



# Academic Senate for California Community Colleges

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Relations with Local Senates Committee  
Friday, November 22, 2019  
8-9 am  
Zoom

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## MINUTES

In attendance: Anna Bruzzese, Mayra Cruz, Cheri Fortin, Travis Ritt, Robert Stewart, Thais Winsome

- I. Selection of note taker- Mayra
- II. Update regarding badges/ribbons/pins  
Members selected ASCCC pins. Anna will follow up with the ASCCC office about getting them sent to the committee members.
- III. Update regarding the ASCCC Executive Committee's approval of the RwLS Committee's work plan and of the message to the field at its November 9 meeting in Newport Beach  
The work plan and the message to the field was approved by the Exec Committee at the November meeting. The message was sent to senate presidents by the office on November 18<sup>th</sup> and will be sent every semester.
- IV. Update and next steps regarding ASCCC Fall 2019 Plenary and RwLS activities  
Mayra and Anna shared reflections on the 2019 Plenary Pre-session for new senate leaders. The 1/2hr session was not enough time. The session needs to be more interactive. Goodie bags were great! Thank you Robert for attending the session.
- V. Update and next steps regarding reaching out to colleges that have not been visited in the last five years:  
Area A (Cheri): Sent a letter and no response yet.  
Area B (Mayra): Thais and Mayra have reached out.  
Area C (Anna): Reached out to Allan Hancock and Cuesta. There is a new senate president at Allan Hancock, and the past senate president said she will share Anna's message with them. Anna did not get a response from Cuesta.

Area D (Tavis): Reached out to all. Golden West and Coastline responded with "thank you and no thank you."

It was reported that colleges can send a request via email and RwLS leaders will work with Krystinne to complete a request.

**Colleges without a visit within the past five years:**

<b>Area A (Cheri):</b>	
Porterville	<a href="https://committees.kccd.edu/committee/academic-senate">https://committees.kccd.edu/committee/academic-senate</a>
Shasta	<a href="http://www.shastacollege.edu/participatory%20committees/academic%20senate/Pages/4524.aspx">http://www.shastacollege.edu/participatory%20committees/academic%20senate/Pages/4524.aspx</a>
West Hills Coalinga	<a href="https://www.westhillscollge.com/coalinga/about/governance-planning/">https://www.westhillscollge.com/coalinga/about/governance-planning/</a>
West Hills Lemoore	<a href="https://www.westhillscollge.com/lemoore/about/academic-senate/">https://www.westhillscollge.com/lemoore/about/academic-senate/</a>
<b>Area B (Mayra and Thais):</b>	
Contra Costa	<a href="https://www.contracosta.edu/faculty-resources/academic-senate/">https://www.contracosta.edu/faculty-resources/academic-senate/</a>
<b>Area C (Robert and Anna):</b>	
Allan Hancock	<a href="https://www.hancockcollege.edu/academic_senate/index.php">https://www.hancockcollege.edu/academic_senate/index.php</a>
Cuesta	<a href="https://www.cuesta.edu/about/depts/academicssenate/index.html">https://www.cuesta.edu/about/depts/academicssenate/index.html</a>
<b>Area D (Travis):</b>	
Coastline	<a href="http://www.coastline.edu/about/governance/academic-senate">http://www.coastline.edu/about/governance/academic-senate</a>
Copper Mountain	<a href="https://www.cmccd.edu/faculty-and-staff/academic-senate/">https://www.cmccd.edu/faculty-and-staff/academic-senate/</a>
Golden West	<a href="http://www.goldenwestcollege.edu/senate/">http://www.goldenwestcollege.edu/senate/</a>
Victor Valley	<a href="http://www.vvc.edu/offices/faculty-services/faculty-senate/">http://www.vvc.edu/offices/faculty-services/faculty-senate/</a>

In addition, the ASCCC Executive Committee agendas have the list of colleges that have been visited. The local senates report starts on p. 17 of the most recent agenda: [https://asccc.org/sites/default/files/Download%20Agenda\\_34.pdf](https://asccc.org/sites/default/files/Download%20Agenda_34.pdf)

VI. Update regarding the review and revision of the Local Senate Handbook and the proposed Rostrum article

Local Senate Handbook (Thais, Lead):

The handbook file was converted into a word document from the pdf sent. The office will format changes made. Anna will forward the handbook to all members. This item will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Anna will check with Krystinne and John on this item:

As the RwLS is reviewing the Local Senate Handbook and working on a Rostrum article related to the current technology and the Brown Act, we were hoping to get an official legal opinion/advice from the lawyer who works with ASCCC regarding what constitutes a public meeting space in the age of Zoom, what's the proper way of noticing and conducting Zoom meetings so as not to violate the Brown Act, and also what online behaviors by Senate/committee members may constitute a violation of the Brown Act. Here's additional background and more specific questions:

The Brown Act was enacted in 1953, long before the Internet, social media, and the concept of the virtual meeting space became an integral part of our culture. At that time, definitions of what constituted an open meeting and what constituted an inappropriate interaction between voting members of the body were straightforward and easily understood. In the digital age, how we define a publicly available meeting space and how voting members of a body are to conduct themselves on social media are open questions that have yet to be addressed by the legislature. Does publishing a Zoom link satisfy the requirement of the law in terms of giving the public full access to the meeting, regardless of the location from which any given voting member might be accessing the meeting? Can a series of "likes" by the voting members of a body for a particular blog post be construed as a serial meeting?

Rostrum articles:

Technology article to be discussed in December.

Defining collegiality in the workplace paper (Robert, Lead)- Robert will follow up with the author of the resolution, Jeffrey Hernandez.

- VII. Review the committee charge and responsibilities to infuse the ASCCC Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement passed at the Fall 2019 Plenary:

The committee incorporated elements of the newly passed ASCCC Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement into its charge and responsibilities statement. Anna will request to have this placed on the next Executive Committee's agenda for approval.

- a) Proposed revisions to the committee charge and responsibilities:

"The Relations with Local Senates (RwLS) Committee serves to augment the work of the Executive Committee. **As a committee, we are invested in cultivating and maintaining a climate where equity and mutual respect are both intrinsic and explicit by valuing individuals and groups from all backgrounds, demographics, and experiences.** Its ~~Its~~ **Our** overall purpose is to provide an opportunity to share local and state concerns, exemplary practices, and other information with the Executive Committee. In order to accomplish its ~~its~~ **our** overall mission, the RwLS members ~~should be~~ **are** conversant with **and promote** pertinent statutes and strategies for effective **and inclusive** academic senates. The RwLS will assess the needs of local leaders in order to provide resources needed to participate effectively in governance at the local level.

VIII. Updates and next steps regarding other committee priorities identified in the work plan: library of resources, webinars, collegiality in the workplace paper

Items were postponed until December.

List of resources to be placed on the on the December agenda (Travis)

Topic for webinars discussion in December (Mayra)

IX. Future meetings

December 11, 2019, Wednesday, 8 am - 9 am, Zoom

January 17, 2020, 10 am - 3 pm, Friday, Los Angeles Southwest College

X. Announcements

a. [Area Meetings](#) – March 27–28, 2020; Various Locations

b. [Spring Plenary](#) - April 16-18, 2020; Oakland

Resources:

Travel form at: <http://www.asccc.org/content/flight-and-travel-request>

Reimbursement form at:

<https://asccc.org/sites/default/files/SenateReimbursementForm2019.pdf>