# **Taft College Academic Senate Minutes DRAFT**

Monday, March 3, 2025

Cougar Room

12:10 pm - 1:00 pm

## **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:11pm by President Duron.

### Attendees

The following faculty members attended: Abbott, Bandy, Bledsoe, Cahoon (M), Cahoon (N), Cotto, Clark, Daley, Devine, Duron, Getty, Kerr, Martinez (J), Martinez (M), Mendenhall, Mitchell, Oja, Payne (R), Raber, Rangel-Escobedo, Reynolds (J), Richards, Rodenhauser, Smith (K), Smith (T), Travis, Webster.

Guests include D. Daugherty, S. Groveman, M. Giacomini, L. Minor, and C. Alvarado

## **Public Comment**

There was no public commentary

## **Action Items**

### Approval of the Minutes

February 3, 2025 meeting: The Minutes were approved through consensus with one typographical correction.

### New Business

* Faculty Emeritus for Lourdes Gonzalez: J. Mendenhall read the nomination, which was written by her and T. Smith. With a motion to approve by T. Smith and a second by D. Rodenhauser, the motion was approved.

## **Presentation**

* Allied Health Programs:
  + Dean Daugherty updated the Senate on a variety of career technical educational programs (CTE) and upcoming grants in the health field, including:
    - Medical Assisting: There are MOUs (Memorandums of Understanding) with some clinics already, and more about going to the district’s Board of Trustees soon.
    - Paramedics
    - Nursing: There are MOUs (Memorandums of Understanding) with some clinics already, and more about going to the district’s Board of Trustees soon.
    - Submitted grant to Chancellor’s Office (CCCCO) for nursing.
  + C. Duron reminded the Senate that the CTE Committee and the Applied Technology division are involved in these processes.

## **Discussion**

* Auto enrollment of students on the waitlist
  + C. Duron introduced this topic, which came up in a recent Division Chairs meeting. She explained that the current process sends an email to students, and they have 72 hours to add to the course. She then shared information from T. Payne that Banner 9 makes it difficult to auto-enroll students. We could call or manually enroll students. J. Mendenhall asked if we could text students, and Dean Alvarado said that we cannot currently send texts to students.
  + In discussing this, C. Duron also learned that Banner 9 has made it difficult to drop students for non-payment. This would keep waitlists more stagnant.

## **Informational Items**

* C. Duron shared these opportunities:
  + [ASCCC Area A meeting Fri, Mar 21 2025, 9am](https://www.asccc.org/content/area-meeting-2019-10-11-170000-2019-10-11-220000)
  + [ASCCC Spring Plenary](https://www.asccc.org/events/2025-spring-plenary-session): April 24 · April 26 · at the Hyatt Regency Irvine & Zoom
    - C. Duron will be attending virtually. M. Beasley will be the voting delegate.
  + [A²MEND 18th Annual African American Male Summit](https://www.thesummits.info/), taking place March 5-7, 2025, at the Hyatt Regency LAX Hotel. This event offers a powerful opportunity for professional development and engagement with critical discussions on supporting African American male students.

**Senator Comments**

* A. Abbott asked if we should make some recommendations related to improving Banner 9? C. Duron noted that this could go to the next Academic Senate (AS) Council. While T. Smith noted that it might cost money, C. Duron’s opinion was that it might be worth it for boosts in enrollment.
* M. Martinez noted that the newest draft schedule is still missing classes. Interim President Minor shared that “ghosted” online sections will be activated daily by Office of Instruction personnel when the open sections are at least half full. B. Devine asked how the Office of Instruction staff will determine who to assign to these new sections. L. Minor answered that each department has different processes. A question was asked about why so few late-start classes, with L. Minor answering that students are more likely to succeed in full-term courses. D. Kerr asked if there was a master list of “ghosted” classes, but L. Minor wasn’t sure if there was a list like that.
* J. Reynolds, as Distance Learning and Education (DLE) committee co-chair, noted that there has been trouble getting our badged courses on the CVC (California Virtual Campus) Exchange. A. Bledsoe said that the CVC courses should be connected in Banner 9 now through Canvas.

## **Adjournment**

With a motion to adjourn by D. Mitchell and a second by A. Abbott, the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.