

Taft College Academic Senate Council Minutes

Wednesday, January 31, 2024
Cafeteria Conference Room
12:10 pm-1:00 pm

Call to Order

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

Attendees

Role	Name	X if in Attendance
1. AS President (F2023-Sp2025)	Candace Duron	X
2. Vice President (F2022- Sp2024)	Victoria Jacobi	X
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 via Zoom
11. Adjunct Faculty representative	Marni Cahoon	
12. Career & Technical Education representative	Michelle Beasley	
Guests	A. Abbott (presenter)	X
	ASO representative	X
	Sheri Horn-Bunk	X

Public Comment

There was no public comments.

Action Items

Approval of the Minutes

January 8, 2024 Meeting: There were no corrects, so the 1/8/24 Council meetings are approved.

New Business

- Faculty Resources: Additional Faculty Resources: [Syllabus Recommendations](#)
 - President Duron shared some samples to add to the Syllabus Recommendations document about AI.
 - D. Bogle motioned to share the suggestions with the Senate of the Whole, which was seconded by V. Jacobi. The motion passed.

- C. Chung-Wee noted that these are recommendations only, not required on your syllabus.
- The timeline was discussed about the resolution that was passed and when that document would be updated.
- V. Jacobi noted that discussions of AI might be added to the Information Literacy course, which could increase its number of units.

Informational Items

- ASC Positions for Election for the 2024-2026 term: C. Duron shared that the following divisions should (re-)elect a representative to sit on this Council. The Math and Science division has already re-elected Nathan Cahoon.
 - English
 - Math & Science
 - Business, Arts, Humanities
 - Applied Tech
- Full Time Faculty Committee Assignment Request Form
 - C. Duron shared the updates on the form, noting that this is an informational item because this document is bargained by the union. She also answered several questions:
 - The Committee Assignment Request Form covers all committees, not just AS sub-committees.
 - C. Duron hopes to have committee assignments finalized before summer break.
 - Changes mid-year are allowed, but there are a lot of factors to consider. C. Duron does not want someone on a committee that they do not want to be on, however.
 - The Committee Assignment Request Form has already been approved through our local processes.
- [ASCCC 2024 Spring Plenary Session](#): Thu, Apr 18 2024, 8am - Sat, Apr 20 2024, 5pm at San Jose Marriott
 - C. Duron shared that registration is open, if you are interested in attending.
- Education Master Plan information gathering meeting with Collaborative Brain Trust February 9, 2024 12pm in the Cougar Room
 - C. Duron invited the AS Council and all AS sub-committee chairs. All faculty are welcome to attend.
- 2022-2025 Student Equity Plan
 - C. Duron noted that Academic Senate had approved for then-president S. Eveland to review the full plan (not just the executive summary that was provided to AS) and vote how she thought was best. At the time, S. Eveland voted
 - There was a robust critique of this plan.
 - The critiques were about a pattern of behavior regarding planning on campus.

- One critique was about how the actions were not determined through collaboration with faculty because work on plan was started too late (after the plan's due date).
- Another major issue was that there was no evidence to support those particular actions ("Solutions are provided without knowing what the problem is.")
- C. Duron will share the feedback with the area vice presidents.
- V. Jacobi suggest that we assign a sub-committee or a taskforce for plans like this to start work on the plans at least a year in advance to determine how money is spent.
- V. Jacobi also noted that this report never went to the DEIAA committee.
- V. Jacobi noted that this is the time to align all of our plans since the Educational Master Plan is being developed for long-term planning.

Senator Comments

(examples: brief response to statements or questions, ask clarifying questions, make brief announcements, suggest future agenda topics, ask Senate Officers to look into something)

- C. Duron shared that she and M. Oja had attended a Brown Act training at the college. She will share the slides when she get them. The Brown Act applies to all Academic Senate committees and sub-committees.
- A. Abbott (guest) noted that the Guided Pathways plan should align with the new CCCCO's Vision 2030. V. Jacobi noted that the CCCCO goals are different with a new chancellor.
- D. Bogle wanted to commend the Academic Senate officers, especially President Duron, on how the last Senate of the Whole meeting went and how much was accomplished.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at time.