

Taft College Academic Senate Council Minutes
Wednesday, November 15, 2023
Cafeteria Conference Room
12:10 pm-1:00 pm

Call to Order

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

Attendees

Role	Name	X if in Attendance
1. AS President (F2023-Sp2025)	Candace Duron	X
2. Vice President (F2022- Sp2024)	Victoria Jacobi	
3. Secretary (F2023-Sp2025)	Michelle Oja	X
4. Past President	Sharyn Eveland	X
5. Allied Health & Applied Technology division representative	Kanoe Bandy	
6. Business, Arts, Y Humanities division representative	Lori Travis	X
7. English & Language Arts division representative	Chris Chung-Wee	X
8. Learning Support division representative	Darcy Bogle	X
9. Math & Science division representative	Nathan Cahoon	X
10. Social & Behavioral Sciences division representative	Salvador Jimenez Murguia	X
11. Adjunct Faculty representative	Marni Cahoon	X
12. Career & Technical Education representative	Michelle Beasley	
Guests	C. Morales (student)	X
	J. Lopez (Assoc. Dean of Instruction)	X

Public Comment

There was no public commentary.

Action Items

Approval of the Minutes

October 18, 2023 Meeting: There were no correction so the Oct. 18 meeting Minutes were approved by consent.

New Business

- Academic Senate Subcommittee Charter Updates:

- Curriculum and General Education Committee: C. Duron summarized that wording has been changed for clarity. Secretary Oja motioned for the charter to be recommended to the Senate of the Whole, and M. Beasley seconded this motion. The motion passed.
- Distance Learning and Education Committee: C. Duron introduced that this charter was updated. D. Bogle motioned for the charter to be recommended to the Senate of the Whole, and N. Cahoon seconded this motion. The motion passed.
- B3K EDA Recompete Pilot Program/Grant:
 - C. Duron introduced the grant opportunity in which TC would be partners to provide training.
 - Dean Lopez shared that the grant is to create well-paying jobs.
 - TC has already submitted a letter of support, but we haven't committed to any specific tasks yet.
 - J. Lopez doesn't think that we'll need new programs, but he'll bring this back to Academic Senate if the B3K finds gaps that TC can fill that are related to 10+1.
 - M. Oja motioned for that the grant opportunity be recommended to the Senate of the Whole, and D. Bogle seconded this motion. The motion passed.
- Accessibility Capability Maturity Model (ACMM): A. Abbott was going to present on this, but was unable to attend this meeting. C. Duron postponed this discussion. D. Bogle did share that the program is to ensure that TC is compliant.

Informational Items

- Updates from November 4, 2023 ASCCC Fall 2023 Curriculum Regionals & 2023 Chaptered Legislation and Guidance Report
 - C. Duron shared that the regional meeting covered many upcoming initiatives and legal changes related to lots of stuff that we've known about, but the information is documented in the report. Here is a sampling:
 - Vision 2030 (you can get a link to watch the presentation from C. Duron)
 - Changes in Title 5, such as the changes in the faculty evaluation related to diversity, equity, and inclusion and teleconferencing rules to follow the Brown Act
 - Student Trustee voting on Boards of Trustees
 - Internships
 - MESA program

Other

- L. Travis asked if there would be professional development (PD) about transgender issues in the spring. She suggested that we have a panel that could share personal stories. M. Oja has had a panel of transgender adults who volunteer to answer questions in her in-person section of PSYC 2030 (Human Sexuality)
 - M. Oja noted that admission/registration believe that there is not a process to put preferred names on rosters.
 - C. Morales said that students can change their name on the roster, but that this name change doesn't transfer to Canvas.
 - D. Bogle confirmed that there is a manual process to put preferred name on the roster, but that employees that are new to their roles might not know about it.

She says that Banner 9 allows putting the preferred name, and that she wrote a “how-to” document.

- There is funding from the state this year to support LGBTQIA+ students. D. Bogle and M. Oja were invited to a meeting with the Dean of Student Success to discuss ideas for utilizing the money.
- C. Duron said that she will let the Vice President of Student Services know that Banner 9 can pull preferred name everywhere, and that she’ll also contact the Professional Development Committee about adding a training for the in-service in May. L. Travis suggested that we have other events, in addition to a training at May in-service.
- Past President Eveland noted that using preferred names is the law, and that we are out of compliance. Misgendering someone is considered sexual harassment, and as mandatory reporters, we must report it to Human Resources.
- S. Eveland also noted that in 10+1, faculty are responsible for policies related to PD. Also, the DEIAA Committee is writing a job description for a coordinator, but they have not finalized it yet.
- D. Bogle brought up that there are no single-gender restrooms on campus.
 - C. Duron mentioned that she had presented the our local AS resolution on single-gender restrooms to the Board of Trustees right after a member of the public had discussed the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) settlement with a transgender student. C. Duron noted that the Board wants more information as they were uninformed about what the college is providing and what is not available; the local resolution was important to help bring up these issues.
 - S. Eveland suggested that TC could provide porta-potties that would be single-gender restrooms.
 - S. Eveland noted that we’ve not complying with single-gender restroom laws or providing a lactation room.
- S. Eveland added that anyone can share their opinion with the Board of Trustees during the Public Commentary portion of the Board’s meetings (or any meeting that falls under the Brown Act).

Adjournment

S. Jimenez Murguia motioned to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by L. Travis. The meeting was adjourned.