



P.O. Box 4800, Mission Viejo, CA 92690

MEETING MINUTES
Representative Council Meeting
Irvine Valley College, LSB 103, 3:00-5:00pm
Sept. 9, 2019

Officers Present:

Kurt Meyer, Irvine Valley College
Lewis Long, Irvine Valley College
Mark Blethen, Saddleback College
Frank Gonzalez, Saddleback College
Parisa Soltani, Irvine Valley College
Beth Clary, Saddleback College

Grievance Chairs Present:

Kathy Schmiedler, Irvine Valley College
Claire Cesareo, Saddleback College

Representatives from Irvine Valley College present:

Parisa Soltani, GC
Virginia Shank, HUM
Daniel Vernazza, HUM
Ted Weatherford, KHA
Melanie Haeri, LLR
Kathy Schmiedler, LST
Carlo Chan, MCSE
Ray Chandos, IDEA

Representatives from Saddleback College present:

Blake Stephens, ATAS
Don Bowman, BS
Sharon Nussenbaum, CS
Norm Weston, FA
Janine O'Buchon, HSHS
Loretta Niccola, HSHS
Mark Blethen, KNES
Jennifer Rohles, KNES
Frank Gonzalez, MSE
Ardith Lynch, SESP

Part-time Representatives present:

Susan Bliss (SC)
Karyn Bower (SC)
Michelle Livote (IVC)
Noushin Seddighzadeh (SC)

1. Call to Order – Kurt M., 3:13 pm
2. Introduction of Guests (3 minutes) – no guests

- a) Virginia Shank, new alternate Rep. for Humanities at IVC. Jamie P. to attend the SC meetings as alternates on behalf of Humanities at IVC. Daniel V. will continue to serve as the primary Rep.
3. Adoption of Agenda (3 minutes) –
 - a) Motion to adopt the agenda made by Blake S. and seconded by Kathy S.;
 - b) Unanimously approved
4. Approval of Minutes –May 6, 2019 (5 minutes)
 - a) Motion to approve meeting minutes made by Kathy S., and seconded by Don B.;
 - b) Unanimously approved besides three abstention, Claire C. Blake S. Ted W. and Virginia S. because they did not attend the May 2019 meeting.
5. Part-Time Committee Report – Beth Clary (5 minutes)
 - a) Please let PTs know they can attend Rep Council meetings if they would like.
 - b) Applying for a FT Faculty Position Workshop – Friday, October 18th from 12:00 – 3:00pm (SSC 212 – Saddleback College). Flier in your packet. Please post in your areas.
 - c) Last term serving as PT Faculty on FA Executive and Susan Bliss will need to be replaced as PT Rep on Negotiations. We need to find replacements.
6. Communications Committee Report – Parisa Soltani (5 minutes)
 - a) CCA Conference reminder (details below)
 - b) SC Foundation Gala – this Saturday, September 14, 2019 at the Ritz Carlton, Laguna Niguel
 - c) SOCCDFFA website is up to date, if you see any errors, please let me know.
7. Membership Report – Jenny Langrell (5 minutes)
 - a) Jenny L. not here today so Kurt M. will speak in her place.
 - b) List of members and non-members was distributed to reps. If you have faculty on your list that no longer work at the District, please let Jenny L. know.
 - c) 1 year after the Janus decision, our membership is stable– approximately 800 members.
 - d) 1, 1035 PT non-members, Kurt M. mentioned some ways to help recruit PT members.
8. Treasurer’s Report – Frank Gonzalez (5 minutes)
 - a) Nothing to hand-out, I only have a tentative budget. Next meeting (October) I will have a budget to distribute.
9. Negotiations Report – Lewis Long (5 minutes)

- a) Kurt M. showed a piece of Lewis' presentation from Fall 2019 Flex Week.
 - b) PT health benefit – final application is 9/10/19 by 5pm (absolutely no extension). If you have been denied and you don't feel the denial is justified, please let us know ASAP.
 - c) Re-opener for COLA. District just offered dates for meeting with the FA Negotiating team.
10. Organizing Committee Report – Lewis Long (5 minutes)
- a) Next November is election time.
11. Political Action Committee (PAC) Report – Kurt Meyer (5 minutes)
- a) Area 1 (Lang – not running), Area 3 (Jay – running for re-election), Area 6 (Wright– running for re-election), Area 7 (Jamal– running for re-election).
12. Special Elections for Open Seat on Rep Council and PAC Committees – Kurt Meyer (5 minutes)
- a) We have some vacant Rep. seats.
 - 1. IVC – Social Sciences, Arts, Business Sciences
 - 2. SC – none
 - 3. We need one PT Representative
13. "Reps' Reports" (10 minutes)
- a) Kathy Schmeidler, Life Sciences and Technology (IVC)
 - 1. Free Speech – in your packet, a memo from the VCHR. Concerns from the Academic Senate at IVC. Maybe we can have SC and IVC Academic Senates, respectively and FA meet so we are all on the same page. A lengthy discussion followed.
 - 2. CBA. Article XXX.5.b.4 – concerns about denials.

After the date of hire, for the purpose of column advancement, nine (9) semester units of lower division college level credit from an accredited institution of higher education will be allowed for coursework that is pertinent to the principal area of assignment and/or is for retraining or the up-grading of skills. The coursework must be approved in advance by the dean and Vice President.

- b) Melanie Haeri, Languages and Learning Resources (IVC)
 - 1. ATEP – concern for students (nothing for the students besides a vending machine).
- c) Jennifer Rohles, Kinesiology/Athletics (SC)
 - 1. Recent SC Layoffs – directly impacted KHA
 - 2. Emeritus

Motion made by Kathy S. to extend the meeting by 5 minutes, seconded by Melanie H.

14. Announcements (10 minutes):

- a) Fall 2019 Faculty Association Luncheon Highlights
- b) Saddleback College Foundation's 19th Gala "Dream Big," Saturday, Sept. 14, 6pm, Ritz Carlton, Laguna Niguel.
- c) CCA Fall Conference – "Membership: The Road to Success," Oct 11-13, Hilton San Jose.

A new cohort for the California Leadership Academy will be formed so don't forget to sign up and reserve your spot this year! See link to more info and an application:
cca4us.org/2019/08/09/fall-conference-registration-is-now-open/

Some highly requested breakout sessions are back and better than ever including:

- "Advocacy Skills During Investigatory Interviews"
- "Drug Culture & the Effect on Community College Members: Faculty, Staff, & Students"
- "Part-Timers Advocating for Themselves"
- "Building an Equity-Minded Faculty"

15. Other (5 minutes)

16. Next Representative Council Meeting

Monday, October 7, 2019, 3-5:00pm, Saddleback College, AGB Conference Room

17. Adjourn - 5:09 pm

- a) Motion to adjourn made by Bath C. and seconded by Mark B.;
- b) Unanimously approved