



Minutes
Norco Academic Senate Meeting
On April 22, 2024
1:30 - 3:30 PM | CSS-217 & via [Zoom](#)

Meeting called to order at 1:32 PM.

1. Attendees

Officers, Senators, Alternates, and Committee Chairs & Liaisons: Maria Adams, John Alpay, Hayley Ashby, Michael Bobo, Kimberly Bell, Araceli Covarrubias, Vivian Harris, Marie Hicks, Kim Kamerin, Daren Koch, Cheryl Kumar, Ashlee Johnson, Brian Johnson, Virgil Lee, Ana-Marie Olaerts, Dan Reade, Tim Russell, Erin Spurbeck, Jim Thomas, Jody Tyler, Sigrid Williams, Patty Worsham, Aldo Yañez Ruiz

Guests: Hortencia Cuevas, Carol Farrar, Monica Green, Jeremy Lunasco, Sandra Popiden, Brittnee Quintanar, Tenisha James, Kaneesha Tarrant

2. Approval of Agenda

M/, S; Approved by Consensus

3. Comments from the Public

- Plan for the city of Norco to build an apartment complex on Hamner and Third Street and a hotel; access to the Norco Valley Square with have secondary access street intersecting Third Street; concerned that we already don't have a secondary entrance/exit; what impact with the new street have on traffic, safety, etc.

4. **Action Item:** [Senate President Appointments](#) (K.Bell)

The Senate ratified the appointments made by the Senate President.

M/E. Spurbeck, S/J. Alpay; Approved by Consensus

5. **Action Item:** [Revision of Senate By-laws Regarding the Election of the Part-Time Senator](#) - 1st Read (D.Reade or designee)

The Senate had the 1st read of the revised by-laws regarding the election of the part-time Senator. The 2nd read and action will take place on May 6, 2024. ([Senate #7](#))

6. **Action Item:** [RCCD District Educational Plan](#) - 1st Read (K.Bell or designee)

The Senate had the 1st read of the revised 25-year educational plan with updates since the Academic Senate's first read highlighted in yellow. The updates included input from MVC's March 27th College Council meeting, RCC's April 5th Chancellor's Forum, and NC's April 15th Academic Senate meeting. The 2nd read and action will take place on May 6, 2024.

([Senate #1, 10,& 11](#))

7. **Information Item:** [Update: Faculty Impact on Black Student Success](#) (G.Aycock)

Dean Aycock updated the Academic Senate on the Faculty Impact on Black Student Success Study and presented the most recent findings. ([Senate #11](#))

8. **Information Item:** [Independent Study](#) (B.Johnson or designee) **POSTPONED**

The Curriculum Chair is seeking input on independent study. (Senate #1,4, & 5)

9. **Information Item:** [Senate Survey of Effectiveness Results](#) (D.Reade)

The Senate Vice President presented the results of the Survey of Effectiveness.
([Senate #7](#))

10. **Information Item:** Program Spotlight – SSS-STEM & MESA (B.Quintanar)

- The Senate will be provided with information regarding the SSS-STEM and MESA programs
- Noted the value of a STEM Degree related to job openings and reviewed labor market gaps
- One third of students at Norco College are STEM majors
- Two programs – SSS-STEM and MESA/ASEM; 5-year cycles; students can be in both if they qualify
- Requirements for students to participate in either program
- Provides STEM counselor, college and industry tours, tutoring, bootcamps, workshops, internships, and early registration
- All students have access to NetTutor, but STEM students aren't happy with NetTutor so the grant director has also purchased access to Tutor.com (Princeton Review)
- MESA grant pays for MESA specific tutors for Math, Chemistry, CIS, and Physics, but those tutors can only support MESA students ([Senate #5](#))

11. **CTA Report** (Araceli Covarrubias, Norco College Faculty Association Representative, & Virgil Lee, Norco College Faculty Association Vice President)

1. The Faculty Association is currently holding elections for its Officers including the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Norco College Vice President. The elections are being conducted electronically by Simply Voting and will run through Monday, April 29th. All Faculty Association members are eligible to vote. The results of these elections will be announced in an email to the RCCD community on Wednesday, May 1st.
2. The regular meeting of the Faculty Association will be held at Norco College on Tuesday, May 7th, from 1-3 PM.
3. There has been an issue with incomplete or incorrect lists that were provided to Chairs of associate faculty members who need to undergo IOI evaluations this Spring. Vice Chancellor Few has assured the Faculty Association that corrected lists will be available today.
4. There is an issue with our contract rollover. While the RCCD administration and the Faculty Association have agreed to a contract rollover (pending faculty approval), there is disagreement about the timing of the rollover. The administration wanted a one-year contract rollover, and the Faculty Association wanted a three-year contract rollover. Thus, the administration and the Faculty Association have tentatively agreed to a two-year contract rollover, which we expect to present to the faculty for approval by the end of the academic year.

12. **Officer Reports**

A. Secretary/Treasurer (Hayley Ashby)

- Attended the ASCCC (Academic Senate for California Community Colleges) Spring Plenary 2024 and will share [notes](#) with the Senate; attended sessions on Zero Textbooks Costs, Dual Enrollment, Cal-GETC Area E, AB 1111 Common Course Numbering Updates, and Policy Considerations for Artificial Intelligence; working with the Senate President and Vice President to provide more information to Senators and bring suggestions to Senate on how we can improve our processes based on the presentations

B. Vice-President (Dan Reade)

- Opening a call for name readers for commencement; reach out to Senate officers if you are interested in being a name reader for graduation
- Last day to vote for college council general representative
- Attended sessions at ASCCC Spring Plenary on Data Universal Design and AI; shoutout to Institutional Effectiveness Team who does a fantastic job of meeting our data needs and providing charts and dashboards

C. President (Kimberly Bell)

- Attended dual enrollment, college/state budgeting, artificial intelligence, and others at ASCCC Spring Plenary; will work with Senate Leadership on how to bring items forward for consideration and action
- Planning on 2024-2025 Senate photo on May 13th for the website
- Working with JFK and Spanish faculty on dual enrollment; put a cap of five on all HS students and that should stay in place and will be lifted when general registration begins
- Acknowledged faculty who received rank promotion or tenure at the last Board of Trustees meeting; come to May 13th meeting for a celebration

13. **College Reports**

A. Associated Students Senate Representative (Cheryl Kumar)

- Replacement of the Dean of Student Life, Mark Hartley
- [Barber Shop Event](#) on April 25 during college hour
- [Student elections](#) coming up for ASNC; share link; on April 30, 1-3pm there will be a debate for the elections

B. President (Monica Green)

- Last Board of Trustees approved a Corona land acquisition dependent on bond measure \$21M purchase 9.61 acres; lots of activity with City of Norco development; look for information on the website

C. Vice President of Academic Affairs (Carol Farrar)

- No Report

- D. Vice President of Planning and Development (Tenisha James)
 - Looking forward to receiving name reader names
 - Meeting with IT to talk about CCAP and enrollment limits to address technology issues
 - AB 928 (auto placement of students on an ADT pathway) technology issues and process issues are being addressed with counseling
 - Black Student Success Week events in-person Tuesday and Thursday, statewide events via Zoom
- E. Vice President of Student Services (Kaneesha Tarrant)
 - This Friday, 9am in HUM 11 we have our ACCJC Training workshop
 - District holding a District Guided Pathways Retreat for department chairs focused on scheduling, enrollment, and guided pathways

M/E. Spurbeck, S/D. Read to extend meeting by 5 mins.

14. **Standing Committees & Liaisons Reports**

- A. Academic Senate Standing Committees: APC, Assessment, CMAC, Curriculum, DE, FPDC, LGBTQ+ Advocates, Library/LRC, Program Review, TLC
- B. Academic Senate Liaisons: Accreditation, CSEA, CTE, DBAC, DEMC, DSPC, Guided Pathways, Prison Education Program, District Safety and Security, Equity, PGSL

15. Meeting adjourned at 3:31 PM.