

Campus Center - Baltic Room

Gretchen Ehlers, President, Science/Math	X	Yanghee Kim, Library	X
Cynthia Reiss, Vice President, Art & Design	X	Andrew Kondon, Senator-At-Lm0 G3q0.000009	

Guests: Brad Davis, Cheryl Miller, Renee Paquier, Matais Pouncil, Betsy Sandford, Mel Vaughn
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The meeting was called to order by President Ehlers at 2:38pm.

President Ehlers asked Vice President Reiss to facilitate most of the Administrative Business Actions and Appointments so President Ehlers could attend the end of term celebration for the First Year Experience (FYE) Program she coordinates.

No minutes to approve.

Senator Ligocki thanked the student who designed greeting cards for Faculty Appreciation Week.

Senator Kim attended the Mission College Zero Textbook Cost workshop. The speaker from the Foothill/DeAnza College District offered to make a presentation at West Valley if requested.

Senator Pavan mentioned that the Western Association for College Admission Counseling (WACAC) conference recently occurred at West Valley, featuring representatives from many other colleges. She estimated 1,000 people attended the evening session. Some high schools allowed their students to attend during the day. Anyone who attended had the option of taking a campus tour.

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To allow President Ehlers to sign and make minor decisions on behalf of the Senate during the summer. She would sign on the Senate's behalf for hiring committees, but not anything involving curriculum. (M/S/U) (Kondon/Richey). Motion passed.

President Ehlers sent the Chancellor's Budget to the Senators prior to the meeting. Sixty percent of the funding formula will be based on the number of students attending and 20 percent will be based on students in need. This is defined as students who receive Pell grants or are the first in their family to attend college. Funding also will be based on completion data. This will affect the College's categorical funding. For fiscal year 2018-19 the Student Success and Support Program (3SP), Equity, and Basic Skills will be lumped into one block grant. One of the Senate's 10+1 items is budget process, so President Ehlers asked that the Senate be involved in this.

Curriculum Committee Chair Cheryl Miller now gets 40 percent reassigned time but spends 45 percent of her time on Curriculum Committee work. WVC President Brad Davis will re-visit this.

There were several strong applicants for Honors Program Coordinator. Student Services Dean Matais Pouncil and President Ehlers will interview the top two applicants, and then President Davis will weigh in on the final selection.

President Ehlers sent the Senators two versions of the Freedom of Speech statement. The Senate doesn't need to make a recommendation, but President Davis wanted input. She asked the Senators to mark up the statements and return them to her with a choice of which statement they prefer. This will be discussed at College Council, so it would be best to have input before then.

: President Ehlers thanked Senators Ligocki and Wong for their efforts on Faculty Appreciation Week. There were lots of nice emails from faculty.

: Senator Wong was the only person to submit a Statement of Interest to be on the Provost Hiring Committee. President Davis has approved this, so President Ehlers and Senator Wong will be the two faculty members on this committee in the fall.

Cheryl Miller presented the curriculum that was approved at the previous day's Curriculum Committee meeting. There is a new non-credit Reading Fluency class, the occupation code for a Health Science course was corrected, and Applied Music courses have been broken down by instrument. There were

approved but was returned to the instructor for edits. Cheryl was concerned that quite a few English as a Second Language (ESL) courses wouldn't be approved in time for fall.

Cheryl thanked the Senate and President Ehlers for increasing the reassigned time for Chair of the Curriculum Committee. Cheryl is planning to serve for one more year and then hopes someone will step forward to take over.

: The Student Learning and Program Effectiveness Committee (SLAPEC) Program Review Report was presented by committee co-chairs Mel Vaughn and Betsy Sandford. Seventy-two of the 75 programs at West Valley submitted a progress report for this academic year. Each SLAPEC member read six or seven reports and looked at each program's strengths, challenges, and needs for institutional support. Committee members came up with highlights for each program and emailed their feedback to program owners (the Division Chair or Department Chair at that time). The committee compiled common thematic elements across the various programs, which are detailed in the Program Review summary. The report will also be presented to College Council, Classified Senate, and the Deans and Division Chairs.

The Committee was amazed by the number of programs that increased their awareness of diversity in gender issues, socioeconomic issues and cultural issues.

Academic Senate is telling faculty which OERs to use. Senator Richey said she already has low-cost textbooks for her classes and doesn't want to be told which books to use. VP Reiss referenced a District Council discussion about the definition of OERs, and they are not specifically online textbooks. A basic requirement for course materials supported by this program is they must be free of charge to students.

Senator Kindon is concerned the resolution makes it sound as if West Valley is trying to decrease the cost of textbooks only for students enrolled in classes with OERs. Senator Kim mentioned the Senate had only recently started talking about OERs, and there are pros and cons. The library will designate a librarian to create an OER website for West Valley, and then present it to the Academic Senate to ensure resources will be available. The grant application is due June 30th, and the resolution needs to be approved since this is the final Senate meeting of the academic year. President Ehlers proposed the following wording: "That the West Valley College Academic Senate supports efforts to increase student access to high-quality accessible resources and reduce the cost of textbooks and supplies for students."

: To Adopt the OER Resolution with changes (M/S/U) (Kelly/Reiss). Motion passed. President Ehlers will send the resolution to Sam Liu and Betsy with the proposed changes.

: Senator Wong is concerned about the lack of availability regarding

but the West Valley administration and the union still need to reach an agreement. Senator Kindon said the Senate was aware of this issue when the position was ranked and knew it might not be filled. He hopes it will continue to be ranked until it is filled.

Senator Pavan said she felt strongly that last semester the Senate and Division Chairs worked very hard to come up with a ranking list. The Athletic Department counseling position was requested because the Counseling Department said, "We know you need counseling and we would like a position." She added that the second counseling position, which was ranked 10th, was not in conflict with a classified staff position because it would specialize in financial aid appeals and educational planning, and those aren't classified staff responsibilities. She and her colleagues in Student Services were upset that the counseling positions were unfilled because they

has found there is no District support for the development of Department Chairs. Money set aside for conferences goes quickly, so there should be more funding f