

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Executive Committee members present: Daniel A. Montez, Jaclyn Miller, Richard Buchli, Mark R. Murray

Senators Present

Liberal Arts: Rachael Brown, Silvia E. Herrera, Annie Liss, Melissa Terry, Micah Bailey, Robert Miller

Nursing and Allied Health: Sharon Rice, Blanca Herrera, Alexia Trigo

Bachelor's Program: Laura Garcia

Business and Public Safety: Joanna Martinez, Guadalupe V. Sanchez, Jesus Amaya, Victor Fonseca, Jennifer Rosillo

Math, Science, IT: Adrian Gonzalez, Fidel Rodriguez, Nicholas (Nick) Hinojosa, Courtney Galle, Dr. Mehrzad Mahmoudian Geller, Juan Luna

Social and Behavioral Science: Ana Riojas, Nihan Kayaardi, Tim Weber, Pooja Rishi

Senators Absent

Layman D. Miller

Meeting Agenda

Welcome (5 minutes)

Approval of April Minutes (5 minutes)

- Minutes approval was tabled until a quorum was reached. Joanna Martinez motioned to approve the minutes at 5:06 p.m., seconded by Micah Bailey. The motion carried.

Elections Update (Mark Murray, 5 minutes)

- No President-Elect candidate.
- Lecturer senator and Adjunct senator will be selected by the Executive Committee.
- Only one position (BPST senator) on the ballot.
- Nominees for President-Elect are needed for future elections.

- Saeed Molki nominated Nicholas (Nick) Hinojosa, who accepted informally. Mark R. Murray will follow up via email for formal acceptance.
- Dr. Mehrzad Mahmoudian Geller requested that the list of past nominees be shared to avoid re-nominations. Mark Murray provided names of those who declined: Maria Y. Cervantes, Daniel A. Montez, Mario Morin, and Liza Veliz.
- Daniel A. Montez explained his rejection of the nomination, citing the need for a "cooling off" period between Presidential terms.

Committee Membership (5 minutes)

- Daniel A. Montez suggested modernizing committees by VP Divisions.
- Mark Murray noted the three standing committees: Salary & Benefits, Nominations & Elections, Constitution.
- Volunteers are needed for these committees. Current members can continue serving.
- Non-senators may serve on committees, but senators or officers must chair them.

Policy Updates (Dr. Zachary Suarez, 20 minutes)

- 10 outstanding policies to be resolved by December 2024, including equal educational opportunity, employment practices, employee grievances, and termination policies.
- Policies are being reviewed at various levels including legal counsel and the College Board.
- Feedback is requested by 10/31/2024. Concern was expressed regarding testing for controlled substances.

General Committee Updates (20 minutes)

- Course Evaluation Taskforce update by Daniel A. Montez.
- Blackout periods discussed by Nicholas (Nick) Hinojosa.
- Multi-year contracts were discussed, with a note that a previous resolution still exists.
- Dr. Mehrzad Mahmoudian Geller raised the issue of electric vehicle charging stations on campus.
- Adrian Gonzalez raised the issue of increasing tuition reimbursement from \$400 per semester.

Open Discussion (30 minutes)

Adjournment (5:35 p.m.)

- Joanna Martinez motioned to adjourn, seconded by Micah Bailey. The motion carried.