



Taft College Academic Senate Council Minutes (draft)

Wednesday, September 18, 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	
3. Secretary (F2023-Sp2025)	Michelle Oja	X
4. Past President	Geoffrey Dyer	X
5. Allied Health & Applied Technology division representative	Kanoe Bandy	X
6. Business, Arts, Y Humanities division representative	Lori Travis	
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	Student Acosta	X
	Dean Lopez	X

Public Comment

There was no public commentary.

Action Items

Approval of the Minutes

Hearing of no corrections, C. Duron approved the August 28, 2024 Meeting Minutes by consensus.

New Business

- Academic Senate Sub-Committee Charter updates:
 - Academic Development Committee (ADC): C. Duron shared that she had not received the charter yet, so this sub-committee's charter will be brought back at a future meeting.
- Board Policies and Administrative Procedures for review and revision: C. Duron introduced the following Board Policies and Administrative Procedures.

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- Secretary Oja moved and A. Abbott seconded to refer these two policies to the Curriculum and GE Committee. The motion passed.
 - BP 4020 Program, Curriculum, and Course Development
 - AP 4020 Program and Curriculum Development
- Secretary Oja moved and G. Dyer seconded to refer these two policies to the Curriculum and GE Committee. The motion passed. There was some questions about whether these were the most current versions since there were weird mistakes. C. Duron said that she shared what she received from the college president's assistant.
 - BP 4025 Philosophy and Criteria for Associate Degree and General Education
 - AP 4025 Philosophy and Criteria for Associate Degree and General Education
- After a question from N. Cahoon, C. Duron clarified that these are being reviewed as part of a cycle of review. There has been no suggested changes from external agencies.
- Ad Hoc Committee: review and recommend revisions to the Taft College Academic Senate Constitution and Bylaws
 - C. Duron asked if the Council would like this to be an ad hoc committee or something that the entire Council works on.
 - D. Bogle suggested an ad hoc committee of volunteers since it might take a lot of time. G. Dyer said that he'd help, and C. Duron said that she'd chair an ad hoc committee.
 - D. Bogle motioned to create an ad hoc committee to review and recommend revisions to the Taft College Academic Senate Constitution and Bylaws, with a second by A. Abbott. The motion passed.

Informational Items

- C. Duron shared about the upcoming [ASCCC 2024 Fall Plenary Session](#)
 - Visalia Convention Center & Zoom Events Platform
 - 303 E Acequia Ave, Visalia, CA 93291
 - November 7-9, 2024
 - Funding is available from TC but is limited. You might consider applying for a scholarship: [The Academic Senate Foundation is Offering Scholarship Awards for the 2024 Fall Plenary Session](#)
- [Eighth Annual California Community Colleges' Undocumented Student Action Week \(USAW\), scheduled for October 14-18, 2024](#)
 - Monday, October 14 - Thursday, October 17 Virtual webinars 9 AM - 10 AM daily
 - Friday, October 18 In-person event 8 AM - 5PM at Woodland Community College
 - C. Duron noted that there should be great webinars. TC outreach and ASO will be events. J. Lopez confirmed that there will be local activities.

Senator Comments

- A. Abbott asked if there seemed to be more than the usual amount of special Board meetings. G. Dyer noted that there are sometimes a lot to ensure that the Board complies with the Brown Act, but personnel issues are also special sessions. C. Duron noted that there is an unusual amount, but it is not unprecedented.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by K. Bandy and a second by K. Smith; the motion passed.

Next Academic Senate Council: October 16, 2024