

Moorpark College Academic Senate Council Agenda

Tuesday, Apr 6, 2021, 2:30 – 4:00 PM via [Zoom](#)

Mission Statement: With a “students first” philosophy, Moorpark College empowers its diverse community of learners to complete their goals for academic transfer, basic skills, and career education. Moorpark College integrates instruction and student services, collaborates with industry and educational partners, and promotes a global perspective.

All handouts are available on the [Academic Senate handout website](#)

I) Public Comments

(Those wishing to make public comments must be in attendance before 2:30 PM; 3-min limit)

II) Approval of Minutes

- A. March 16, 2021
See handout on AS website

III) Unfinished Business

- A. Full-Time Faculty Hiring Committee Composition
Senate previously indicated a strong preference for restricting membership on full-time faculty hiring committees to tenured faculty. We revisit this preference with an equity lens. As part of this discussion, we will look at the [VCCCD Employee Diversity Dashboard](#) where one can look at the data by college, role, etc.
No handouts on AS website
Discussion item

The Academic Senate is an organization whose primary function is to make recommendations with respect to “academic and professional matters” defined as:

1. Curriculum, including establishing prerequisites
2. Degree & certificate requirements
3. Grading policies
4. Educational program development
5. Standards & policies regarding student preparation and success
6. College governance structures, as related to faculty roles
7. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation process
8. Policies for faculty professional development activities
9. Processes for program review
10. Processes for institutional planning and budget development
11. Other academic and professional matters as mutually agreed upon.

B. Low Textbook Cost (LTC)

Development of a Low Textbook Cost (LTC) designation on the schedule of classes is being considered, similar to that for Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC). We must determine what “low cost” means for our district, with agreement between all three colleges. The proposed value is \$40, so required course materials equal to or less than \$40 would qualify for the LTC designation. A workgroup was formed to provide a recommendation to Council.

No handouts on AS website

Discussion item

C. AP 7120-D Full-Time Faculty Hiring

The administrative procedure on full-time faculty hiring, AP 7120-D, has been updated. Human Resources intended to introduce a districtwide rotation of facilitators, and we took the opportunity to reduce barriers, provide more options, and improve consistency and efficiency in the process, even if only incrementally. This is an update on Moorpark Senate’s recommendation that the facilitator arranges all interviews and sends invitations to candidates.

No handouts on AS website

Information item

D. Academic Senate Scholarship Workgroup

The Senate scholarship workgroup will evaluate applications and choose up to three recipients of \$500 awards.

No handouts on AS website

Discussion item

E. Academic Senate Constitution and Bylaws

The Academic Senate Constitution states that “The Academic Senate Council shall re-examine the Constitution at least once every six years and the By-Laws at least once every two years” (Article IX). Amendments to both documents require a majority vote to first be placed on the agenda. Constitutional amendments require a two-thirds vote of the general membership. By-Laws amendments require a two-thirds vote in Senate Council. It is time to revisit both the Constitution and the By-Laws. How will Senate lead equity and social justice efforts on campus, in the district, and beyond? A workgroup was formed to provide recommendations for Senate Council.

No handouts on AS website

Discussion item

F. ACCJC Annual Report and Annual Fiscal Report

An Annual Report and an Annual Fiscal Report are submitted to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) as part of the accreditation process. These reports are due by April 9, 2021.

See handouts on AS website

Action item: second read

G. Moorpark College Mission Statement

Interest in updating the college mission statement to reflect equity and racial & social justice has been expressed in a number of venues across the college. This is a first look at possible changes to be presented at the Annual Strategic Planning Meeting on Friday April, 23, 2021.

See handout on AS website

Discussion item

IV) New Business

A. Resolution in Solidarity with the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Community— 2:30pm time certain (immediately after public comments)

Faculty have brought a resolution in support of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community in light of the recent wave of violence against this community.

See handout on AS website

Discussion item: first read

B. Compressed Calendar Proposal

Proposal for a 16-week semester schedule to replace our current 18-week semester that includes a 4-week winter session and a 12-week summer session. There have been two district-wide committees over the past almost 3 years that found the 16-week semester benefits students and looked into potential questions and roadblocks for implementation. This is an ambitious plan to educate all stakeholders on the compressed calendar and solicit both individual opinions and recommendations from the Senates and Associated Students. Finalizing compressed calendar discussions within the VCCCD is the fourth ranked goal of Academic Senate.

See handouts on AS website

Discussion item

C. VCCCD Camera Use Policy for Synchronous Sessions

District policy on camera use for synchronous sessions prompted by a legal opinion that came out of the California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO).

See handouts on AS website

Discussion item

D. Regular Effective Contact for Distance Education Courses

Guidelines and best practices for "regular effective contact" that appears in Title 5 Section 55204 developed by and recommended for adoption by the Distance Education Committee.

See handouts on AS website

Discussion item

- E. Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) 2021 Spring Plenary Resolutions
Current drafts of resolutions to be considered by the full body of the statewide Academic Senate at the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) 2021 Spring Plenary Apr 15-17.
Please send additional comments, suggestions, and concerns to Erik Reese, ereese@vccd.edu, serving as the delegate for Moorpark College at this event.
See handout on AS website
Discussion item
- F. Racial and Social Justice (3:50pm time certain)
Standing agenda item to discuss and address racial and social justice issues.
No handouts on AS website
Discussion item
- G. Future Agenda Items
What academic and professional matters would the Academic Senate Council like to discuss in future meetings?
No handouts on AS website
Discussion item

V) Reports

- A. Officer reports
- B. Faculty Liaison Reports
- C. Standing Committee Co-Chair Reports

VI) Announcements

- A. Multicultural Day – Apr 13
- B. ASCCC 2021 Spring Plenary Session – Virtual Event Apr 15-17

VII) Adjournment

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