



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

MEETING MINUTES
Representative Council Meeting
Saddleback College, AGB Conference Room, 3:00-5:00pm
March 2, 2020

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
Jenny Langrell, Saddleback College
Beth Clary, Saddleback College

Grievance Chairs Present:

Claire Cesareo, Saddleback College

Representatives from Irvine Valley College present:

Daniel Verrnaza, HUM
Melanie Haeri, LLR

Representatives from Saddleback College present:

Blake Stephens, ATAS
Sharon Nussenbaum, CS
Bill McGuire, FA
Janine O'Buchon, HSHS
Jennifer Rohles, KNES
Frank Gonzalez, MSE
Jenny Langrell, OELR
Christina Ghanbarpour, SBS
Zina Boratynech, SESP

Part-time Representatives present:

Nancy Allah (SC)
Susan Bliss (SC)
Karyn Bower (SC)
Noushin Seddighzadeh (SC)

1. Call to Order - 3:04 pm, Kurt M.
2. Introduction of Guests (3 minutes)
 - a) Pete Murray, Saddleback College Humanities
 - b) Robin Devitt, CTA
3. Adoption of Agenda (3 minutes)
 - a) Move to adopt agenda Mark B. and seconded by Bill M.
 - b) Unanimously approved.

4. Approval of Minutes –February 3, 2020 (5 minutes)
 - a) Move to approved minutes made by Lewis L. and seconded by Mark B.
 - b) Unanimously approved.
5. Schools & Communities First Ballot Initiative Update – CTA’s Robin Devitt (5 minutes)
 - a) Important and likely a high voter turn out election. Please see yellow handout in your packet.
6. Social Security Retirement Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) – Susan Bliss (5 minutes)
 - a) Susan B. – I believe a majority of our faculty are NOT aware of these provisions. Blue fliers in your packet. WEP - Effects people eligible for Social Security (SS), who are also eligible for their pension. Especially concerning for those with potential minuscule pension and possibly expecting some SS payment.
 - b) HR 141, repeal WEP & GPO. HR 860, should add repeal of WEP and GPO to this. Does your representative support HR 141: www.congress.gov/bill/11th-congress/house-bill/141/cosponsors
7. Part-Time Committee Report – Beth Clary (5 minutes)
 - a) Beth C. – flier in your packet on How to Interview for a FT Faculty Position (Friday, March 6th, 1-3pm at IVC, BSTIC 116). Details on our FA website. Unemployment workshop (first Friday in May). Any PT faculty looking to run for FA Representative Council positions or PT Executive position, please feel free to reach out to Beth (bclary@saddleback.edu).
8. Communications Committee Report – Parisa Soltani (5 minutes)
 - a) Parisa S. – IVC Foundation Gala seating is full with a 10-person waitlist.
 - b) Parisa S. – please send any ideas for the FA Newsletter to psoltani@ivc.edu. Typically send out the FA Newsletter the last week of the semester. Kurt M. – maybe consider sending out a couple weeks before the end of the term?
9. Membership Report – Jenny Langrell (5 minutes)
 - a) Jenny L. – emails sent to confirm membership in your respective areas. Provided a FT and PT member/non-member list by division/school.
 - b) Lewis L. – many PT members think they are members, but they are not (confused about CTA membership and local SOCCCD membership). Lewis L. - is there any way to communicate this to PT non-members? Jenny L. – we can email them, just need a clean list. Jenny L. and Parisa S. will work together to communicate to PT non-members.
10. Treasurer’s Report – Frank Gonzalez (5 minutes)
 - a) Frank G. – biggest expense this past month was the IVC Foundation Awards Dinner table. A couple checks didn’t clear due to unforeseen circumstances.
11. Faculty Association Elections Update – Kurt Meyer (10 minutes)
 - a) Kurt M. – thank you to Beth C., Christina G., Carlo C. and Virginia Shank for serving as your FA Elections Committee.

- b) March 30th is the deadline to declare candidacy. Notice of elections will be March 30th to April 17th. Elections between April 20-24th, with official results within 3 (three) instructional days - Wednesday, April 29th.
- 12. Political Action Committee (PAC) Update – Kurt Meyer (5 minutes)
 - a) Kurt M. - Area 1 (Irvine) – Trustee Lang is likely not running. We do need to find a candidate to support.
 - b) Kurt M. - we can apply for ABC funds – Apply by April 27th for May 6th. We decided that slates are not effective. A social media presence would be better for us and cheaper. No PAC meeting scheduled at the time.
- 13. Board Policy/Administrative Regulations (BPARC) Update – Kurt Meyer & Mark Blethen (5 minutes)
 - a) AR 4090 – Evaluation of Management Personnel - the District has maintained the position that management can select their own evaluators.
 - b) The FA is supportive of a 360 evaluation of management, FAs want a fair evaluation of deans.
 - c) BP 4011 – Hiring of Administration (specifically, the make-up of a search committee)
- 14. “Reps’ Reports” (10 minutes)
 - a) none
- 15. Negotiations Report – Claire Cesareo (10 minutes)
 - a) Claire C. – working on constructing the survey (based on Townhall meeting and email feedback). Survey to be distributed March 9-14th.
- 16. Announcements (10 minutes):
 - a) Take-Aways from CCA Winter Conference, DoubleTree SD Mission Valley, February 7-9
 - b) “How to Interview for a Full-Time Faculty Position” Workshop, Friday, March 6, 1-3, IVC, BSTIC 116
 - c) CTA Good Teaching Conference (South), Hyatt Regency Garden Grove, March 13-15
 - d) IVC Foundation Awards Dinner Saturday, March 14, 5pm, Fete the Venue, Costa Mesa
 - e) CCA Spring Conference & WHO Awards, Hilton Irvine, April 24-26 – **Jenny Langrell, Nominee!**
- 17. Other (5 minutes)
- 18. **Next Representative Council Meeting - Monday, April 6, 2020, 3-5:00pm, Irvine Valley College, LSB 104**
Adjourn – 5:05 pm Motion made by Mark B., seconded by Bill M. and unanimously approved.