



**Academic Senate**  
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## Academic Senate Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2019 (Convened at 4:08 pm) in DLC Rm #3 (Weed Campus) and RHSI Rm #119 (Yreka Campus)

**Attendees:** Shawn Abbott, Rhonda Brown, Liz Carlyle, Wenli Chang, Dave Clarke, Andrea Craddock, Marcy Demetro, Maria Fernandez, Katie Gale, Sunny Greene, Karen Harper, Jenny Heath, Kim Parham, Patrice Thatcher-Stevens, Mike Tischler, Jayne Turk, Chris Vancil, and Alison Varty. Dr. Char Perlas, Dr. Burt Peretti, Dr. Nathan Rexford, and Sarah Kirby also attended the meeting.

### A. Public Comments

- a. No public comments were given.

### B. Action / Discussion Items

#### a. Senate Representation Requests –

- **Hiring committee for Data Analyst position** – Alison Varty volunteered to serve on this committee.
- **Committee for Degrees Due (Meghan Witherell)** – Maria Fernandez is already serving on this committee in a DE capacity. She volunteered to continue being on this committee.
- **Hiring Committee for Director of Non-Credit position** – Shawn Abbott volunteered to serve on this committee
- **Committee for AP2510 (Participatory Governance); headed by Dr. Nathan Rexford.** This committee will consist of constituents of the different senates. Jayne Turk volunteered to serve on this committee.
- **Committee for Mid-Term Report (Dr. Char Perlas)** – Jayne Turk and Patrice Thatcher-Stevens volunteered to be on this committee.
- Andrea Craddock motioned to approve all volunteers. Mike Tischler seconded. Motion passed; one “nay” was noted.

- b. **Resolution for Participatory Governance** – A resolution from the Academic Senate on participatory governance was put forward. Maria Fernandez motioned for the Academic Senate to support the resolution. Alison Varty seconded

- The resolution was put on the document camera to be read in its entirety by attendees.

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- It was clarified in the resolution that Title 5 clearly states that right of assignment does not pertain to committee appointments.
- Maria Fernandez called the question; motion passed.

C. Adjournment: 4:30 pm

Resolution:

**Academic Senate Resolution**

**Whereas the Academic Senate is deeply troubled by participatory governance proposals and administrative directives that are contrary to Title V, contrary to the stated goals of transparency, and contrary to the creation of a supportive campus culture; and**

**Whereas deliberate dissemination of disinformation does not resolve any of the real issues facing our campus, and makes it harder for the college community to function effectively; and**

**Whereas attempts made by the Academic Senate to comply with Title V, to encourage transparency, to assist in creating a sustainable budget, and to create a student-centered and supportive campus climate have been met with threats, intimidation tactics, and falsehoods;**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That AGAIN the COS Academic Senate formally requests that the Board exercise its power, authority, and most importantly, its responsibility in directing its sole employee, the college President, to create, implement, and adhere to participatory**

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**governance processes that uphold COS Board policies, Administrative procedures, and the laws and regulations governing the California Community College system:**

**THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED: That the COS Academic Senate formally requests that the Board exercise its power, authority, and, its responsibility in overseeing budgets, to require that campus budgets be transparent, and that the budget development process involves true participatory input, rather than meaningless, post facto approval.**

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