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3:00 PM

ARC Student Center Boardroom

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American River College Academic Senate Regular Meeting Minutes

AGENDA

Preliminaries

1. Call to Order

3:04 PM (Brian Knirk)

Land Acknowledgement Statement read

2. Approval of the Agenda

Approved by consent

3. Approval of the Minutes

Approved by consent

4. Introduction of Guests

Guests introduced:

TJay (Health and Wellness Advocate)

Michelle Arnott (Registered Nurse at ARC)

Uriel Delgado

Online:

Michelle Salluzzo, Adjunct ECE

AnnMarie Beasley Cisneros, Anthropology

Ruth Owens, cultural resource manager

5. Public Comment Period (3 minutes per speaker)

Vivian D. - Catalogue update process. Urge to make it more transparent and to involve faculty beyond chairs. The process currently centers around emails sent to Deans at a time that does not allow inclusion of other faculty. Urges Senate to push for greater inclusion of faculty coordinators and other faculty who are central to curricular programming. Clarity and transparency can be improved in this process.

LaQuisha B. - Campus Safety Committee. Shared that one of their students was assaulted in the parking garage. Asked for student involvement in the Safety Committee. The same student is bringing a proposal to the ASB around student homelessness. Asking for the ARC parking garage to be sanctioned as a safe housing location for

students. Emphasized the academic challenges that homelessness (and unsafe sleeping places) present to students.

James C. (director of NAGPRA/special projects at Los Rios District). Offered to answer questions about NAGPRA policy.

AnnMarie B.C. - Expressed concerns about misconceptions and false narratives. Objected to the central focus on ARC's Anthropology department. The policy and issue of NAGPRA is about tribes and dignity. Described the two matters as being conflated and confused. Rumors and accusations about the Anthro department have been spread widely. Shared the process and findings of a year-long investigation of the ARC Anthropology that acquitted them of any and all wrongdoing. The faculty in that department were not allowed to communicate their position due to District policy. Emphasized the need for honesty and focus on what matters most: repatriation of cultural artifacts and tribal remains.

6. President's Report

Update from Area A meeting

The State Academic Senate is "holding steady" and remaining committed to our mission as we have been living it. Legal challenges being prepared. Online virtual learning tool for Biology: will be made available by the ASCCC

ASCCC common course numbering: surveys have been sent out from Alisa. Urge for all areas to fill them out. Summer workgroup participation solicited.

Zoom cloud recordings will be disappearing from Canvas. See link on how to save them, if you need to.

HOTEP faculty focus group tentative dates (modality/location TBD, slide deck will be shared out):

4/16, 9-10:30 am

4/17, 3-4:30 pm

4/22 2-3:30 pm

4/29, 3-4:30 pm

4/30, 3-4:30 pm

Consent Items

7. Approval of remote attendees:

Tee Gager (Psychology, Adjunct)

Christian Speck (Business-Adjunct)

Jen Kirkman (Nursing)

Behrang Mokarami (BUS-Accounting)

Adam Karp (Language and Communication)

Sarah Lehmann (Library)

Rob Juner (Nursing)
Lana Anishchenko (Math - sub for John Burke)
Diane Lui (Fine and Applied Arts)
Susan Chou (Nutrition)
Mikhail Drobot (DCDT)
Kristine Fertel (Lang and Communication/ESL)
Gina Barnard (English)

Approved by consent

Action Items

8. Critical Hire Public Safety (2nd read):

Clarification asked RE: next year's allocation. Confirmed that these two hires would come out of next year's faculty prioritization FT pool.

Clarification provided by Bill Wann (Public Safety) on the context

Motion (Alisa Shubb): to approve two Critical Hire positions and include a statement about how integral this program is to regional professionalization in law enforcement. Request for consideration in the Fall allocation to fill the needs of the department. This would be directed to the District.

Motion approved

Yes: 26

No: 1

Abstain: 2

9. Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGRPA) Policy Draft (1st read)

Ask for guidance for the Senate exec team in our conversations at District and with ARC administration. Sac City has passed/endorsed the policy as-is. There has been no tribal input or stance taken on the policy since it was drafted.

Questions about the process: is there going to be a timeline for revisiting this? What has been put in place to periodically revisit the language of this policy? Who would do that work (the committee, the district)?

Anyone can initiate a request to change/modify a policy (goes through the Board of Trustees for two readings) or a regulation (go through the Chancellor's cabinet). This particular policy's future trajectory is unclear.

Question: are we charged with changing the language? Doesn't that sit with the

committee? How do we vote on a document that we are changing if we don't have that authority?

We can vote to approve with the caveat that we direct the committee/District to incorporate certain changes.

James Crandall emphasized willingness to answer questions: crandaj@losrios.edu

Acknowledgment of harm really needs a lot of work. Can the policy/process move forward, but with the understanding that the acknowledgement of harm will be addressed? Emphasis on the need to interrupt the "erasure" of indigenous people.

That notion is supported. Discomfort expressed with the idea that we are endorsing a statement that we have not seen or read.

6.2 (p. 5) clarification that James Crandall is and will be the District NAGPRA Director (and not the District Designee, who is currently Jamie Nye who was designated by the Chancellor)

Did the local/regional tribes approve this designee?

No. They expressed a desire to not have a lawyer in that role.

The issue of rumors and misinformation described. Story shared of being shown Native American items and remains in Davies Hall. Frustration and guilt expressed with a lack of objection in that moment. Emphasized the need for an "acknowledgement of harm" to help guide action and redress.

Will clearly communicate to DAS that the ARC Academic Senate is not satisfied with the "acknowledgement of harms" section and also cannot move forward without seeing a draft of the Chancellor's statement.

Reports (5-10 minutes per item)

10. Academic Senate Elections Committee

Email sent out today (3.27.25) calling for nominations, which can be sent to Jeff Sacha and/or Tak Auyeung

11. HSI Learning. Community (Uriel Delgado)

Dr. Delgado HSI Coordinator

Brief history of ARC's HSI designation (25% of students from Latina/Latino background)

Grant objectives: increase fall-to-fall retention, graduation rates, reduction in LatinX remediation

Spring 2024: the hiring process began for HSI Staff

Fall 2024: Staff filled for HSI (Rick Ramirez is the councilor)

Conexiones (located in the UNITE Center, back-right corner): a learning community for LatinX students at ARC (similar to Umoja) Request for more class sections to dedicate seats/permission numbers to the learning community

ESA's available to faculty who participate to compensate for time outside of class to build community and receive PD on serving LatinX students.

Early Childhood Education (ECE) offered to connect with the Conexiones learning community.

Clarification on the difference between PUENTE and Conexiones asked.

Uriel: not a difference in the goals of the programs (student success and transfer). PUENTE is limited on the two courses (writing and HCD), where Conexiones includes all courses.

Request for a communication to faculty and students around how these programs help students and work together to support Latinx students at ARC.

12. Student Health Services

Michelle Arnott (full-time college nurse) and TJ (Mental health advocate)

Vision statement shared via PowerPoint (available in supplemental materials): all enrolled students have access to free mental and physical health services at all four Los Rios campuses.

Co-located in the student health and wellness center (nurses, therapists, and other health professionals all in the same place); enables warm hand-offs.

Free student mental health services:

Uses peer mentors to overcome cultural barriers to accessing mental health (Togetherall)

Gender Health Center (off-campus) provides free therapy services in person and virtually for queer-identified students.

Discussion (10-15 minutes per item)

13. JD's for Coordinators

14. SSC Framework for Student Conduct Recommendations

15. Report Back (Feedback from College Areas)

- a. Open Issues from any Previous Agenda Item

16. Report Out (Information from District Meetings and Other Areas)

- a. District Academic Senate and District Meetings
- b. Other Areas

17. Items from College Areas for Academic Senate Consideration

Move to Adjourn 4:58 pm

Upcoming Meetings

- Academic Senate:
 - Spring Meeting Dates: April 10 (Elections), April 24, May 8
- Next DAS Meeting: April 1 District Office Main Conference Room (remote location)

Appendix A:

Attendance

Name	Role	Area	Term End	Empl Status	Present	Remote
Brian Knirk	President		2025	Full-time	X	
Veronica Lopez	Vice-Pres		2025	Full-time	X	
Jeffrey Sacha	Secretary		2025	Full-time	X	
Alisa Shubb	Past-Pres		2025	Full-time	X	
Adam Karp	Senator	Language & Communication: Spanish	2025	Full-time	X	X
Andrew Fix	Senator	Language & Communication: Philosophy	2025	Adjunct	X	
Behrang Mokarami	Senator	Business: Accounting	2025	Full-time	X	X

Benjamin French	Senator	Manufacturing, Construction & Transportation	2026	Full-time		
Brian Rosario	Senator	Business: Economics	2026	Full-time	X	
Carlos Ponce	Senator	Career Education, Workforce, Public Service, & Apprenticeship	2024	Adjunct		
Carmelita Palomares	Senator	Counseling	2025	Full-time		
Chris Moore	Senator	Manufacturing, Construction & Transportation	2024	Full-time	X	
Christian Speck	Senator	Business	2023	Adjunct	X	X
Daniel Slutsky	Senator	STEM - Science	2027	Full-time	X	
David McCusker	Senator	Library/Learning Resources/Instructional Tech. Center	2025	Full-time	X	
Diane Lui	Senator	Arts	2023	Adjunct	X	X
Dyanne Marte	Senator	Arts: Fashion and Interior Design	2026	Full-time	X	
Dylan Popowicw	Senator	People, Culture & Society: Phil	???	Full-time		
Eric Black	Senator	Kinesiology & Athletics	2024	Full-time		
Gina Barnard	Senator	English	2025	Full-time	X	X
Glenn Jaecks	Senator	STEM - Science	2025	Full-time	X	
Jen Kirkman	Senator	Health & Education: Nursing	2025	Full-time		X
Jennifer Scalzi	Senator	Counseling	???	Full-time		

Jody Johnson	Senator	Career Education, Workforce, Public Service, & Apprenticeship	2026	Adjunct		
John Burke	Senator	STEM - Math & Computer Science	2026	Full-time		
Judith Valdez	Senator	Student Support Services: EOPS	2024	Full-time		
Kris Fertel	Senator	Language & Communication	2027	Full-time	X	X
Lauren Chavez	Senator	People, Culture & Society	2024	Adjunct		
Linda Gelfman	Senator	Arts	2024	Full-time		
Matthew Stoehr	Senator	Arts: Art/New Media		Full-time		
Mayra Mireles-Tijero	Senator	Counseling	2026	Full-time	X	
Michael Crowder	Senator	English	2025	Full-time		
Michaela Cooper	Senator	English	2026	Full-time	X	
Mihaela Badea-Mic	Senator	STEM - Science	2025	Adjunct		
Mikhail Drobot	Senator	Manufacturing, Construction & Transportation	2023	Adjunct		X
Ricardo Caton	Senator	People, Culture & Society	2025	Full-time	X	
Rob Juner	Senator	Health & Education	2026	Full-time	X	X
Sarah Lehmann	Senator	Library/Learning Resources/Instructional Tech. Center	2026	Full-time	X	X

Sabina Simon	Senator	Language & Communication: ESL		Full-time	X	
Sonya Reichel	Senator	STEM - Math & Computer Science	2025	Full-time	X	
Susan Chou	Senator	Health & Education	2027	Full-time	X	X
Tak Auyeung	Senator	STEM - Math & Computer Science	2027	Full-time	X	
Tee Gager	Senator	People, Culture & Society	2026	Part-time	X	X
Valerie Bronstein	Senator	English	2026	Adjunct	X	
Vivian Dillon	Senator	Career Education, Workforce, Public Service, & Apprenticeship	2024	Full-time	X	
Deborah Gale	Senator	STEM - Math & Computer Science		Alt Adjunct	X	
Arthur Jenkins	Senator	Student Support Services	Ex Officio	Alt Full-Time		
Ellen Bowden	Senator	People, Culture & Society: Anthro		Alt Adjunct		
Erik Haarala	Senator	Language & Communication		Alt Full-Time		
John Coldiron	Senator	Health & Education		Alt Full-Time		
Kim Herrell	Senator	Counseling		Alt Full-Time		
Lana Anishchenko	Senator	STEM - Math & Computer Science		Alt Full-Time	X	X
Lonetta Riley	Senator	Career Education, Workforce, Public Service, & Apprenticeship		Alt Full-Time		

Marianne Harris	Senator	Library/Learning Resources/Instructional Tech. Center	Alt Full-Time
Melissa Diaz	Senator	English	Alt Full-Time
Michael Nakada	Senator	Arts: Hospitality Management	Alt Full-Time
Shannon Pries	Senator	English	Alt Full-Time
Susan Ramones	Senator	STEM - Science: Biology	Alt Full-Time