



**EL CAMINO COLLEGE**

Office of the Vice President – Academic Affairs

**NOTES – AREA COUNCIL**

**April 23, 2019**

Present: A. Ahmadpour, R. Galbavy, B. Giles, E. Matykiewicz, M. McMillan, A. Minasian, Z. Murdock, L. Pelayo, J. Shankweiler, D. Thompson, W. Wilson

**I. INFORMATION**

Notes of November 13, 2018: Reviewed and approved as written.

**II. DISCUSSION/ACTION**

A. Academic Affairs Updates: J. Shankweiler provided an update:

AB705: RWE was reconfigured and is now English 1, a course one level below transfer. English 1 will be the only developmental basic skills level English class offered. Math has more pathways for students wishing to transfer and will offer five corequisite courses in fall 2019.

Guided Pathways: Has been busy with program mapping and card sorting workshops for the development of meta-majors. By the end of the year, hoping to gather enough information and data to present the meta-majors at Fall Flex Day.

Online Catalog: Catalog will be posted before registration begins. No more printing of the catalog.

Curriculum: For the last year, curriculum has been reviewed using a paper process. By end of summer, hope to be ready to implement Curriculog (system replacing CurricUNET). Curriculog will allow updates to sync directly with the catalog.

College Net Live 25: New room inventory program. User training scheduled for August 6-8.

IT Updates: A. Leible interested in coming to Area Council meeting next fall to speak on ITS projects. J. Shankweiler will follow-up with invite.

Graduation: Change to seating this year; faculty will have the sun to their backs.

End-of-Year Events: May: Distinguished Faculty & Staff awards; Academic Achievement Awards – Divisions should be working on selecting a presidential scholar and academic achievement award winners.

B. Division Reports:

ASO Report: W. Wilson provided an update:

Considering a proposal to make changes to the ASO Constitution to include language obligating the Director of Academic Affairs to attend Academic Senate and Council of Deans meetings and a requirement for Senators to meet with their deans at least once a month.

Business: B. Giles provided an update:

In fall, ECC launching a new cloud computing certificate program in conjunction with Amazon Web Services; May 15 – Cloud Day. Also, finalizing the hiring process for the business management position.

Fine Arts: A. Ahmadpour provided an update:

Students: Art History identified as a potential online subject-matter pathway. Working hard on adult education and the development of a non-credit program for digital technology and art. In the process of hiring a teacher for jazz music. Design process for the new Arts Complex is completed.

Industry & Technology: E. Matykiewicz provided an update:

Architecture working on major restructure for all curriculum; adding certificates, courses, and updating the program. The Fire Emergency Medicine Director is now the Director of Public Safety. Students: Enrolling high-functioning autistic students in Machine Tool Technology and working to help place students with employers. Non-credit courses coming, as well as dual enrollment on campus for Auto Tech and Child Development.

Health Sciences & Athletics: No report.

Library Learning Resources: M. McMillan provided an update:

A new Distance Education Faculty Coordinator, Dr. Moses Wolfenstein, was hired. In the process of migrating to a new library system. A full review and inventory of the print collection was conducted, and duplicated, worn and outdated materials were removed. New databases and e-sources have been added to support campus programs. The library carpet was resurfaced with the ECC logo, new LED lighting was added, and new paint.

Humanities: D. Thompson provided an update:

Regarding AB 705, many professors experiencing behavioral and student-based issues in the classroom; Maxient reports have doubled this semester. Faculty discussing different strategies to address these situations. Additional Chromebook carts were acquired for students use that include printers and charging stations.

Mathematical Sciences: A. Minasian provided an update:

Proposing that Math 270 Differential Equations with Linear Algebra be divided into two separate courses. Fewer sections of the basic skills math classes will be offered.

Natural Sciences: Z. Murdock provided an update:

Served 1100 children at the Onizuka Space Science Day 2019 on March 9. Two dozen science workshops were offered in collaboration with JPL, USAF, the Natural History Museum, and the Columbia Memorial Space Center. Students: Offering two new online courses, Biology 10 and Geography 1.

Behavioral & Social Sciences (BSS): R. Galbavy provided an update:

Fill rates are at 95%, an improvement over last year. Hiring a new Political Science and Philosophy professor. Jason Suarez working hard with Guided Pathways and, by the end of spring, will have developed a template and pathway for each ADT; AA pathways will be ready by summer. Throughout the semester, BSS has conducted many workshops, presentations and events for students.

Classified: L. Pelayo provided an update:

The nomination process for the election of a new board ends April 26; voting on May 17. All positions are open. Luukia Smith was promoted to AFT Treasurer. 7-day cruise to Mexico in December; all are invited.

**III. Next Meeting:**

November 12, 2019; 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.; Comm 109

- Invite Art Leibel to talk about technology.