

# TAFT COLLEGE SENATE-OF-THE-WHOLE MINUTES

MONDAY, September 12, 2022

## Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 12:18 PM

**Attendees:** Abbott, A.; Altenhofel, J.; Beasley, M.; Bledsoe, A.; Cahoon, M.; Chaidez, J.; Dyer, G.; Eveland, S.; Getty, S.; Jacobi, V.; Jones, D.; Kulzer-Reyes, K.; Mendenhall, J.; Mendoza, T.; Mitchell, D.; Oja, M.; Raber, T.; Smith, T.; Travis, L.

**Guest:** Cahoon, M. Minor, L.

## Public Commentary:

None

## Action Items:

The Academics Senate president asked that May 2, 2022, minutes be approved; there are no objections. The minute passed with unanimous consent.

The Academics Senate president asked that August 19, 2022, minutes be approved; there are no objections. The minute passed with unanimous consent.

## Information Items:

Superintendent/President Update: The President was not in attendance, so there was no Superintendent/President update.

2022 Fall Plenary Session – Hybrid Event November 3-5: Dr. Sharyn Eveland stated that several people asked about available funds to attend the Plenary event. She (Dr. Eveland) spoke to Mr. Brock McMurray (Acting Superintendent/President) and to Dr. Leslie Miner (VP of Instruction) regarding funds to send faculty to the event. Mr. McMurray stated that the budget is flat, with no additional funds to send faculty. Also, the administration noted that the faculty members who wish to attend the event might use the district's faculty travel funds allocated to them.

## Upcoming webinars regarding AB 928:

Dr. Sharyn Eveland informed the Academic Senate membership that several upcoming webinars regarding AB 928 would discuss the General Education (GE) requirements for the Community College, the California State University (CSU), and the University of California (UC) system changes throughout the state. In addition, the webinars will detail the modifications, implementation strategies, discussed pathways, and how far along they are in the process. The webinar links are listed below:

- [Role of Local Academic Senates and Curriculum Committees in Regard to General Education](#) ASCCC webinar Sept 27 (link to webinar information)
- [General Education Requirements of the Associate Degree, Baccalaureate Degree, and Associate Degree for Transfer](#) ASCCC webinar Sept 13 (link to webinar information)

All things ASCCC OERI: The Academic Senate president informed the membership about Open Educational Resource Initiative (OERI). There is a lot of discussion at the state level regarding OERI, and webinars will be presented over the next few months. Also, in our last Academic Senate meeting, we decided to go for a grant that would help with the zero-cost textbook program, and we are planning to plan to apply for the grant.

Mr. Adam Bledsoe discusses Peer Online Course Review (POCR) reformation. To submit a badge course to the nationwide database, every local college must create its POCR group and process because the state no longer provides those services. Although the POCR group had existed before the pandemic, the group was unsuccessful

due to time, cost, and the complex process of completing the requirements. Now, the state has changed some requirements and is providing more training on the accessibility component of the POCR process, which will allow for fewer barriers to colleges.

[Curriculum Resources for California Community Colleges](#): Dr. Eveland stated that all the new initiatives, programs, and processes would affect the curriculum statewide, so the state Academic Senate has provided resources for the Community College System.

[Other system-wide issues impacting Academic Senate 10 +1 \(link to ASCCC home page\)](#): Dr. Eveland wanted to remind everybody that if you have any questions or concerns regarding initiatives, legislation, or what's going on with our system, please visit the Academic Senate for California community colleges (ASCCC) homepage.

**Action Items:**

None

**Information/Discussion Items**

The below items were tabled due to time.

- [2020-2021 SEA Program Term-End Expenditure Report](#) (Bell, D.)
- [Committee Report](#): Faculty Professional Development Committee
- [Requests for Reports - Committee Reports](#): – October
  - *On what should committee report(s) focus?* (5 minutes)
- [Other Topics of Interest Q&A](#) (5 minutes)

**PRESENTATION  
REPORT  
DISCUSSION**

**NO ACTION**

**Open Forum for Announcements**

**NO ACTION**

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:01p.m.

Submitted by Dr. Amar Abbott