

**Taft College Academic Senate Council Minutes (draft)**

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Cafeteria Conference Room

12:10 pm-1:00 pm

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Duron at 12:10pm.

**Attendees**

Role	Preferred Name	X if in Attendance
1. AS President (F2023-Sp2025)	Candace Duron	X
2. Vice President (F2022- Sp2024)	Vicki Jacobi	X
3. Secretary (F2023-Sp2025)	Michelle Oja	X
4. Past President	Geoffrey Dyer	
5. Allied Health & Applied Technology division representative	Kanoe Bandy	
6. Business, Arts, & 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	Nate Cahoon	X
10. Social & Behavioral Sciences division representative	Ken Smith	X
11. Career & Technical Education representative	Amar Abbott	X
12. Adjunct Faculty representative	Marni Cahoon	X
Guests	Representatives from Institutional Research (K. Allikas and X. Li)	X X

**Public Comment**

There was no public commentary.

**Action Items**

Approval of the Minutes

September 18, 2024 Meeting: Motion by C. Chung-Wee and a second by K. Smith to approve the minutes with corrected attendance. The motion passed.

New Business

- Taft College ACCJC 2025 Mid-Term Report Timeline:
  - X. Li introduced the timeline.
  - Secretary Oja discussed how faculty are often focused on the end of the semester in May, and the start of the semester in August. X. Li said that receiving feedback over the summer would work.

- C. Chung-Wee motioned and A. Abbott seconded. Vice President Jacobi asked if this needed to be an action item, and C. Duron said that X. Li did ask that it get approved by the Academic Senate. The motion passed.

### **Informational Items**

- ASCCC pre-area resolutions packet:
  - C. Duron introduced the resolutions as they are now, but noted that they will change and more will be added. These will be discussed at the Area A meeting on Friday, Oct. 18. This is an all-day Zoom that anyone can attend. Ask C. Duron to be send the Zoom link again.
  - You can share feedback with anyone who plans to attend the fall Plenary meeting, and they will share with C. Duron (who is our voting representative).
  - A. Abbott asked if our update of our local by-laws will coordinate with the state-wide Academic Senate (ASCCC) review of their by-laws, and C. Duron said that she'll include the state versions plus the versions that she has found.
  - L. Travis asked if there will be a resolution on the hiring process. C. Duron said that our local Administrative Procedure (AP) was recently changed to separate faculty hiring from non-faculty hiring. The faculty version is similar to what was previously approved.
  - C. Duron does have questions about when an approved AP goes live, and is following up.
- eLumen Curriculum: C. Duron shared that A. Bledsoe, as Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) Coordinator is working with eLumen on Insight, the Canvas option, and on adding curriculum tracking pieces. A. Bledsoe is organizing demonstrations now. He is also working with IT to implement Insight.

### **Senator Comments**

- N. Cahoon shared that he's received a resolution from the CSU Mathematics Council regarding AB 705 and AB 1705 that is asking for the Research and Planning (RP) Group's research to be peer reviewed, and to review if the Chancellor's Office's (CCCCO) requirements are overreaching state law.
  - V. Jacobi shared that Articulation Officers are meeting on Friday to discuss this.
  - C. Duron suggested that interested faculty could go to the Area A Zoom meeting to support and discuss a resolution.
- A. Abbott mentioned that folks from the Records office is asking about requirements for foreign students on the TOEFL (which used to stand for the Test of English as a Foreign Language).
  - This prompted a broad conversation about mono-lingual non-English speaking students.
  - We learned that Communication courses must be in English, but that we could create alternative courses of all other classes that are taught in languages other than English.
  - C. Duron will bring a resolution or a recommendation to the Senate as a Whole about the Learning Center offering bilingual tutors or aides.

- A. Abbott will work with the Records Office to research whether we can raise the TOEFL requirements; it might be a Title 5 requirement.
- V. Jacobi brought up the idea of another IEPI (Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative). Some ideas include: reviewing the curriculum process, SEM, and budgets.
  - D. Bogle noted that some enrollment decisions are being made without faculty input, and may not be student-centered; for example, students should be able to add on to multiple waitlists at a time but they cannot.
  - C. Duron said that the college president is the only one who can request an IEPI. Previous presidents have not been interested, but she'll bring the topic up to see if the Senate of the Whole has ideas that she can bring to the current president.

### **Adjournment**

K. Smith motioned to adjourn, with a second by D. Bogle. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm.