSECncn7OPeZLzRftka_anvYK3k7DNPvdR5zOz0/edit?usp=sharing>

**Reminders:**

* Recurring Division Zoom Meeting:

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