

THE ACADEMIC SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
54th Fall Plenary Session – Leading Change: Teaching, Learning, and Governance in a Hybrid World – Hybrid Event
November 4-6, 2021**

THURSDAY, November 4th, 2021

Morning Activity: Coffee Networking Meet & Greet for First-Timers and Experienced Senate Leaders at 8:00 a.m.

Morning Activity: New Delegate Information Session for New Delegates at 8:30 a.m.

Caucus Meetings: Participants were able to attend caucus meetings from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

1. Asian Pacific Islander Caucus
2. Black Caucus
3. Latinx Caucus
4. LGBTQIA+
5. Womxn’s Caucus
6. Small or Rural Caucus

FIRST GENERAL SESSION: From 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. session participants attended the first general session.

Welcome and Call to Order: President Dolores Davison called the 54th Fall Plenary Session of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed delegates and guests.

Adoption of the Procedures: Vice President Virginia May presented the Academic Senate’s Rules and Procedures and asked for their adoption. **MSC: Adopt the Academic Senate’s Rules and Procedures as presented.**

Presentation: State of the Senate: President Dolores Davison reported on the State of the Senate, including the Senate’s committees, activities, and events.

Foundation President’s Update: ASFCCC President Stephanie Curry presented on the current status of the Academic Senate Foundation for California Community Colleges.

SECOND GENERAL SESSION: From 10:50 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. session participants attended a second general session.

Presentation: Taking the Lead on Legislation that Impacts Teaching and Learning while Maintaining a Focus on Students While the California Code of Regulations is the preferred place for educational requirements, education continues to be a focus of the California Legislature as evidenced by the bills that moved forward in 2021. This creates both opportunities and challenges for the California community colleges and in particular faculty and ultimately students. Participants joined this session for an overview of the 2021 legislative session and an exploration into how faculty can leverage advocacy opportunities, especially in an evolving hybrid world in an effort to ensure that any legislation in the 2022 session will truly benefit the students in the California Community College system.

FIRST BREAKOUT SESSION: Session participants attended breakout sessions from 1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m., choosing from the following:

Hybrid:

1. Chancellor’s Office Meet and Greet
2. Open Educational Resources (OER) and Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) Degrees: Establishing a Sustainable Solution to the Challenge of Making Education Affordable
3. All Things Ethnic Studies
4. Governance in a Hybrid World

SECOND BREAKOUT SESSION: Session participants attended breakout sessions from 2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m., choosing from the following:

In Person Only:

1. Legislation that Impacts Teaching and Learning – A Closer Look
2. Best Practices for Online Teaching
3. Senate Leadership 101
4. When World’s Collide- Accessibility & Equity in Online Education

Virtual Only:

1. The Role of Senates in General Education
2. Grow Your Own
3. Competency Based Education
4. The Convergence of Online and In-Person: How to Navigate This Space

THIRD GENERAL SESSION: From 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. session participants attended a third general session.

Honoring Faculty Leaders

Honorary Resolutions

Resolution Presentation: President Dolores Davison recognized John Stanskas, past member of the Executive Committee for Academic Senate for California Community Colleges and read the following resolution:

Whereas, John Stanskas served on the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges from 2012 to 2020 as South Representative, Secretary, Vice President, and President, and chaired numerous committees including Curriculum, Basic Skills, Standards and Practices, and Accreditation;

Whereas, under John's presidency, the ASCCC made enormous gains in elevating diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts throughout the California Community Colleges system and within its own priorities and operations;

Whereas, John served as the first ASCCC representative on the Baccalaureate Degree Task Force, helping to craft the Baccalaureate Handbook and working with the Accrediting Commission to ensure that the baccalaureate programs were successful;

Whereas, John's decision to welcome two amazing children into his life, "in the manner of his people", has served as an inspiration to all around him;

Whereas, while John as a rule hated meeting with legislators because it made him nervous, he did it anyway because it was important to the work of the ASCCC and the students and faculty it represents;

Whereas, while the ASCCC was not able to provide glitter cannons or dancing unicorns at its 50th Anniversary celebration, John was nevertheless able to walk into the plenary session to the music of Drake;

Whereas, John has demonstrated excellence in many areas, with the possible exception of control of his facial expressions...;

Whereas, John's phone calls to Executive Committee team members while walking to drop his children at school were joyous, empowering, and valued;

Whereas, the absence of shiny, shiny, blue patent leather shoes at plenary will henceforth be mourned;

Whereas, John's love of the Academic Senate is only overshadowed by his love of his person, Jesse, and his children Julian and Cathryn;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges thank John for his service and wish him well in his future endeavors in the California Community College system.

Resolution Presentation: President Dolores Davison recognized Anna Nicholas, past member of the Executive Committee for Academic Senate for California Community Colleges and read the following resolution:

Whereas, Anna Nicholas served on the executive committee from 2018 to 2020 as South Representative, Relations with Local Senates Committee Chair, and Educational Policies Committee Chair;

Whereas, Anna's strong social sciences background led her to contribute significant analytical depth to conversations about research methodology and the roles of faculty;

Whereas, Anna could always be counted on to wear the most beautiful shawls, scarves, and sweaters;

Whereas, Anna's wearing of said shawls, scarves, and sweaters even in the warmest of rooms made it difficult for others to judge the temperature of a meeting space;

Whereas, Anna's compassion for students and faculty, especially those who were new to higher education or who faced challenges because of language acquisition, was evident in everything she said and did;

Whereas, Anna's quiet sweetness radiated every Executive committee meeting;

Whereas, Anna's answers to questions at info@asccc.org started as single word answers but eventually became models for everyone else responding to inquiries to the field;

Whereas, Anna's love of the Academic Senate is only overshadowed by her love of her husband, Chris, and her children Mary and Nicolas;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges thank Anna for her service and wish her well in her future endeavors educating students in the California Community College system

Resolution Presentation: President Dolores Davison recognized Geoffrey Dyer, past member of the Executive Committee for Academic Senate for California Community Colleges and read the following resolution:

Whereas, Geoffrey Dyer served on the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges from 2018 to 2020 as Area A Representative, and Standards and Practices and Resolutions Committee Chair;

Whereas, Geoffrey's love of music and of Robyn come together beautifully in their band Make Mine Yours;

Whereas, Geoffrey overcame the inevitable ASCCC 10+1 pound gain with a diligent focus on healing his knee and his heart by agreeing to early morning walks, often with a cup of coffee or a Red Bull in hand;

Whereas, Geoffrey deemed his "spirit animal" to be his own dog so he could always be a part of his own family;

Whereas, Geoffrey's relentless attention to Resolutions work set a very high precedence for those who followed, except maybe his buddy, parliamentarian Dave Mezzera;

Whereas, given the distance between Taft College and all other meeting spaces, you never knew what type of rental vehicle Geoffrey would roll up in, always on time and ready to work, from far, far, far, far, far, far away...;

Whereas, Geoffrey consistently exemplified a combination of expertise, diligence, commitment to strengthening the faculty voice, and professionalism with humility and grace, whether responding to questions from the field, visiting a college, or giving a presentation on behalf of the ASCCC;

Whereas, if anyone wants to know about something inside and out, Geoffrey is the person to ask since he'll research it and then explain it in ways that are easily understood;

Whereas, Geoffrey's love of all things Academic Senate is only overshadowed by his love of his wife, Robyn, his children Emerson and Finley, and his dog, Rusty;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges thank Geoffrey for his service and wish him well in his future endeavors educating students and helping bring love and music to those around him.

Faculty Empowerment Leadership Academy: Session participants learned about the Faculty Empowerment Leadership Academy.

FRIDAY, November 5th, 2021

Caucus Meetings: Participants were able to attend caucus meetings from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

1. Asian Pacific Islander Caucus
2. Black Caucus
3. Latinx Caucus
4. LGBTQIA+
5. Womyn's Caucus
6. Small or Rural Caucus

Disciplines List Hearing: From 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. session participants attended the Disciplines List Hearing.

FOURTH GENERAL SESSION: From 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. session participants attended a fourth general session.

Presentation: From Equity Theory to Equity Practice: Activating Our Agency as Practitioners We have survived and managed through the sorrow, the loss, the stress, the violence, the racism, and the overwhelming shifts to our lives in this last year and a half. We have also engaged in discussions on decolonization and addressing anti-Blackness in our system during the last few plenaries. Now, let's engage collectively and go deeper into understanding the roots of oppression and injustice. We will discuss how to interrogate, disrupt, and abolish traditional views and practices that continue to cause harm. Let's lean in and come together in this session to understand each other and to discuss creative approaches, principles, and practices that your campus could use to redefine processes through an equity-minded frame-work that embraces love, joy, trust, and the beauty of diversity.

AREA MEETINGS: From 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. session participants were invited to attend Area Meetings for discussion of Session resolutions and issues.

FIFTH GENERAL SESSION: From 1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. session participants attended a fifth general session.

Presentation: Transfer – Clearing the Fog and Taking the Lead From local associate degrees, Associate Degrees for Transfer, Transfer Model Curriculum, University of California Transfer Pathways, Transfer Admission Guarantees to Pathways+, what is working for the students? During this session, representatives from the California Community Colleges, California State University, and University of California Academic Senates will discuss how faculty in each of their systems are addressing the transfer needs of students, especially those that have been historically underrepresented, and how the three Academic Senates can continue to work together to improve transfer within California's public higher education institutions.

THIRD BREAKOUT SESSION: Session participants attended breakout sessions from 2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m., choosing from the following:

In Person Only:

1. Hiring and EEO Regulations
2. Succession Planning
3. NonCredit

Virtual Only:

1. ASCCC Caucuses
2. Hot Topics for Part-Time Faculty
3. (Breakout Session Cancelled) Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Anti-Racism - A Process for Reviewing and Improving Courses and Course Resources
4. The Role of Faculty in Tutoring and Learning Centers in the Community College: Highlights from the Paper

Hybrid:

1. Transfer – Leading the Effort to Create Effective Opportunities

FOURTH BREAKOUT SESSION: Session participants attended breakout sessions from 4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., choosing from the following:

In Person Only:

1. Mentorship 101: Exploring Faculty Empowerment and Leadership
2. Senate and Union Relations
3. Partnering with Students: The 9+1 and the 10+1

Virtual Only:

1. What Does It Mean to be an Anti-Racist Institution
2. Periodic Review of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges
3. Equity Driven Leadership 102

Hybrid:

1. Setting a Higher Standard: Partnering with Unions to Embed DEI Expectations in Evaluations

Executive Committee Meeting: From 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Executive Committee members held a closed session to discuss urgent resolutions.

Evening Activity: From 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. session participants attended the President's Reception

SATURDAY, November 6th, 2021

Morning Activity: Need help with Technology at 8:00 a.m.

SIXTH GENERAL SESSION: From 9:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. session participants attended a sixth general session.

Call to Order: President Dolores Davison called the Sixth General Session to order at 9:00 a.m. with announcements and explained the basic rules of parliamentary procedure.

Resolution Voting Begins

Delegates began consideration of the Academic Senate's resolutions. A full listing of the resolution voting results during the 2021 Fall Plenary Session can be found on the Senate's website at <http://www.asccc.org>.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Cheryl Aschenbach presented the minutes from the Spring 2021 Plenary Session for adoption.

MSC: Approve the minutes from the 2021 Fall Plenary Session as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Michelle Bean presented the Academic Senate Treasurer's Report for fiscal year 2020-21.

Adjournment

The 2021 Fall Plenary Session of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges was adjourned on Saturday, November 7th, 2021 at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
ASCCC Event Management
Cheryl Aschenbach, Secretary