

Mt. San Antonio College Faculty Association
Representative Council Meeting (Second Session) Minutes – Approved
June 4, 2024 | 11:45am – 1:00pm via Zoom

Attendance: Alvarez-Galván, Ash, Barry, Basilio, Benoe, Caldwell, Cannon, Christ, Clements, Crichlow, Cummings, Duong, Echeverria-Newberry, Ellwood, Espy, Esslinger, Ezzell, Foisia, Garcia, Gethers, Gernhart, Greco, Heredia, Hoffman, Horton, Katoch, Knapp, Komrosky, Lackey, Lancaster, Landeros, Madrid, Martinez, McFarlin-Stagg, McKennon, McLaughlin, Meyer, Mezaki, Miho, Mrofka, Mullane, Nejad, Nguyen, Pellitteri, Perea, Perez, Ponce, Powell (Chara), Loera-Ramirez, Razo, Reyes, Richardson, Rojas, Rowley, Shear, Springfield, Straw, Wasson, Wood, Woolery

I. Call to Order

President Emily Woolery called the meeting to order at 11:46am.

II. Approval of Agenda with Flexibility

A motion was made to approve the agenda with flexibility (McFarlin-Stagg) and seconded (Cannon). The agenda was approved.

III. Approval of Minutes – June 4, 2024 (First Session)

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the first session meeting on June 4, 2024, with the addition of attendance, (Landeros) and seconded (Meyer). The minutes were approved.

IV. Reports

a. President – Emily Woolery

President Woolery presented and distributed a written [report](#). Emily spoke of her committee attendance, including the Budget Committee. Representative Beta Meyer raised the question of asking the State to review Mt. SAC's \$61 million in reserves that exceeds the 18% minimum in Board Policy and is \$10 million more than at the start of the pandemic. Joshua Christ stated that there is currently an audit of five random community college districts' budgets being conducted. Representative Luis Echeverria-Newberry attended the lunch with Board of Trustee Gary Chow, and during the lunch Trustee Chow mentioned that he was going to bring up the issue of the College's reserves.

b. Vice President – Tamra Horton

Vice President Tamra Horton presented and distributed a written [report](#). The Shared Governance Handbook Work Group has completed its work. The Handbook will go to PAC this week where it will be pulled by the FA and the Academic Senate. Tamra encouraged the Reps share the work with their respective departments and review over the summer to see if they agree with how the participatory governance process is being described. Emily expressed gratitude to Tamra for all her good work in the Office of FA Vice President these last few years.

c. Treasurer – Maya Alvarez-Galván

Treasurer Maya Alvarez-Galván presented and distributed the current [financial statement](#). The FA's expenditures on Social Activities are nearing the allocated 2023-24 budget for the line item. Because the FA had submitted the 2023 tax information to the FA's accounting firm well in advance of the tax filing deadline, the accounting firm has agreed to cover the fine imposed by the IRS for last year's taxes being delinquent. The accounting firm had filed for an extension, but it was not granted.

Agenda flexibility was exercised, and New Business Item 2024-25 Member Dues (VI.a.) was

addressed prior to the FA Election Results (V.).

V. FA Election Results

FA Elections Committee Member Shari Wasson reported the results of the election for Part-time Director, NEA Assembly Representatives, and AFAC Natural Sciences Division Representative. Judy Lawton was elected to the 2024-26 Part-time Director position. Elected to represent the MSACFA at the NEA Representative Assembly were Emily Woolery, Eric Kaljumägi, Judy Lawton, Ellen Straw, and Anna McKennon. Adrienne Williams was elected as the Natural Sciences Division Representative on the Adjunct Faculty Advisory Committee (AFAC).

VI. New Business – Discussion Items

a. 2024-25 Member Dues

The [2024-2025 Member Dues Structure](#) was presented. CTA and NEA have voted to increase dues for next year. The Executive Board's recommendation is to keep the existing local chapter dues rate for the 2024-2025 fiscal year (\$180.00 annually for full-time and \$74.00 annually for part-time). A motion was made to suspend the rules and act on the item today (McFarlin-Stagg) and seconded (Ash). The motion passed. A motion was made to keep local dues at the 2023-2024 rate for the 2024-2025 fiscal year (Alvarez-Galván) and seconded (McFarlin-Stagg). The motion passed: 37 in favor; 0 opposed.

VII. Negotiations Report – Sandra Esslinger

Lead Negotiator Sandra Esslinger will continue to write updates on negotiations. Questions were answered about the recent Tentative Agreement on Article 13- Distance Learning. dominated the negotiations sessions throughout the semester. Academic Senate co-Vice President Raul Madrid posted the Senate's RSI recommendations in the Chat. The FANT continues to wait for a response on asks for remainder of 2023-24 COLA and other salary increases.

- a. Organizing: Members were encouraged to join rally tomorrow from 3:30pm to 5:30pm on the sidewalk of Grand Avenue near the Performing Arts Building, prior to the Board of Trustees Meeting. Other organizing activities to support the negotiations related to Article 7, including the funded 2023-24 COLA and longevity increases for full- and part-time faculty.

VIII. Other Reports

- a. Academic Senate: No report.
b. Adjunct Faculty Advisory Committee: A written [report](#) was distributed.
c. CCA Director M: No report.
d. CTA State Council: No report.
e. Organizing Report: No report.

IX. Announcements

- a. Board of Trustees Special Meeting: June 5
b. Executive Board Meeting: June 11 @ 11:30am-1:00pm on campus, FA Office
c. Mt. SAC Commencement Ceremony: June 14, Hilmer Lodge Stadium
d. Board of Trustees Meeting: June 26, Time TBA
e. [CTA Summer Institute](#): July 24-28 at the Westin Bonaventure
f. Orientation for FA Appointments on Committees: August 22 @ 1:00-3:00pm, Location TBD
g. FA Post-Flex Day Open House: August 23 @ 3:00-5:00pm, Location TBD

- h. FA Representative Council Meeting: September 3 @ 11:30am-1:00pm via Zoom
 - i. Legislative Roundtable with Assemblymember Mike Fong: Friday, September 6 @ 11:00am-1:00pm in Founders Hall
 - j. [CCA Fall Conference](#): Oct. 25-27 at the Westin Hotel, San Francisco
 - k. Opt-in to get text messages from the FA: Text "Join FT" or "Join PT" to 424-334-0655
 - l. [Summer Vacay with the FA](#): June 15 - August 22.
- X. Adjournment
President Woolery adjourned the meeting at 1:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Greco