



Skyline College Academic Senate

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DRAFT Minutes for December 2, 2021

In Attendance

Voting Members

Executive Officers

- **President:** Lindsey Ayotte [votes in ties]
- **Vice President:** Cassidy Ryan-White
- **Secretary:** Kim Saccio
- **Treasurer:** Rika Yonemura-Fabian
- **Past President:** Kate Williams Browne [non-voting]

Senators

ASLT:

- Ame Maloney

BEPP

- Dick Claire
- Philipp Gleyzer

Counseling

- Jacqueline Escobar
- Alberto Santellan
- Jessica Truglio

GLPS

- TBD

Language Arts

- Rachel Bell
- Jarrod Feiner

Non-voting Members

Governance Committee Chairs

- **Curriculum:** Jessica Hurless
- **Educational Policy:** Jacqueline Escobar
- **Professional Personnel:** Bianca Rowden-Quince

Advisory Members

AFT

- Marianne Kaletzky

ASSC

- Anthony Tran

(Quorum – 25/25 voting members)

- Danielle Powell

KAD

- Amber Steele

SMT

- Younga Choi
- Maryam Khan
- Kolo Wamba

SSCA

- Amir Esfahani
- Jennifer Merrill
- Jude Navari

CTE Senate

- Soledad McCarthy

Part-Time Faculty

- Timothy Rottenberg
- Jessica Silver-Sharp
- Sujatha (Suji) Venkataraman

Voting members: 25

Simple majority: 13

2/3: 17

Classified Senate

- Kenya Ruiz
- Marisa Thigpen

PD/CTTL

- Bianca Rowden-Quince

SEED

- TBD

Guided Pathways

- Ernesto Hernandez

OER

- Ame Maloney



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Guests

- Alvin Gubatina
- Luis Escobar
- Martin Marquez
- Tammy Calderon
- Suzanne Poma

1.0 Opening Procedures

1.1 Call to Order/Establish Quorum

Presenter: President Ayotte

Time: 1

Notes: Called to order at 2:15.

1.2 Senate Networking

Presenter: Ayotte

Time: 10

Notes:

1.3 Adoption of Agenda

Presenter: Ayotte

Time: 1

Notes: Kim motioned to adopt, Senator Maloney seconded. President Ayotte offered amendments and corrections to agenda. Vice President Ryan-White motioned to adopt, Senator McCarthy seconded. No objections, motion passed.

1.4 Adoption of Minutes

Presenter: Ayotte

Time: 1

Notes: Approval of minutes from September 2, 2021 meeting. Senator Claire motioned to adopt; Senator Maloney seconded. No objections, motion passed

1.5 Adoption of Consent Agenda

Presenter: President Ayotte

Time: 1

Notes: Curriculum Chair Hurlless asked to pull the Director of Student Support Screening Committee. Seeing no objections to approving Brown Act and Women’s Soccer and KINE Instructor Position Screening Committee, those two items pass.

1. Brown Act

2. Director of Student Support Screening Committee

- ~~Nate Nevado – Counselor~~
- ~~Jacque Escobar – Counselor~~



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- ~~Suzanne Poma - Counselor~~
- ~~Luis Escobar - Dean of Counseling~~

3. Women's Soccer and KINE Instructor Position Screening Committee

- Kevin Corsiglia (Faculty)
- Jessica Hurless (Faculty)
- Gabe Saucedo (Faculty)
- Jose Bonilla (Classified Professional)
- Dino Nomicos (Interim Dean of KAD)

1.6 Public Comment

Presenter: President Ayotte

Time: 3

Notes:

- Ed Policy Chair spoke in response to a recent AFT email, and she emphasized that she is speaking from her own personal perspective. She asked that Academic Senate bring to President and Chancellor a request that we work on the administrative procedures document that was attached to the AFT email. She noted that Board Policy 2.0 provides guidelines re the COVID 19 vaccination policy, but not procedures to implement this policy.
- Treasurer Yonemura-Fabian reminded everyone to respond to the [AFT bargaining survey](#).
- Professional Personnel Chair Rowden-Quince encouraged faculty to submit a presentation proposal for [January Flex Day](#).

2.0 New Senate Business

2.1a Director of Student Support Screening Committee

Procedure | **Information** | **Discussion** | **Action**

Presenter: President Ayotte

Time: 0

Notes:

- Nate Nevado - Counselor
- Jacquie Escobar - Counselor
- Suzanne Poma - Counselor
- Luis Escobar - Dean of Counseling

Discussion: Curriculum Chair Hurless pulled this from Consent Agenda because, given the scope of the Director of Student Support responsibilities encompass the entire campus – Title IX, etc. – she wonders if there should be instructional faculty on the screening committee as well. Senator McCarthy agreed, bringing up categoricals. Dean Escobar explained that some of the position’s responsibilities have been reassigned to other roles, so now the Director of Student Support will be overseeing first-level supervisory position for general counsel, plus



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personal counseling and health services. Senator Powell noted that the counselors who are currently on screening committee are all instructional, and suggested that a personal counselor or another faculty affiliated with Health and Welfare be included in the committee as well. Vote was accomplished by show of hands, and there were only 12 “Yes” votes. Current screening committee is not approved. Dean Escobar will reach out to Personal Counseling to find faculty who are interested in serving on this committee, then return to Senate in January for approval.

2.1 Intergroup Dialogue Spring 2022 Sessions

Procedure | **Information** | **Discussion** | **Action**

Presenter: Martín Márquez and Alvin Gubatina

Time: 20

Notes: Alvin Gubatina presented an overview of the Intergroup Dialogue (IGD) initiative at Skyline College. Professional Personnel Chair Rowden-Quince explained that the IGD protocol originated at the University of Michigan and Skidmore College. Skyline’s IGD organizers are inviting Academic Senate members to participate in the next IGD cohort, which is slated for April 2022. He emphasized that 100% attendance is important to participate in this process. The meetings could be remote or in person, as Senate members prefer. President Ayotte suggested that Senate participate in Fall 2022 rather than in April, because elections will be held for senator positions and two executive officers in Spring 2022. Bianca clarified that this is not intended to be a Senate-only experience, only an invitation to faculty currently participating in Senate. Please [complete this survey](#) indicating the best times and days for the next IGD cohort. President Ayotte suggested that we discuss this again during the first Senate meeting in Spring (January 20).

2.2 What does Senate want in a VPI?

Procedure | **Information** | **Discussion** | **Action**

Presenter: President Ayotte and Ame Maloney

Time: 30

Notes: Senator Maloney framed the discussion and invited Senate to collaborate on a Google Doc focusing on desirable qualities that faculty would like in a VPI candidate. Senator Maloney then copied the qualities that were shared during the activity into Slido, and participants were invited to prioritize the qualities in order of importance. The Slido page will remain open and active through next Tuesday. Exec Committee will compile results and share top results via email before the end of the semester.

2.3 Academic Senate Reflections from Senators

Procedure | **Information** | **Discussion** | **Action**

Presenter: President Ayotte

Time: 30

Notes: President Ayotte asked senators to share what Senate leadership is doing right, and what we could be doing better. Answers from Chat: “Fun!” (Senator Steele). “Creating an open and transparent environment for



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us to bring up and solve issues we are dealing with on campus” (Senator Esfahani). “Suggestion: Recap of accomplishments of AS. Sometimes, since we spend less time on standing updates, now, I have less of an idea of how our groups are working” (Senator Steele). “The Senate has adapted to the move to online; our last agenda item was an excellent example of this. Our work continued. We continue to shoulder important issues.” (Senator Feiner) “Your emails save us so much make-work” (Senator Steele). Senator Choi shared that she appreciates Senate work on classroom size, and that it would be nice to have a faculty party or even arrange concert tickets for group outings. Past President Browne commented that this group is willing to speak truth to power, and the current administration seems willing to listen. (Note that these are selected comments from a long discussion.)

2.4 Hayward Award Nomination Vote from the PPC

Procedure | **Information** | **Discussion** | **Action**

Presenter: Professional Personnel Chair Rowden-Quince

Time: 5

Notes: Received only one nomination, Leigh Anne Shaw. Erinn Strauss nominated her, and PPC strongly supports moving her forward. She is eminently qualified for this award. Senator Claire motioned to approve; Senator Khan seconded. Motion passed with 22 votes. The next nomination cycle is for Regina Stanback Stroud Diversity Award.

3.0 Standing Agenda Items

3.1 Committee Reports

Procedure | **Information** | **Discussion** | **Action**

Presenter: Standing Committee Chairs

Time: 5

Notes:

- Anthony Tran ASSC reported on Holiday Bling with Cipher. Also reported that ASSC has been in “hot water” with Board of Trustees on their position regarding their position on vaccine religious exemptions for students. Students are uncertain about safety precautions for next year, and they asked Trustee Maurice Goodman for clarification. He says Trustee Goodman was very dismissive. Senator Silver-Sharp asked Anthony Tran to reach out to her in her capacity as a union rep and member of the Health and Safety Committee. Anthony Tran also clarified that students voted against the religious exemption due to concerns about health and safety – this is what put them at odds with the BOT.
- Senator McCarthy (CTE) reported that they had a successful Holiday Bling as per Anthony. Current and past CTE students from Business and Cosmo participated in vending.
- Ed Policy Chair Escobar has been working on practices around student who have been on academic probation in an attempt to mitigate measures like revoking early enrollment privileges.
- Curriculum Chair Hurless reported that 62 course modifications have been approved; 41 are still in the queue to be handled during Finals week. New AA degree approved: Law, Public Policy, and Society. Also, new courses on the Oral Interpretation Course, and new Ethnic Studies courses approved, including



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Latin American and Indigenous Peoples’ History and Culture, and Introduction to Native American Studies.

- Professional Personnel Chair Rowden-Quince reminded Senate that in January or February we should make a decision about whether to do an end-of-year celebration.

3.2 President’s Report

Procedure | **Information** | Discussion | Action

Presenter(s): President Ayotte

Time: 5

Notes: President Ayotte shared her thoughts on our upcoming return to campus, and on several initiatives here at Skyline College and across the District.

4.0 Announcement and Closing Procedures

4.1. Announcements

Presenter: President Ayotte

Time: 1

Notes: No announcements.

4.2. Motion to Adjourn

Presenter: President Ayotte

Time: 0

Notes: The first meeting of the Spring 2022 semester will be Thursday January 20, 2021. If you would like to request an item be put on the agenda (Discussion, action or information) please submit your request for the next meeting by Tuesday January 11, 2021 by 12:00pm. You can request an agenda item [here](#). Past President Browne motioned to adjourn, Vice President Ryan-White seconded. With no objections, the motion passed.

Academic and Professional Matters, AB 1725 “10 + 1”

1. Curriculum, including establishing prerequisites and placing courses within disciplines
2. Degree and certificate requirements
3. Grading policies
4. Educational program development
5. Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success
6. District and college governance structures, as related to faculty roles
7. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes, including self-study and annual reports
8. Policies for faculty professional development activities
9. Processes for program review



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10. Processes for institutional planning and budget development
11. Other academic and professional matters as are mutually agreed upon between the governing board and the academic senate