

Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 3 pm
Academic Senate Meeting Notes

Preliminaries

1. Call to Order: Called to order at 3:02 pm
2. Approval of the Agenda: Approved
3. Approval of the Minutes: Minutes from 11/17 and 12/8 approved
4. Introduction of Guests: David Austin, PRIDE Faculty Coordinator & Communication Faculty, Dylan Popowicz, Philosophy Faculty, Patricia Wood, Fine & Applied Arts Faculty, Martee Squire, Library Faculty
5. Public Comment Period (3 min)
 - Senator voiced concern over the hiring of student employees. The Business Office changing hiring process it has slowed down the instructional support.
 - Faculty for Family Justice Campaign raising awareness about improving LRCCD family leave policies. LRCFT Negotiations taking place this semester. Shared examples such as not being able to use leave until you exhaust all sick leave. This makes it difficult if you are a care taker. Current policies also impact PT Faculty. Organizers are asking for support and faculty interested in signing and to please circulate their [petition](#).
 - Senator shared the need to research ChatGPT from OpenAI, and how that is going to affect how classes are taught.
6. President's Report:
 - Academic Senate Spring Retreat was well attended. Notes and slides posted on Canvas under "Supporting Materials." Appreciate faculty input on current topics of interest, the dialogue around the "Decolonizing Faculty Governance at Hispanic Serving Institutions" article and will continue with future reading.
 - Presidential Leadership Transition Community Town Hall meeting Friday, 1/27 10:00-11:30 AM (Arts & Science 103 and Zoom)
 - ARC Approved hiring of 4 critical hires - Funeral Services, Hospitality Management, and Nursing (2). These authorized critical hires met the narrow criteria of 1) required for program accreditation or 2) necessary for program continuance. See Memo from President Dixon (under "Supporting Materials").
 - HomeBases organization plan out lined in recent memo regarding the Dusty Baker - President Kobayashi will be our guest next meeting to report on these changes and answer questions. Senators from Counseling will also provide information about what has been happening later in the meeting.
 - ARC experiencing fraudulent enrollment, this week around 1400 at ARC and 3000 district-wide. Area Deans are working on the issue and will be in communication about solutions.

- Provision for Brown Act remote meetings will change this Spring. A likely return to in-person senate and standing committees meeting once the COVID-19 emergency order is lifted. Academic Senate meetings will be impacted after Spring Break.
- Invitation to the Pride Center Open House from 1 - 2:30pm planned by David Austin.

Consent Items:

7. Bias Response Project Team Report - Approved by consent
8. Onboarding Project Team Report - Approved by consent

Discussion Items: (10 minutes per item)

9. "Adopt the finding that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to safely meet in person" -
 - Discussion on this items centered around what standard are we going to be using, concerns for immunocompromised colleagues, infection rates are every changing. What about those with accommodations not being able to attend the last four meetings? The public needs to have access to the meetings, anybody should be able to join the meeting.
 - There was a motion to vote on this item; it was seconded; Vote counted; Yes - 29; No - 0; Abstains - 0. Motion passes.
10. Resolution of Appreciation for President Melanie Dixon (Second Reading) -
 - Discussion on this centered around concerns/uncomfortable about supporting a resolution without input from all faculty from the area. Faculty from other departments were supportive of the resolution.
 - There was a motion to vote on this item; it was seconded: Votes counted; Yes - 16; No - 3, Abstentions, 10. Motion passes.

Reports: (5 - 10 minutes per item)

11. Reconvening the Honors Program Advisory Committee - Michael Crowder, English Faculty
 - Discussion centered around the ARC Honors Advisory Committee provides support for the Honors Coordinator. The Honors Advisory Committee is committed to promoting equity and social justice through equity-minded education, transformative leadership, and community engagement throughout the Honors Program. Looking for faculty interested serving on the committee from across a wide range of institutional programs and academic disciplines. Please contact Michael Crowder, if interested.
12. Council Updates
 - a. Institutional Effectiveness Council (Janay Lovering) - No report.
 - b. Operations Council (Araceli Badilla) - written report provided under "Supporting Materials. Some brief highlights include reminding faculty to display there parking permits (orange parking permits good until June 30th). Students still park for free. If you forget your parking permit, park in the student parking lot. Chief Savage will be retiring in March 2023. IT phone migration. We will not be using Skype, we will be using MS Teams instead. We will be getting new phones, their is a request to use headsets. Questions regarding access to phones during an emergency. Budget highlights, 8% COLA, ARC got 60K for Professional

Development. Monies from Lottery funds. Natomas contract delayed by 6 months because project had to go out for a re-bid. Alisa on the Vending committee and they will be meeting during Spring Break. If faculty want a phone talk to your Dean and request should go to Jeff Bucher.

c. Student Success Council (Veronica Lopez) - No report.

Discussion: (10-15 minutes per item)

13. ARC Presidential Search Town Hall -

- Discussion centered around the question “*What are the ideal leadership qualities you’d urge our AS exec team to advocate for at this event?*” Information captured Mentimeter. Themes revolve around classroom experience, collaborative, and equity minded. Impression forums open to all constituent groups.

14. Enrollment and Course Roster Management Concerns -

- Discussion centered around the question “*What would make course enrollment and roster management work more seamlessly for you during the early weeks of the semester?*” Questions regarding when is a course closed and when can students add? There was a request could faculty be notified when a new student adds? What is the purpose of permission number, if a student can add w/o a permission number after 1 week after the class has started? This is an issue for faculty, when working to establish community/connecting with students during the first week. Other issues for consideration 1) checking pre-requisites. Faculty need help with this very manual process. How can this process be automated? 2) Sending welcome letter through Socrates/PeopleSoft but doesn’t provide faculty with error updates, if failures happen with email. It was shared that it would be helpful if there was an ability to export student emails into an excel spreadsheet.

15. Report Back (Feedback from College Areas)

- a. Spring 2023 Convocation Feedback - Many faculty voiced appreciation for having student voices. Student presenters were amazing.
- b. Open Issues from any Previous Agenda Item -
 - Question regarding the status of the petition revamp. President Hoffpauir will inquire.
 - Question about student confusion over teaching modality, online, in person, partially online, etc. Senator noted that maybe some faculty may also not fully understand the various modalities, for example asking students to come to campus when they registered for an online course.
 - Issue with fraudulent enrollments - is this a State Chancellor issue because of the one application process? This situation is creating a situation where legitimate students are being dropped.
 - HomeBase Reorganization - Counselor support HomeBases, but have issues with the re-organization, which may result in counselors not reporting to a counseling Dean. Counselors can be embedded fully with HomeBases without having to report to an Instructional Dean. Counselors are interested in understanding the Re-organization. There is interest to identify the core concerns?

The interim President Frank Kobayashi will be present at the next AS meeting to help update on HomeBases. More to come.

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

a. District Academic Senate and District Meetings

- The proposed Dual Enrollment regs were approved. There are still questions about collegial consultation and Academic Senate, Academic Freedom, and the classes being offered.
- No update from DAS, the committee hasn't met yet.

b. Other areas

17. Items from College Areas for Academic Senate Consideration

- None

Upcoming meetings and Events:

- ARC Strategic Planning Forum: Tuesday Jan. 24th 10:30 AM
- District Academic Senate: Tuesday Jan. 24th 3:00 PM
- ARC Academic Senate: Thursday Jan. 26th 3:00 PM
- ARC Presidential Search Town Hall Meeting: Friday Jan. 27th (TBA)
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- District Academic Senate: Tuesday Feb. 7th 3:00 PM
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Meeting Adjourned at 5:18 pm



AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE

In accordance with California's Code of Regulation, Title 5, ARC's Academic Senate is the organization whose primary function, as the representative of the faculty, is to make recommendations to the administration of a college and to the governing board of a district with respect to academic and professional matters.

"Academic and professional matters" means the following policy development and implementation matters:

- (1) curriculum, including establishing prerequisites and placing courses within disciplines;*
- (2) degree and certificate requirements;*
- (3) grading policies;*
- (4) educational program development;*
- (5) standards or policies regarding student preparation and success;*
- (6) district and college governance structures, as related to faculty roles;*
- (7) faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes, including selfstudy and annual reports;*
- (8) policies for faculty professional development activities;*
- (9) processes for program review;*
- (10) processes for institutional planning and budget development; and*
- (11) other academic and professional matters as are mutually agreed upon between the governing board and the academic senate.*

1/26/23

3:00P.M.

Meeting ID: 845 6120 0223, Password: 10plus1

Zoom link:

<https://lrcdd.zoom.us/j/85796237720?pwd=aWRUZCtmbkJNR0dmTWNrNTVzSktYQT09>

American River College Academic Senate Regular Meeting AGENDA

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Decision Items (10 minutes maximum per item)

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10. [Resolution of Appreciation for President Melanie Dixon](#) (Second Reading)

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Office of the President

MEMORANDUM

December 14, 2022

TO: All ARC Employees
FROM: Melanie Dixon *Melanie Dixon*
SUBJECT: Faculty Hiring Priorities

ARC will be filling 4 critical hire faculty positions by the completion of Spring 2023. These positions, authorized by the District, include:

Funeral Services
Hospitality Management
Nursing (2)

I appreciate the work done by the Department Chairs, Deans, Associate Vice Presidents, and Vice Presidents on bringing forward critical position recommendations. I am also appreciative of Academic Senate President Carina Hoffpauir for her input in this decision. The authorized critical hires met the narrow criteria of 1) required for program accreditation or 2) necessary for program continuance.

MD:sm



January 24, 2023

To: ARC Community

From: Dr. Jefferey Stephenson
Vice President of Student Services

Dr. Derrick Booth
Interim Vice President of Instruction

RE: Dusty Baker Center

As part of the larger redesign work that we have committed to as a college ([HomeBases Overview](#)), effective immediately, the Dusty Baker Center (DBC), its staff and counselors will report to Dr. Steve Roberson, Dean of Kinesiology and Athletics. Also, as part of the redesign and effective immediately, Hannah Blodgett, Interim Dean of Outreach, First Year Experience, and Pathways Communities, will report to the Interim Vice President of Instruction, Dr. Derrick Booth, until the Interim Associate Vice President – Guided Pathways is named.

Identical to the mission of the HomeBases, the Dusty Baker Center's vision has always been to provide a one-stop place for student-athletes to be able to receive services and support. The services that the DBC provides are very similar to those in the HomeBases. The DBC has been very successful at removing barriers for our student athletes enabling them to succeed in earning their degrees and certificates in a timely fashion and at a high rate.

Hannah, who currently has oversight of the daily operations of the HomeBases, will also oversee the implementation of additional staff to support the mission of the HomeBases and Outreach. Hannah's work will be focused on the daily operations of the HomeBases, insuring continuity among them and will support the integration of the HomeBase staff into the instructional areas.

As we move forward, these moves are critical for the integration of our HomeBases into the instructional areas. The alignment of the DBC staff with the Kinesiology and Athletics Division combined with Hannah's leadership will allow for the early identification of integration issues. This will allow for the development of the necessary protocols and process to help make the planned integration of HomeBases into the instructional areas as seamless as possible. For more in-depth information about the HomeBases, please see the HomeBase Panel Report in the Institutional Governance Online Repository ([IGOR](#)) under the Student Success Council.



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The Brown Act and Recent Legislation

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Brown Act

Transparency

Inclusion



Outline

- Background
- Legislative Bodies & Application to Academic Senates
- Basic Requirements
- Impact of COVID19 and Recent Legislation



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Background



Gov Code §54950

- In enacting this chapter, the Legislature finds and declares that the public commissions, boards and councils and the other public agencies in this State **exist to aid in the conduct of the people's business**. It is the intent of the law that their **actions be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted openly**.



Gov Code §54950

- **The people of this State do not yield their sovereignty** to the agencies which serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. **The people insist on remaining informed** so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created.





Legislative Bodies



Legislative Body (Gov Code §54952)

- Local body created by state or federal statute
- Committee (decisionmaking or advisory) created through formal action of a legislative body
- Standing committees with a continuing subject matter jurisdiction OR a fixed meeting schedule by formal action



What About Local Academic Senates?

- Joint action by faculty of a community college and district board is required to establish an academic senate
- This constitutes a formal action
- Attorney General Opinion 83304 (1983)





Basic Requirements



Brown Act Key Requirements

- Agenda posted 72 hours in advance
- Specify time and location of meeting
- Posted in a location that is freely accessible to members of the public and on committee website (if there is one)
- Provide opportunity for members of the public to attend and address the legislative body
- Only deliberate on items on the agenda
- Publicly report any action taken and vote of each member present
 - No secret ballots for actions



Public Deliberations

- Business of the legislative body must be performed in public
- Careful:
 - A series of contacts that lead to a discussion with a majority of members
 - Communications that reveal positions of other members of the body
- Members may congregate
 - Simply do not discuss items within the bodies subject matter





Teleconferencing



Ever wonder why legislative bodies largely meet in person?

- Teleconferencing requires § 4953b):
 - All votes by roll call
 - Agendas posted at all teleconference locations
 - Each teleconference location is identified in the agenda and notice of meeting
 - Each teleconference location is accessible to the public
 - Members of public may address the legislative body at each teleconference location





Legislation & Teleconferencing



State of Emergency Options: AB 361 (Rivas)

- First executive orders and then AB 361 (Rivas) suspends some teleconference restrictions
- All votes still by roll call
- Teleconference disruption precludes taking any action
- Reconsider health and safety concerns every 30 days (majority vote)

- In effect until Jan 1, 2024
- State of emergency is declared by the Governor per Gov Code 85525



Recently Signed Legislation: AB 2449 (Rubio)

- If quorum of members at same location in person
 - Then some may participate via teleconference
 - Non-emergency: just cause and provides notice
 - Emergency provisions as well
 - Limited to 3 months or 20% of regular meetings
 - Must have both video and sound
 - Process for ADA compliance
 - All votes still by roll call
 - Teleconference disruption precludes taking any action
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- In effect until Jan 1, 2026



AB 2449 (Rubio) Cont.

- Emergency circumstances: physical or family medical emergency
- Just cause:
 - Childcare or caregiving need of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner
 - Contagious illness
 - Physical or mental disability not otherwise accommodated
 - Travel while on official business of the legislative body or another state or local agency



Brown Act “Eras”

- Now through Dec 31, 2022
 - Traditional Brown Act and AB 361
- Jan 1, 2023 Dec 31, 2023
 - Traditional Brown Act, AB 361, and AB 2449
- Jan 1, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
 - Traditional Brown Act and AB 2449
- Jan 1, 2026 ?
 - Traditional Brown Act
- Unless more legislation comes



Even More Recently

Governor will end state of emergency on Feb 28, 2023



Parliamentary Procedure



Parliamentary Procedure

- How meetings are conducted is up to Senate
- Robert's Rules is not the only guide
- Consistency and transparency are key





Critical Information



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Send questions to info@asccc.org

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Spring Into Culture

UNITE Open House Week



Monday
JAN 30th
12-1pm

Meet the faculty and staff that work in the **Native American Center** and come acknowledge the space we occupy.



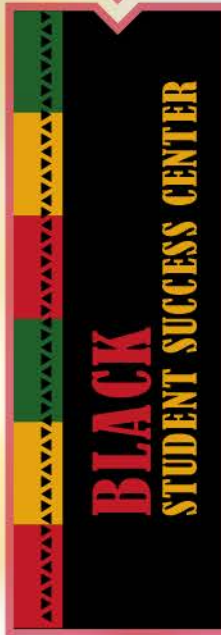
Tuesday
JAN 31st
1-2:30pm

Meet the **PRIDE Center** team and learn what the center has to offer and enjoy the festivities.



Wednesday
FEB 1st
12-2pm

Meet with the faculty and staff in the **UMOJA** and **Black Student Success Center**. Learn about the center and resources they provide.



Thursday
FEB 2nd
12-1pm

Meet the faculty and staff that work in the **PRISE**, **APISC**, **PUENTE** and **LatinX Center**. Learn about resources and future activities.



arc.losrios.edu/student-resources/unite-center



Two Options for Meeting “Teleconferencing”

Option A: Original Brown Act Teleconferencing (§54953b)	Option B: New Teleconferencing Provisions (AB2449 Rubio)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Agendas posted at all teleconference locations ● Each teleconference location is identified in the agenda and notice of meeting ● Each teleconference location is accessible to the public <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Members of public may address the legislative body at each teleconference location 	<p>If quorum of members at same location in person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Then <i>some</i> may participate via teleconference. This falls into two groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Non-emergency: just cause and provides notice (examples: childcare, family caregiving, illness, physical or medical disability, or travel) ○ Emergency: physical or family emergency ● Teleconferencing is limited to 3 months or 20% of regular meetings

Re: Sac Co Rescinded Remote Meeting Order.

Oliver, Julie <OliverJ@CRC.losrios.edu>

Thu 2/17/2022 3:17 PM

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Information for all academic senates, DCCC, and DESSC:

Just finished speaking with General Counsel to get guidance for academic senates moving forward.

At this point AB361 may still be used to continue operating virtually if the body votes (majority needed) that *"the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person."* Clearly there may be varying opinions on this statement, so a discussion needs to occur and then a roll call vote.

At this point each academic senate will need to address this as an action item at their next meeting (agenda language included at end of email). Your next meetings may still be virtual, but you need to have this dialog and vote to continue to meet virtually beyond your next regularly scheduled meeting.

- If the vote supports the statement, you may continue to meet virtually and must reaffirm every 30-days.
- If the vote does not support the statement, you may finish the current meeting, but subsequent meetings need to be scheduled to follow all pre-pandemic Brown Act requirements.

Please be aware that if the CA state of emergency is rescinded then AB361 will no longer be relevant. You should all be preparing now for how you will return to conducting meetings which follow pre-pandemic Brown Act requirements.

The plan right now is that the DAS will have this as a decision item (not on consent) at the virtual March 1st DAS meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Julie

Adoption of Findings Related to Public Meetings Pursuant to AB 361:

BACKGROUND:

On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361, which amended the Brown Act to provide local legislative bodies the ability to conduct virtual meetings under certain circumstances. The legislation included an urgency clause, which made it effective immediately.

AB 361 allows local legislative bodies to conduct virtual meetings during a state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor under certain conditions, including when "the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person."

If the state of emergency is ongoing, the local legislative body must adopt certain findings by majority vote every thirty days in order to continue using the virtual meeting rules under AB 361.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the District Academic Senate (DAS) adopt the finding "the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person."

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 **Think, Act & Go GREEN - Please don't print this e-mail unless necessary.**

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Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 5:09 PM

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Subject: Sac Co Rescinded Remote Meeting Order.

Still working with General Counsel on all of this but wanted to share with you all asap. More to come as soon as I have it from General Counsel. The state still seems to be updating the website with rescissions of orders, so might take a bit more time to pull everything together.

Just learned that Sac County rescinded the Jan 2022 order requiring public meetings to be held remotely.

[20220216_Rescission_of_SacCounty_Health_Order-Public-Meetings.pdf](#)

RESCISSION OF ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO DIRECTING ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS IN THE COUNTY TO OCCUR VIRTUALLY AND ENCOURAGING WORKPLACES TO CONDUCT MEETINGS REMOTELY AS BUSINESS NEEDS PERMIT
DATE OF RESCISSION: February 16, 2022

County of Sacramento | Rescission of Order of the Health Officer | Public Meetings . RESCISSION OF ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF

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The attached executive order is still in effect which extends AB361 until at least April 1st as long as the CA state of emergency declared by the Gov is in effect.

At this point it seems this SCPH Teleconferencing Rec from Sept is still in effect, which was what we were using as findings for AB361. Need to see if it is rescinded also.

[Microsoft Word - SCPH Teleconferencing Recommendation 9-28-2021 \(saccounty.gov\)](#)

SCPH Teleconferencing Recommendation 9-28-2021

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Resolution of Appreciation for President Melanie Dixon

Whereas, it is within the ARC Academic Senate's purview over "academic and professional matters" to recognize those who have advanced the educational mission, vision, and values of the College, and President Melanie Dixon has made a significant impact during her leadership of our College;

Whereas, President Dixon stepped into her position in unprecedented times, in the midst of a pandemic that required the majority of courses to be moved online and upended higher education as we knew it;

Whereas, President Dixon created a new hybrid presidency and navigated creating community in a virtual environment by making connections, getting to know the ARC community, and working tirelessly on behalf of students, staff, and faculty;

Whereas, President Dixon has codified the campus culture of inclusion, through the framing of all discussions in terms of student success with a passionate focus on our disproportionately impacted students;

Whereas, President Dixon has fought tirelessly to ensure all voices have been represented and heard in all aspects of the college governance process;

Whereas, President Dixon successfully shepherded the College through accreditation, completion of the Onboarding and Bias Response project teams, creation of the Student Design Team, advancement and implementation of HomeBases, development of an institutional outreach plan, realignment of our budget with our institutional values and priorities, and augmentation of diverse representation and equity-minded culture among employee groups;

Whereas, President Dixon has taken the time to make every individual she has come in contact with feel honored and appreciated with her authentic and engaging presence:

Resolved, That the ARC Academic Senate sincerely thanks Melanie Dixon for her contributions to our faculty and students;

Resolved, That the ARC Academic Senate wishes Melanie much happiness spending time with her family in her new home in the Pacific Northwest.

Reviving the Honors Advisory Committee-1/26/2023

Michael Crowder, Honors Coordinator

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1. Membership

Historically, the American River College Honors Advisory Committee has consisted of 6-10 ARC Honors Program shareholders, with a majority of faculty representation, and including advising (specifically a dedicated Honors Counselor), administrative, and student representation. The committee should include faculty from a variety of disciplines and at least one faculty member who is experienced working with students from groups that have been disproportionately impacted.

2. Charge

The Honors Advisory Committee is charged with advising the Honors Program Coordinator and the Honors Program's faculty on matters of course programming and selection (and the promotion of the courses), the program guidelines (like the implementation of the proposed Honors Contract), and the coordination of events (like planning and attending of conferences and symposiums). The advisory committee would also be charged with the supervising of the accreditation of partnerships like with UCLA TAP program and The Honors Transfer Council of California.

3. Meeting Schedule

The Honors Advisory meeting has generally met once during flex week for an activity and then up to four more times each semester.

UPDATES AND BRIEF REPORTS

Captain Day/Safety Concerns

police chief to retire at the end of March

Officer Emily Anderson is new to ARC and works day shift

Captain Day is responsible for ARC and SCC

MIB (Members in Black) will patrol at Natomas and Public Safety Center and for special events

Parking permit from last year (red color) is valid until June 2023.

Starting January 30, they will start enforcing parking permits in staff parking areas. Student parking is free during spring semester.

Fire drills are planned for this semester in 4-hour blocks (continuation from last fall). Details to be worked out.

Margaret Lednicky/Facilities Projects

Athletics streaming package is going through process

Irrigation improvement has gone to bid and project to start between Jan-Mar.

Volleyball waiting for purchase order, ...ETC June 2025

Pool project still on target

Boiler replacement project waiting for parts and repairs

Natomas phase 2 & 3 going backout to bid, it's behind 6 months

Offsite parking at Natomas almost complete

Tech Ed is about 9% complete...to be finished by Nov. 2024. Inclement weather slowed down construction process.

Veterans Resource Center project in very early phase

Jeff Bucher/IT projects

Mobile workforce project to be completed May 31. Currently working in LRC

New phone migration to start soon (Teams will be used, no longer Skype)...no dates available.

Will be scheduled during fall or spring semesters, but not summer since most faculty are off contract. They will encourage folks to use a headset and not a physical phone but if an employee wants one, they will receive one. More info coming soon. Los Rios going with "Teams" because the district primarily uses Microsoft.

There was discussion about what happens with the phone system in case of an emergency/lockdown (like at CRC).

Hot spots are all turned off but if an areas/dept. wants to reactive, contact Jeff Bucher.

Individual departments must fund hot spots since HEERF funds no longer available.

Koue Vang/Budget Update

Highlights:

Cost of living increase (8%) included in proposed budget from governor.

One-time funding to address enrollment decline. If enrollment does not increase, it will impact overall budget in the next couple of years.

ARC gets approx. \$60K for professional development funds; there is a formula on how these funds gets distrusted among different constituency groups (faculty,

classified, management)

Koue gave an overview on the budget and timeline at ARC & Los Rios.

Lottery funds: \$1.6 million to be allocated by VPI and area Deans.

Margaret Lednicky/Update on Gender Neutral Restrooms

A group has been formed (students, management, faculty, classified) to address the need of having more gender-neutral restrooms on campus, budget constraints and building code requirements

Focus group to meet Jan. 31 @ 9am. For questions, contact Koue Vang.

Koue Vang/Food Dining Services

Proposals expected by March from different vendors. The campus to identify a vendor spring semester for a start date of fall 2023.

Proposal to include catering service but not an “exclusive agreement” clause for catering services.

What are the ideal skills and qualities for ARC's college president?

