

COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS
COCFA/SENATE EXECUTIVE MEETING



Wednesday, November 7, 2018
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. BONH 330

Attendees: Patty Robinson, Miriam Golbert, Erika Torgeson, Lisa Hooper, Garrett Hooper, Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, David C. Andrus, Kelly C. Burke, Jason Burgdorfer, Brittany Applen, Marilyn Jimenez, Rebecca Eikey, Regina Blasberg (via phone), Nicole Faudree

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to order: 4:02 pm
2. Public Comment

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Executive Committee on any matter not on the agenda. No action will be taken. Speakers are limited to three minutes.

3. Approval of the Agenda
 - Motion to approve the agenda by Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, seconded by Kelly Burke. Unanimous. Approved.

B. Reports

1. President's Report
 - This is the first joint meeting to take place with COCFA. There is a Joint Collaborative Agreement for Senate Executive Committee to meet with COCFA once per semester.

C. Discussion

1. Vote of no confidence-Eloy Oakley
 - There was a question regarding should the Executive Committee do their own Vote of Confidence or if it should be joint with COCFA?
 - Concern was expressed a Vote of Confidence may not be effective unless it is connected to a larger plan. Perhaps a resolutions may be more effective.
 - The Vote of No Confidence was brought to Senate to inform people before they vote.
 - If there is a joint resolution both documents (COCFA and Executive versions) have to be the same.
2. Class size
 - There was a question regarding where does the 35 classroom number come from? Per the 1976 contract it states that "the superintendent will develop class size." Nothing is stated in policy regarding class size. The standard class size is based on efficiency. Class size has been a carry over. The 1984

contract states that the 35 number “shall not be exceeded.”

- Due to some changes with AB 705 the English department is concerned that there will be more students less prepared. The English department would like to reduce the class size due to physical limitations and the heavy burden.
- There was a suggestion to have a series of open dialogue discussion meetings with the English Department in Curriculum. It was also suggested to have joint meetings with Academic Senate and COCFA to have transparency and to hear different viewpoints. Having a union member present during discussion meetings will help to answer questions.
- There are some schools going towards a co-requisite model by placing students in college level courses with support.

3. Instructional materials

- The instructional materials are unique in STEM programs. For example, there are rocks which can be radioactive. There are concerns regarding safety and therefore limitations with using materials. Some faculty cannot collect rocks unless they are being put through a material safety process. Some faculty are being denied access to some materials. A question was proposed to the committee regarding what could be done to support faculty who are being denied access to materials? Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

D. Adjournment: 4:57 pm