



HARTNELL COLLEGE

Academic Affairs Success Council

Minutes

February 9, 2024, 9am-11am / E-112 & Zoom

| MEMBERS | Constituent Group | Present | Absent |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------|--------|
| 1. Ram Subramaniam, Tri-Chair | Administrator | X | |
| 2. Kelly Locke, Tri-Chair | Academic Senate | X | |
| 3. Vanessa Meldahl, Tri-Chair | Confidential | X | |
| 4. Marianne Fontes | Administrator | X | |
| 5. Jason Garrett | Administrator | X | |
| 6. Mostafa Ghous | Administrator | X | |
| 7. Carla Johnson | Administrator | X | |
| Vacant | CSEA | | |
| 8. Jess Green | CSEA | X | |
| 9. Fatima Barron Vargas | CSEA | | X |
| 10. Miriam Contreras | Confidential | X | |
| Vacant | Counselor | | |
| 11. Sunita Lanka | Meta Major Rep | X | |
| 12. Pimol Moth | Meta Major Rep | X | |
| 13. Mohammed Yahdi | Meta Major Rep | | X |
| 14. Alexis Atayde | ASHC | | X |
| 15. Angeles Badajos-Uribe | ASHC | | X |
| 16. Andrea Meza Aguilar | ASHC | | X |
| 17. Aileen Sandoval | ASHC | | X |

Guests: None

1. Call Meeting to Order/ Reading of Council Charge

The meeting was called to order at 9:05am. Ms. Meldahl read the council charge.

2. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Fontes motioned to approve the agenda. Dr. Lanka seconded the motion. The Council voted and the agenda was approved with no opposition or abstention.

3. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Garrett motioned to approve the minutes from December. Ms. Meldahl seconded the motion. The Council voted and the minutes were approved with no opposition or abstention.

4. Approval of Dissolution of Combined AASC and SASC

Dr. Locke explained that the new governance council model intended for Academic Affairs and Student Affairs to have a blended council. However, it was decided to have the councils separate, so the result was to have the councils meet separately and combined every other meeting. This has been challenging and caused unintended consequences such as minutes not being approved every month, as well as other agenda items not being able to be

addressed in a timely manner. Dr. Fontes stated that she is in favor of one combined council; others agreed with combining and operating as one council.

Dr. Subramaniam summarized and asked for members to state their preference of the following three choices:

Option 1 - Meet as 2 separate councils (AASC and SASC)

Option 2 - Meet as one joint council

Option 3 - Maintain current structure of meeting separately & combined

Dean Johnson motioned to adopt the structure of one merged council, Dr. Fontes seconded the motion. The Council voted and the majority approved with one opposition. This will be brought forward for consideration and action at the combined meeting on March 8, 2024.

Next step is to bring forward to Hartnell College Council (HCC). Dr. Locke will notify Lucy Serrano for HCC, and Dr. Subramaniam will notify the SASC tri-chairs that we are recommending AASC and SASC be combined as one council.

5. First Reading of AP 4240, Academic Renewal

Dr. Locke presented AP 4240, which essentially allows students who were previously at Hartnell and would like to request recalculation of their grades. One of the big changes proposed by Curriculum Committee and approved by Academic Senate, is that students who come back after being gone (e.g., 10 years later they return to Hartnell) were required to provide in writing that they had extenuating circumstances. This has been removed as it was an equity barrier for returning students.

Dr. Garrett shared that he has been involved in the Dismissal AP revision. He stated that the semester limit may continue to perpetuate the issue. The other issue he noted was the grade alleviation process. Dean Johnson noted an issue with item 5a because students may not have a copy of the course outline. Dr. Subramaniam noted that the student must have their petition signed by a counselor, as per item 3, so he advised that the counselor could help the student by pulling the course outline or catalog description for the student. Dean Johnson recommended removing item 5a since it is a barrier for students.

Dr. Locked stated that our goal is to implement this AP in Fall 2024. Dr. Fontes shared that she is on a task force to revise AP 2410, and their goal is to bring it forward to HCC in March 2024. The process should make it easier for our APs to be revised and considered for approval sooner.

6. First Reading of AP 4025

Dr. Locke presented AP 4025, and explained that the courses listed are in the upcoming CalGETC GE pattern. The exception is Lifelong Learning, which was discussed at the Academic Affairs Council last year. All the language changed in this AP are aligned with CalGETC, including Ethnic Studies. Ms. Meldahl suggested changing "Latina/o Americans" to say "Latinx." Dean Johnson suggested in the future to move Lifelong Learning (2 units) from student required units to their first-year experience. This would change the required units from 23 to 21 units. Dr. Locke advised that it can be reconsidered down the road, and mentioned that lifelong learning doesn't only include counseling.

7. Closing Comments/Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

NEXT MEETING(S)

March 8, 2024 (combined)

April 12, 2024

May 10, 2024 (combined)