

SBVC College Council Minutes:

Date: March 12, 2025

Location: Presidents Conference Room, ADSS 207

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Gilbert Contreras, SBVC President, Chair, Ernest Guillen, CSEA President, Andrea Hecht, Academic Senate President, Co-Chair, John Feist, Classified Senate President, Dyami Ruiz-Martinez ASG President, Thomas Berry, Jeffery Demsky, CTA President, Uvaldo (Aldo) Sifuentes-, Leticia Hector, Marco Cota, Keith Bacon, Rania Hamdy, -Danielle Graham, Bethany Tasaka, Yvonne Gutierrez, Celia Huston, Joanna Oxendine

(16) Members

Guest:

Minutes by: Noel Arciero

TOPIC	DISCUSSION and ACTION
Call to Order: 1. Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Contreras began the meeting at 1:01 p.m.• The agenda was approved with one change, moving item #5 (Book Saver Update) before item #3 (Welcome).
Approval of Minutes: 2. February 26, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Contreras called for approval of the minutes from February 26, 2025.
President Report: 5. Book Saver Update – Vice Chancellor J. Torres (Via Zoom) (Information)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vice Chancellor J. Torres provided an update on the Book Saver program, which offers textbook rentals at \$20 per unit, with an opt-in transition starting in September. Feedback from the Chancellor’s Council was minimal, and further input was requested.• The program allows students to pay upfront for textbooks, with potential price increases if CTC courses are included.• Cost-saving strategies include expanding OER use, reducing publisher website access, and prioritizing digital textbooks.• Enrollment Growth: 2,363 students participated in Fall 2024, increasing to 3,471 in Spring 2025.• Questions and Concerns that Council members discussed:• ZTC Courses & OER: Support for OER adoption, but concerns over licensing restrictions.• Program Costs: Questions about higher-than-expected

<p>3. Welcome</p>	<p>costs and added workload for colleges.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct Offering: Exploring direct student enrollment and alternative funding for selecting courses. • Enrollment Transparency: Concerns over whether 2,800 students opted in or were auto enrolled. • Student Feedback: Need for qualitative input to determine if participation reflects genuine demand. • Next Steps and further discussions will focus on enrollment clarity, process improvements, and ensuring informed student participation with faculty and stakeholder input. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Contreras welcomed the College Council, highlighting Women's History Month events, including strong participation in the Red Dress event. He noted the Pacifica Club's growing presence in campus activities. • He informed the committee that the Board of Trustees will meet on campus tomorrow. • Men's Basketball advanced to the Elite Eight in the State Championship, with appreciation for supporters. • The "Valley Up" movement, originating from the football program, is gaining traction as a school spirit initiative. • Book Saver Program Feedback: From recent classroom visits, student opinions were mixed—some cited cost savings, while others raised concerns about legal and financial issues.
<p>4. Academic Senate Report – A. Hecht (Information)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A. Hecht encouraged instructors to survey students about their Book Saver experiences, including opt-in/out rates and comparisons to previous semesters. This data will be presented at the April 2 Academic Senate meeting. • A. Hecht provided her own feedback on Book Saver concerns, highlighting that students being required to pay \$29 for textbooks could potentially undermine Open Educational Resources (OER) efforts. Suggestions included purchasing textbooks for first-year students

6. Council Membership College
(First Read) – A. Hecht & G.
Contreras (Information)

and implementing a rental program.

- A. Hecht reminded the council of the Dr. John Stankas Honoring Event scheduled for March 21 in B1-100 and the Academic Senate Special Meeting today at 3 PM in North Hall 218, scheduled early due to spring break.
- Dr. Contreras tasked the College Council with gathering input on membership to develop a Participatory Governance Handbook and restructure representation for effectiveness.
- Proposed College Council functions, responsibilities were outlined, including:
 - Serve as a recommending body.
 - Review policies and governance principles.
 - Facilitate decision-making.
- Comparison to the Existing Governance (AP/BP 2510): The current governance structure is outdated (last updated in 2015) and includes references to defunct plans. The new draft aims to reflect current needs.
- Representation Concerns proposed:
 - That the structure is faculty-heavy, raising concerns about balance across managers, classified staff, and students.
 - Affinity groups' role (e.g., API, SAGA) needs clarification—suggested as advisory rather than voting members.
 - Cabinet members' dual influence in College Council and Cabinet raised concerns; removing them as voting members was suggested.
- Committee Representation discussed includes:
 - Campus-wide, Senate, and high-impact committees (e.g., Curriculum, Accreditation).
 - Debate over whether committee chairs should remain for expertise or if manager appointments should be broader.
- Next Steps:
 - Revise draft incorporating feedback.
 - Provide a comparison table of AP/BP 2510 and

<p>7. BSI Convening- G. Contreras (Information)</p>	<p>the proposed model.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inventory current college plans to align responsibilities. ○ Continue discussions on balancing representation while ensuring effective decision-making. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G. Contreras updated the College Council on the BSI Convening set for March 27, 2025, noting that some representatives attended the AMEND Conference last week. • Purpose is to clarify Black Serving Institution (BSI) designation and steps to achieve it. • Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Joanna Oxendine's team – BSI-specific data. ○ April Dale's team – Steps to achieve BSI status. • Key Focus on inventory of existing plans, outcomes, and goals, aligning strategies with performance indicators. • Participants will receive information and commit to measurable outcomes. • The convening will link existing plans to clear goals while identifying new priorities. • Lead Consultant Contact: A. Dale.
<p>Vice President's Reports:</p>	
<p>Accreditation and Student Learning Outcomes – C. Huston/ L. Hector/J. Oxendine</p>	
<p>Education Master Plan/Strategic Planning – J. Oxendine</p>	
<p>Program Review – J. Oxendine/D. Graham/B. Tasaka</p>	
<p>District and Campus Committee Updates:</p>	
<p>Other:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. Hamdy announced that after significant work post-COVID, the AI Academy has officially launched. The academy offers various training modules, with two-day

	<p>Zoom sessions scheduled for May 2 and May 9. Crafton and the district are also invited. Early registration numbers indicate strong interest in large-scale AI training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Cota informed the committee that at the Annual High School conference on May 14, they are expecting 105 counselors from feeder High Schools. • On March 27, there will be a Rising Scholars student briefing in B1-100 from 1–3 PM, including financial aid presentations and a resource fair featuring specialty programs. • Counseling will be continuing their ongoing efforts are underway to support incoming students by ensuring they complete matriculation steps and develop their first-semester educational plans. • B. Tasaka announced 3D printing workshop at 11 AM, a guest speaker at noon, and a Pulitzer event on Friday night. • Students are encouraged to attend, with pizza and dessert pie being served in honor of Pi Day. • T. Berry updated the council that the task force is preparing for faculty workshops to align with received grant funding. Work began in Fall Phase 1 (6 courses updated), with Phase 2 expanding to over 200 courses. Honors course numbering remains under discussion. • L. Hector announced the Board of Trustees Campus Tour will tour select instructional areas on Thursday. • Planned stops include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Biology & Microbiology labs ○ Campus Museum (highlighting lesser-known resources) ○ Gresham Art Gallery & Glass Blowing Lab (showcasing curriculum connections and certificates)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The tour will also promote the upcoming reopening of the Biology Garden. • J. Demsky update that faculty members Tatiana Vasquez and Thomas are finalizing a CTA Institute for Teaching grant application. • The grant seeks funding to enhance instructional resources at the community college level, which is less common than K–12 recipients. • Y. Gutierrez provided an update on the ongoing enhancements to the SALA webpage, which now includes updated resources, legal advisories, and training materials designed to support students and their families. • ICE Preparedness Posters (300 ordered) will be widely distributed across classrooms and offices. • Designated private spaces for faculty and staff will be identified, with discussions ongoing about expanding district-wide protected areas. • U. Sifuentes updates that Campus Technology will be implementing a new Wi-Fi, it will be providing seamless connectivity across participating colleges and universities. • Benefits include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Automatic login. ○ Improved printing access (VPN no longer required). ○ A full campus rollout is expected within a month, starting with the Applied Technology Building and The Village.
Adjournment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourn 2:32 P.M

<p>Next College Council Meeting Remaining Academic Year 24-25 Meetings-Bi-Monthly, 2nd & 4th Wednesday.</p>	<p>-Wednesday, April 9, 2025- Accreditation & Student Learning -Wednesday, April 23, 2025-HSI & Diversity & Branding -Wednesday, May 14, 2025-SP25 Summary/FA look ahead-C.H - Wednesday, May 28, 2025 (Non-Meeting)</p>
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