

Minutes  
 Senate Meeting  
 Tuesday February 21, 2017  
 Tower (Room T-450) 12:10 PM-12:55 PM

**Present:** Michael Mejia, Mark Rauzon, Roger Chung, Bruce Lazarus, Louis Quindlen, Autumn Sullivan, Eleni Gastis, Blake Johnson, Jill Neely, Meryl Siegal, Fred Bourgoin, Jacqueline Burgess, Karen Talbot, Vina Cera, Kimberly King, Rajeev Banerjee, Terrance Greene, Stephen Corlett, Nick Kyriakopedi, Barbara Yasue, Donald Moore, Suzan Tiemroth-Zavala  
**Guests:** Andrea Lee, Kim Blackwell

AGENDA ITEM	SUMMARY OF INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP ACTION
I. <b>Call to Order</b>	12:06	
II. <b>Approval of Meeting Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dec 6, 2016: The call for approval was made by Senator Quindlen and seconded by Senator Burgess; the minutes were approved unanimously.</li> <li>• Feb 7, 2017: The call for approval was made by Senator Quindlen and seconded by Senator Burgess; the minutes were approved unanimously.</li> </ul>	
Laney Eagle	Terrence Greene is being honored as co-chair of Counseling, for doing a very difficult job so well.	
III. <b>2016-17 Officers Reports</b>  a. <b>President's Report (Moore)</b>  • Facilities Infrastructure- Chancellor Forum Wed 2/22 • Smart Classrooms • Equity/SSSP • Scholarship Committee	i. It was requested that as many faculty as possible attend the Chancellor's forum on 2/22; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We need to have our voices heard because the summertime work can't be done if no bids have happened and not money has been officially allocated. What has happened to smart classrooms and repairs?</li> </ul> ii. The Faculty Appreciation lunch is in early May. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We need volunteers to help create format of program and who are we honoring; Jacqueline Burgess, Vena Cera have volunteered;</li> </ul>	Volunteers will meet and plan

<p>• Constitution Update Committee</p>	<p>President Moore volunteered the Senate Exec</p> <p>iii. There is \$850,000 for technology but Chancellor has done nothing about smart classrooms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Technology Committee decided not to spend the money immediately; Measure A money not currently purposed for tech and board must vote to repurpose those funds.</li> <li>• No...district funds have been apportioned,</li> <li>• Jason Cole is the new VC for Information Technology..</li> <li>• It's not clear where money will come from; we have to pay for technology upgrades ourselves;</li> <li>• A larger conversation about Measure A funds needs to take place; there is a total of \$45 million not spent</li> </ul> <p>iv. Faculty Senate Scholarship Fund has \$5400.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are making only \$2000 each year,</li> <li>• Senators Weidenbach, and Gastis will read applications with Lisa Sawadogo.</li> <li>• To be safe, we should spend \$3000; do we want to give fewer scholarships at \$1,000 each or more at \$500 each? Senate wants to give more of smaller amounts.</li> <li>• The question was raised as to why we are collecting so little; Senator Gastis will bring paperwork to next meeting so we can sign up easily to get an amount taken out of our paychecks.</li> </ul> <p>v. Constitution update: Committee needs to change wording for part-time reps to chance from 2 to 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• another committee will meet just to look at constitution in general</li> <li>• A small group did meet and more will join</li> </ul> <p>DAS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new VC at District is Jason Cole VC for Information Technology; his Ph.D. is in Instructional Technology.</li> <li>• Accreditation update: Annette Sambrosio stated there was praise for SLO work, but work on the planning processes is still needed;</li> <li>• Mike Orkin stated that the success rates of DE courses is 10% less than that of F2F; but who dropped out?</li> </ul>	<p>Forms to next meeting for easy sign-up</p> <p>This needs to be completed by March 21 Senate meeting</p>
<p>b. DAS Representative's Report</p>	<p>DAS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new VC at District is Jason Cole VC for Information Technology; his Ph.D. is in Instructional Technology.</li> <li>• Accreditation update: Annette Sambrosio stated there was praise for SLO work, but work on the planning processes is still needed;</li> <li>• Mike Orkin stated that the success rates of DE courses is 10% less than that of F2F; but who dropped out?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post, the powerpoints..high rate of productivity</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tamika Brown has met with instructors for Early Alert training</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Action/Discussion Items</b></p> <p>a. Equity/SSSP- King</p>	<p>VPSS King: regarding Equity and SSSP: Deadline was Feb 14 for encumbering funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Figured out how to spend down dollars; breakdown of what we had to spend; numbers pulled; there was a discrepancy on what is left to spend; spend down:</li> <li>• Page 2 -how we spent the dollars; there was a proposal process; student ambassadors in Welcome Center; but we did spend a lot; dollars can be spent for staff doing the work;</li> <li>• Equity: epafs encumbered</li> </ul> <p>Some expenses are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Books in library;</li> <li>• Meal vouchers for students</li> <li>• Students going to conferences-African American men and their success</li> <li>• Can funds be used for work study students? No, but we can spend on student ambassadors</li> </ul> <p>Concerns of the Senate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions were asked about using funds to budget for specific programs? For example, Asi se Puede? No but the budget was only carry-over</li> <li>• VPSS King is just reporting carry-over dollars...</li> <li>• Other concerns were raised about how money will be spent. There seems to be no real communication about how to present and propose projects such as study abroad for dance; transparency in process is important;</li> </ul>	

<p>b. Resolution on First Amendment and Academic Freedom and Laney Tower</p> <p><b>RESOLUTION in Support of Freedom of Speech, First Amendment, and Academic Freedom At Laney and the Peralta District</b></p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b>, the Laney Faculty recognizes that in order to create an inclusive and intellectually vibrant college and district, we must understand and value both our individual differences and our commonality.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b>, the Laney Faculty asserts that Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom are hallmarks of American colleges and universities. As Teachers of Letters and Science we believe in facts and rigorous attention to the sharing of facts and engaging in intellectual discussion and knowledge.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b>, the journalism department and the news publication, The Laney Tower, are the embodiment of what we hold to be true and/or factual, Laney Faculty supports the department and the Laney Tower in good factual reporting and the highest ethical treatment of information.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b>, there were questions raised by the district regarding the factual accuracies of the article dated February 2, 2017, entitled THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF LANEY COLLEGE?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● More communication</li> <li>● Spend down what can we spend it for?</li> <li>● Send out info about programs that are funded.</li> </ul> <p>b. Concern about tower's reporting (Moore)  Questions about inaccuracies  District should not question articles</p> <p>Academic freedom, freedom of speech: we don't want pressure coming from a chancellor to say what faculty must do in the classroom; pressure coming from district is unacceptable; accuracy and ethics of information; we hold as absolute; Arturo abstained</p> <p>There was some discussion about the resolution: Can all the facts in the article be supported? Do we have documentation? We do and it will be attached to the resolution.</p> <p>Resolution was called and seconded by Senators Quindlen and Gastis, respectively; it was passed with one abstention</p>	<p>We asked VPSS King to resend the documents with discrepancies corrected.</p> <p>Attach documentation to the resolution</p>
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**BE IT RESOLVED** that Laney Faculty attended the forums and did prior research about the candidate, Dr. Anthony Tricoli, who questioned Tower reporting and claimed his character was defamed in the article entitled THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF LANEY COLLEGE?

**BE IT RESOLVED** that all information reported in the article was properly attributed from accurate sources, including statements from Dr. Tricoli himself, court documents and newspapers

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the article was carefully edited and approved and nothing was inaccurate or unsubstantiated

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Laney Academic Senate unequivocally supports “unfettered” Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom by The Laney Tower and the Journalism Department.

- c. Constitution update committee's report
- d. Scholarship Info
- e. Facilities Infrastructure
- f. Early Alert
- g. DE Canvas Training
- h. Extended Senate Meeting Information

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<p>Cosmetology <b>Chantal Martin</b> Culinary Arts <b>Chris Weidenbach</b> <b>Meryl Siegal</b> <b>Eleni Gastis</b> English <b>Jill Neely</b> <b>Barbara Yasue</b> ESOL</p>	<p>Career Technology Education <b>Laura Bollentino</b> <b>Terrance Greene</b> <b>Karen Talbot</b> <b>Evelyn Lord/Autumn</b> <b>Sullivan</b> Student Services</p>
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