

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES CLASSIFIED SENATE

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES OF THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES CLASSIFIED SENATE (4CS)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD AT
FRESNO CITY COLLEGE AND VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE ON
SATURDAY JULY 29, 2023

Members present (distinguished with an "X"):

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| ☒ Trisha Albertsen | ☐ Kathleen Matthies |
| ☒ Virginia Criswell | ☒ Amparo Medina |
| ☐ Kristal Dela Cruz | ☐ Felisia Mitchell |
| ☒ Hope Ell | ☒ Dina Pielat |
| ☒ Therese Grande | ☒ Monique Reyna |
| ☐ LaTonya Harden | ☒ David Rodriguez |
| ☒ Deborah Knowles | ☒ Susan Rodriguez |

Others present: Kim Duong, former 4CS Treasurer; Karen Jimenez, 4CS Past President

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Deborah Knowles at 9:06 a.m. on Saturday, July 29, 2023.

II. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Deborah Knowles read the 4CS land acknowledgement.

California Community Colleges Classified Senate honors and acknowledges that our 116 campuses throughout the state of California are located in the unceded territories of the 109 federally recognized and unrecognized tribes, bands, and rancherias. We pledge to pursue continuous and reciprocal relationships with the Tribal Nations of California to mitigate the impacts of our institutional legacy upon the indigenous people, lands, and waters of this place, which are and always will be, inextricable.

Hope Ell read the Fresno City College Land Acknowledgment

Recently, land acknowledgments have become common place in academia, with Universities and Colleges giving formal statements, often at the beginning of an event, acknowledging the local Indigenous communities. On the surface this seems harmless and even a powerful sign of respect. Many Native Americans see these statements as hollow gestures of political correctness, which sidesteps Indigenous peoples enduring struggle for human rights and self-determination. A simple acknowledgement that FCC sits on Native land would be racial performative art. Fresno City College's land acknowledgment is different in a few ways. We will begin by acknowledging the Yokuts and Mono nations are the moral and rightful owners of the land our college is situated in. Secondly, we acknowledge the devastating effects settler colonialism has had on Indigenous communities. Most significantly, FCC acknowledges settler colonialism is not a past event, but a violent and repressive structure which seeks to destroy Indigenous self-determination. In a settler colonial state there is no post-racial society for Indigenous peoples. FCC exists because of a legacy of settler violence against California Tribes, the illegal seizure of Indigenous territories, and the ongoing suppression of Indigenous human rights. Truth seeking is assumed to be one of the most powerful hallmarks of academia. We should always strive to live up to the worthy value of truth seeking, no matter how unsettling the truth may be, and pursue a relationship with the local tribes which is built on respect.

III. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deborah Knowles welcomed everyone to the meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Tabled.

V. CONSENT ITEMS

None.

VI. GOVERNANCE ITEMS

None.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Motion to suspend the order of the agenda. Moved by Amparo Medina, seconded by Therese Grande. Motion passed unanimously.

a. Reorganization

i. 2024-05 Content Officers

The Board reviewed, discussed and updated a proposal for new content officers.

Motion to move Caring Campus from an officer position to a coordinator position under the purview of the Professional Development Officer made by Therese Grande, seconded by Amparo Medina. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to make new content officers voting members. Motion made by Amparo Medina, seconded by Hope Ell. Seven members approved, one opposed, one abstained. Motion passed.

Motion to approve agenda item 2024-05, Content Officers, including changes approved above, made by Monique Reyna, seconded by Amparo Medina. Eight members approved, one opposed. Agenda item 2024-05, Content Officers, passed.

ii. 2024-02 Bylaws

The Board reviewed, discussed and updated the bylaws.

Motion to change associates to members at large made by Monique Reyna, seconded by Therese Grande. Upon discussion, Monique Reyna amended motion to remove associates and replace with members at large, non-voting. Motion to amend seconded by Virginia Creswell. Three members approved, five opposed, one abstained. Motion failed.

Motion to remove "past classified professionals" from Article 4, Section 2, Letter C made by Therese Grande, seconded by Amparo Medina. Upon discussion, Susan Rodriguez amended the motion to remove "current or past" from Article 4, Section 2, Letter C. With this motion, Article 4, Section 2, Letter C will read as follows, "Associates are classified professionals who express interest in participating on the 4CS Board. Associates are non-voting members and are assigned specific responsibilities by the Executive Officers." Motion to amend seconded by Trisha Albertsen. The amended motion passed unanimously.

Motion to change Article 4, Section 2, Letter D to "Member Emeriti, defined as former board members who shall operate in an advisory capacity to the board as non-voting members" made by

David Rodriguez, seconded by Trisha Albertsen. Upon discussion, David Rodriguez amended the motion to change Article 4, Section 2 Letter D to "Board Advisors, defined as former board members who shall operate in an advisory capacity to the Board as non-voting members." Current Article 4, Section 2, Letter D to move to Letter E. Seconded by Therese Grande. Six members approved, two opposed, one abstained. Motion passed.

Motion to remove Letter E, President Emeriti, from Article 4, Section 2 of the bylaws made by Hope Ell, seconded by Monique Reyna. Eight members approved, one abstained. Motion passed.

Motion to remove Letter I, President Emeritus, from Article 5, Section 2 and replace with Board Advisors made by Monique Reyna, seconded by Amparo Medina. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon motion duly made by Monique Reyna, seconded by Amparo Medina, agenda item 2024-02, Bylaws, was unanimously approved including all changes approved above.

iii. 2024-01 Board Composition

The Board reviewed, discussed and updated the board composition.

Motion to approve agenda item 2024-01, Board Composition as presented made by Susan Rodriguez. Seconded by Amparo Medina. Amendment to original motion made by Monique Reyna, seconded by Amparo Medina to approve agenda item 2024-01 with ten regions identified by number only and add two at-large representatives, one for the north and one for the south. Amended motion passed unanimously.

Upon motion duly made by Monique Reyna, seconded by Amparo Medina, agenda item 2024-01, Board Composition, was unanimously approved with the changes noted above.

iv. 2024-03 Policies

The Board reviewed, discussed and updated the policies.

Motion to list maximum number of board members as 25 made by Therese Grande, seconded by Monique Reyna. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon motion duly made by Monique Reyna, seconded by Amparo Medina, agenda item 2024-03, Policies, was unanimously approved with the change approved above and a notation to include applicable changes from the Bylaws in the Policies.

v. 2024-04 Procedures
Postponed to September meeting.

vi. 2024-06 Travel Guidelines
Postponed to September meeting.

vii. 2024-07 Accounting Guidelines
Postponed to September meeting.

b. Special Election

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS
None.

X. CARING CAMPUS
Deborah Knowles shared that the first meeting for the Caring Campus Fall Institute is taking place August 31. Planning is almost complete and 22 of 25 participants and 3 of 5 mentors have been confirmed. Questions arose around the focus of Caring Campus and how it benefits colleges and classified professionals. This discussion will be tabled to a regular meeting.

XI. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS
None.

XII. AREA REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS
None.

XIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

XIV. ADJOURN
Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Approved on: September 23, 2023

President's Signature: Deborah Knowles