

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Representative Council Meeting**  
**Via Zoom,**  
**May 4, 3:00-5:00pm, 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  
Kathy Schmeidler, Irvine Valley College

**Representatives from Irvine Valley College present:**

Daniel Verrnaza, HUM  
Melanie Haeri, LLR  
Amy Stinson, PST  
Kathy Schmeidler, LST  
Ted Weatherford, KHA  
Parisa Soltani, GS

**Representatives from Saddleback College present:**

Sharon Nussenbaum, CS  
Janine O’Buchon, HSHS  
Frank Gonzalez, MSE  
Jenny Langrell, OELR  
Christina Ghanbarpour, SBS  
Zina Boratynech, SESP  
Ardith Lynch, SESP  
Don Bowman, BS&EWD  
Bill McGuire, FA&MT

**Part-time Representatives present:**

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

1. Call to Order – 3:10 pm Kurt M.
2. Introduction of Guests (3 minutes)
  - a) Eugenia Lane, Emeritus
  - b) Pete Murray
  - c) Reza Yeganehshakib

- d) Susan Akhavan
  - e) Mark Franco
  - f) Karen Vaught
  - g) Sam Abass
  - h) Janet Olsen
  - i) Jefferey Hannibal
3. Adoption of Agenda (3 minutes)
- a) Kathy S. moves to approve agenda and Don B. seconded.
  - b) Add delegation of authority to Executive Council over the summer 2020.
  - c) Kathy S. moves to approve agenda with addition and Don B. seconded.
    - 1. Unanimously approved.
4. Approval of Minutes –April 6, 2020 (5 minutes)
- a) Kathy S. moves to approved minutes, seconded by Sam A.
    - 1. Unanimously approved
5. Part-Time Committee Report – Beth Clary (5 minutes)
- a) Beth C. – will be sending information to PT faculty this week on how to apply for unemployment. If you have questions, please refer PT faculty to our FA website (socccdfa.net).
  - b) Beth thanked all the past and present FA presidents. Special thanks to Susan Bliss and her tireless efforts to support PT faculty. Thank you to Karyn Bower for stepping in to represent PT faculty.
6. Communications Committee Report – Parisa Soltani (5 minutes)
7. Membership Report – Jenny Langrell (5 minutes)
- a) Jenny L. – very few changes to membership. Membership reports emailed this past week to representatives.
8. Treasurer’s Report – Frank Gonzalez (5 minutes)
- a) Frank G. – out of ordinary costs this month were the IVC and SC Foundation scholarships, respectively. \$500 to each foundation.
  - b) Frank G. – negotiations start in fall, but additional costs were incurred due to COVID 19 MOUs.
9. Faculty Association Elections Update – Christina Ghanbarpour, Elections Committee Chair (5 minutes)

- a) Christina G. – extended the voting start date. We will be voting from Wed., May 6<sup>th</sup> to Tues., May 12<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in running for an officer position, email [facultyassociation@socccd.edu](mailto:facultyassociation@socccd.edu) by Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> by 5pm. You can submit an optional candidate statement (150 word limit).
- 10. SOCCCD BOT Elections/Political Action Committee (PAC) Update – Kurt Meyer (10 minutes)
  - a) Kurt M. – thank you to all the faculty who responded to our email “Seeking a few good candidates.” The PAC wants to interview as many candidates as we can before August – this is a VERY important election. If you know someone, please reach out to the faculty association – [facultyassociation@socccd.edu](mailto:facultyassociation@socccd.edu)
  - b) Kurt M. - PAC should be meeting in early or mid-June.
- 11. Negotiations Report – Claire Cesareo (10 minutes)
  - a) Claire C. – MOUs established for spring and summer 2020. Meeting today with the District to discuss an MOU for fall 2020. A healthy discussion followed, including an email.
  - b) Claire C. - in the process of writing our sunshine proposal for the next contract cycle.
- 12. Delegation of authority to FA Executive Council over the summer 2020
  - a) Lewis L. made a motion that after May 26<sup>th</sup> that the FA Executive Committee will take action on behalf of the Representative Committee. Seconded by Kathy S.
    - 1. Motion unanimously approved.
- 13. Announcements (5 minutes):
  - a) Parting words from President Meyer – special thank you to past president, Mark Blethen.
- 14. Other (10 minutes):
  - a) A concern was brought forward about committee meetings and commitments over the summer to meet on such committees. While faculty are not required to participate on committees necessarily, however, committees should not be making major decisions without faculty input.
- 15. **Next Representative Council Meeting**

**Monday, September 14, 2020, 3-5:00pm, Via Zoom**
- Claire C. moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ardith L. at 4:31 pm.
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