

**Los Angeles Mission College  
Academic Senate Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 21, 2013**

**Executive Members Present:** Angela Echeverri, Madelline Hernandez, Gina Ladinsky, Louis Zandalasini, and Deborah Paulsen

**Executive Member Absent:** Leslie Milke

**Senators Present:** Pat Flood, Kelly Enos, Tobin Sparfeld, Gloria Daims, Afri Walker, Robert Schwartz, Gary Probstak, Margie Long, Jolie Scheib, Marie Zaiens, Donna Ayers, Steve Brown, Said Pazirandeh, and D'Art Phares

**Senators Absent:** Mike Climo, Mark Pursley, Janice Silver, Steve Nerud, John Morales, Ife Keller, Jose Luis Ramirez, John Klitsner, Robert Smazenka and Rudy Garcia

**Proxy Holders:** Gloria Daims for Jan Silver

**Faculty Present:** Paul Kubicki, Veronica Diaz-Cox, Tashini Walker, Riye Park, Cindy Luis, Diana Bonilla, Curtis Stage, Chris Williams, Ebru Durukan, Par Mohammadian, David Jordan, and Mari Rettke

**Guest:** Vice-President of Academic Affairs Michael Allen

**I. Call to Order:** President Echeverri called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm.

**II. Approval of the Agenda: Motion by to approve by Echeverri carried unanimously** (Phares)

**III. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve March 7 minutes by Echeverri carried unanimously** (Phares)

**IV. Public Address:**

No public address

**V. Officer Reports**

**A. President's Report – Echeverri**

**1. Faculty & Administrative Positions:**

- **Dean of Institutional Research and Effectiveness:** This selection process for this position, which has been vacant since March of 2012, is almost complete. A selection committee interviewed candidates on March 19. Finalists will be interviewed by President Perez and Vice President Allen
- **STEM Director:** There has been no faculty director for the grant since January 2013, when Dr. Mohammadian was no longer allowed to serve in this capacity. Dean Stephanie Atkinson-Alston is currently managing the STEM program on an interim basis. It is not clear at this point what the long term management plans for the grant are.
- **Dean of Curriculum:** The position closed on Friday, March 8. Said Pazirandeh and Angela Echeverri will serve as Senate representatives on the selection committee.

**2. Advancement to Permanent Status**

On March the Board voted to advance the following LAMC faculty members to permanent (tenured) status effective for the 2013-2014 academic year:

- Carol Akl (Mathematics)
- Gloria Daims (Child Development)
- Mike Fenton (Chemistry)
- Tigran Mkrtchyan (Mathematics)
- Curt Riesberg (Dev. Comm.)
- Robert Schwartz (Disability Specialist)

**3. DAS Report:** The DAS met at Valley College on March 14, 2013.

The following action items were on the agenda:

- **DAS Elections:** Elections for DAS President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary took place at the March 14 meeting. All officers ran unopposed and were elected by acclamation: President Don Gauthier (Valley), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President David Beaulieu (East), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Elizabeth Atondo (Pierce), Treasurer Alex Immerblum (East), and Secretary Angela Echeverri (Mission).
- **Accreditation:** Don Gauthier gave a report on the 2013 Accreditation Institute held by the ASCCC. Too many California colleges are struggling with accreditation. Since 2003:
  - 62 California Community Colleges were sanctioned by the ACCJC
  - 51 California Community Colleges did not receive sanctions.Gauthier discussed a study by Nathan Tharp from Feather River College that looked at differences between colleges that had successful accreditation outcomes (two contiguous reaffirmations without sanctions) versus those that had received multiple sanctions. Colleges that struggled with accreditation were more likely to have poorly defined campus roles, intense and prolonged conflicts, progress in spite of conflict, lack of resources, and lack of wide spread participation in accreditation.
- **State of DE authorization:** In order to teach DE courses to students living in other states, colleges must have individual agreements with these states. Vice Chancellor Yasmine Delahoussaye gave a presentation on the status of Distance Education agreements and requirements of the other 49 states in the union.
- **Counseling/Personal Development:** LACCD Counseling faculty are making a recommendation that all courses titled “Personal Development” be renamed to Counseling. That would prevent faculty who do not have minimum qualifications in Counseling from teaching these courses.
- **Adult Education:** There was a discussion on Governor Brown’s proposal to shift adult education from K-12 districts to the California Community College system.

The DAS also discussed the exit interview presentations from Valley and Pierce.

Valley received 7-8 recommendations and 3 commendations.

Pierce received 3 recommendations and 8 commendations.

**The next DAS meeting will be at Pierce on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 1:30 pm (12:30 pm lunch).**

**B. Treasurer’s Report-Zandalasini**

- Faculty Senate Checking Account                      \$1,466.37

- Carla Bowman Scholarship \$ 3,584.00
- David Lee Moss Scholarship \$ 357.84

Faculty are invited to sit on the Scholarship Committee. A memo will be going out with further information.

**Faculty dues are \$25 and are currently due. Please pay as soon as possible as more than half of the academic year is already over.**

**VI. Old Business:**

**A. Approval of Curriculum Committee Recommendations – Pazirandeh**

The following actions have been taken by the Curriculum Committee on March 5, 2013, and are hereby submitted for Senate approval:

Course/Program	Action	Date
• Anthropology 104	Update	3-5-13
• Chemistry 211	New	3-5-13
• Communication Studies (formerly Speech) 101, 102, 121,151	Discipline name change	3-5-13
• Kinesiology (formerly PE) 35, 185, 266, 267, 286, 329, 332, 347, 350, 351	Discipline name change	3-5-13
• FCS 1, 110, 115	Archive	3-5-13
• Developmental Communications 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E	Archive	3-5-13

**The Curriculum Committee’s Recommendations were approved unanimously.**

**B. Summary of LAMC 2013 Accreditation Exit Interview-Hernandez/Flood/Echeverri (5 min).**

A video of the exit interview can be viewed at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TLA6AJvpIXY>

Hernandez passed out “Summary of Actionable Improvement Plans in LAMC’s 2013 Self-Evaluation Report.” The table contains dates, standards, responsible parties, and progress. In addition, a “Los Angeles Mission College Accreditation 2013” summary was given out that included Commendations and Recommendations. The Steering Committee will continue in its role but will now shift its focus to answer to the improvement plans once they are more clearly known.

**VII. New Business**

**A. 2013 Senate Elections & Elections Committee Report Nerud/Mkrtchyan/Park/Eguaras/Biondo (5 min)**

Park reported that the dates for the senate elections are April 29, and 30. The committee will be meeting to create a time table and guidelines and emails will be sent shortly.

**B. Update on PACE Viability Study-Phares (5 min)**

Data collection has begun. The committee is attempting to schedule a meeting next week. Scheduling has proven to be a challenge.

**VIII. Reports of Senate and College Committee Meetings**

**A. SLO Proficiency Report and SLO Website Update - Flood**

P. Flood reported that the Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs) have been posted in all classrooms along with the LAMC Mission Statement and 10,000 bookmarks have been distributed to students with the ILOs on one side and the College Mission Statement on the other side. She is almost done with the required ACCJC SLO 2012 Proficiency Report which includes statistics on LAMC's progress and a narrative report in response to 7 questions. She also included a table of proficiency criteria and evidence with numerical references to 53 folders of evidence and links and 434 documents.

Flood demonstrated some of the new features that have been added to the SLO website to make accessing SLO assessment reports posted on the SLO online system easier.

During the spring 2013 semester, the ILO assessment co-chairs will be presenting to EPC the results of their assessments conducted during the fall semester 2012. She added that we will especially be focusing on program assessments this semester and what we have learned from them.

**B. Educational Planning Committee – Phares**

- A number of changes will be made to Program Review, including:
  - a. Program Review annual update screens will be modified to include data analysis suggested by the accrediting site committee.
  - b. Comprehensive reviews will no longer occur on a regular basis; they will be used in cases where the annual updates indicate a special need.
  - c. Program Review screens will, starting in Spring 2014, be open from April to June rather than in October. The rationale is to allow EPC and Academic Affairs sufficient time to consider (and prioritize) budgetary requests. Screens will re-open briefly in October to allow chairs to add additional, last-minute budgetary requests.
  - d. EPC will work with Academic Affairs to provide feedback to chairs on the prioritization process starting in 2014-2015.
  - e. Each year, questions regarding how disciplines address one ILO will be included in the annual update screens.
  - f. EPC will work with Library, Distance Education, CTE programs, and Learning Center this semester to create annual update screens more directly targeted to their special issues and needs.
- Distance Education Committee will add an annual evaluation of student support services for distance education students to its schedule.

**C. Budget and Planning Committee** – Sparfeld: No report.

**D. Facilities and Planning** – Klitsner: No Report

**E. Professional and Staff Development Committee** – Williams: No report

**F. Commencement Committee** – Long: Long asked for suggestions for speakers at LAMC's 2013 Commencement Ceremony as well as for Grand Marshals. The committee will meet 2:30 pm today.

### **Announcements**

**Cesar Chavez Holiday:** Los Angeles Mission College will be closed on Thursday March 28 in honor of Cesar Chavez.

**LAMC Honors Ceremony:** Will take place on Thursday April 18 at 5:00 pm in the Campus Center. Contact Debra Manning for more information.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Gina Ladinsky, Secretary