

Academic Senate 06.15.23 at 4:09pm

In attendance: [Michael Stewart](#) - president, Elizabeth Biddlecome - vice president, Shannon Reynolds - secretary, Cindy Carney, Denise Temal, Jessica Schaid, Ashley Odell

## I. Opening Business

A. Call to Order: [Michael Stewart](#) to call to order

B. Approval of the Minutes

Meeting Minutes for Academic Senate 05.04.23, Shannon shared. [LINK](#)

[Cindy Carney](#) motioned to approve

[Elizabeth Biddlecome](#) seconded the motion

All in favor approved

C: Presidents Report

John Newsome joined our meeting to discuss posting agenda and meeting minutes. A shell will be created to include a meeting zoom link and additional items to meet compliance. Michael Stewart will provide John a template for the AS website to assist Vance in building the website. Presence, calendar of meetings, agenda and minutes of meetings

Following the Brown Act: 72 hours before the meeting the agenda will be available for all. Shannon will update the agenda prior to the meeting. All agenda items will include a description of each item discussed.

1. AB 2449: What is it, what does it mean, and how does it change how we run our meeting in the future?

Any meeting that has to do with the Brown Act. [LINK](#) Retracts the telecommunications act for all meetings. A quorum of in person members must be present in order for the meeting to be within compliance. There is no exception to fully online colleges. [Michael Stewart](#) was asked to contact the legal council. "Calbright is subject to AB2449 - we must comply with the access notice." We are needing to provide a plan - reduce our meeting schedule, meet in person, meet at the same time as the Board of Trustees meeting. Meetings would occur at Riverside Community College, Sacramento and Los Angeles. [Michael Stewart](#) will find out if we could attend in more than one in person location. According to the AB 2449: at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body participates in person from a singular physical location clearly identified on the agenda. Remote members must use a two-way audio/visual tool.

Jessica Schaid stated that this feels exclusionary. [Ashley Odell](#) discussed having to travel long distances to meet this requirement. [Michael Stewart](#) The executive team can only miss up to three in person meetings.

Board of Trustees and Academic Senate are governed by the Brown Act according to Michael Stewart .

Michael Stewart will be providing additional information via Slack after the meeting of the legal council.

#### D. New Business

1. Faculty Retreat: How can we plan a team-building event that includes all faculty?

For those that attended the L&I retreat. Michael Stewart commented how great it was to have a retreat. Michael Stewart is asking the president to have a faculty retreat. This would include counseling and faculty experience. These meetings would be planned 6 months in advance to allow for all to attend.

2. Academic Freedom: What do we know about it, and how does it impact our ability to deliver quality student-centered, high-quality curriculum?

No one should make the claim of being educated until he or she has learned to live in harmony with people who are different.

- A. H. Wilson



We must include students in our development of our academic freedom.

Denise Temal discusses that we have the ability to decide what items are a bit more important than others. Michael Stewart discussed that we have different definitions of academic freedom. Michael will provide what is in Title V and we can then pick and choose that apply to our Calbright students. Our Academic Freedom is part of the bargaining of the union. The senate needs to work together with the union to draft a faculty academic freedom document. Will then bring these to the student government as well to adopt these agreed academic freedom documents. The Student Senate will also complete an academic freedom document. Once complete will create rules of violations of these academic freedom Title V items. Our bylaws will then include these academic freedom agreements.

Elizabeth Biddlecome recommended that we should review what has already been created so as to not reinvent the wheel. This will take some time to create.

#### E. Public Comment

### II. Unfinished Business

1. Department Chair

Cindy Carney: The MOU has been signed, 15% has been added this will be for a year. Michael Stewart will add this information to the addendum. Are we willing to go in house to look at a department chair before going out to the public.

A. Public Comment

III. New Business

1. Elizabeth Biddlecome Academic Senate adequate faculty hires and resources for the programs. A discussion about participatory governance for the future. We are hiring adjunct faculty and the hope is to hire a sufficient number of faculty. The hope is that these faculty will attend the Academic Senate.
2. Elizabeth Biddlecome As we grow, we might want to consider a parliamentarian to help us in being part of this role. This role will be very critical to keep point of order especially as we grow.
3. Michael Stewart discussed our next meeting being during the next month's board of trustees meeting. We could also meet in Riverside during the curriculum committee meeting. Ashley Odell discussed future meetings to not happen on a Sunday or travel on a Sunday.

IV. Recap and Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:04pm