I. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

II. Approval of the Minutes

- The minutes were approved as submitted.

III. President’s Report

- Report of Statewide Academic Senate Plenary: The Academic Senate President, Curriculum Chair and ASCCC Representative attended the statewide Academic Senate Plenary conference in San Francisco last week. Among the topic for discussion were the following:
  1. Transfer Model Curriculums: The Chancellor’s Office is currently vetting and approving the TMCs, which will allow the community colleges to develop degrees that will guarantee admission to a CSU with junior standing.
  2. Content Review Validation for Prerequisites: A process for implementing content review for applying
prerequisites must be locally developed before adopting a prerequisite. This should be formulated during the next academic year.

3. Accelerated Basis Skills Instruction and Completion: There is a “push” to develop pathways to assist students in the completion of their basic skills instruction. Each campus will develop ways to address this concern.

4. Distance Education: Currently, there is a concern and strive for more online scrutiny.

5. Repeatability of Courses: There is a pressing concern about the repeatability of courses. This issue is of great concern to PE/Athletics departments.

6. Public Opinion about Community Colleges: It was noted that public opinion about community colleges is currently suffering, partly due to malicious public press. There must be an increase in efforts to improve the public’s opinion of the community college system.

- Mental Health Awareness Workshop: Russell Castaneda-Calleros discussed the possibility of offering a mental health awareness workshop for students on campus during May, mental health awareness month. Representative Napolitano is sponsoring a one hour workshops and it is available to us on either May 10th or 12th.

IV. Unfinished Business

- Faculty Hiring Committee Report: The committees will meet on May 6th. Report to follow.

V. New Business

- Senate Resolutions Report: Julius Thomas, our ASCCC representative gave a report on the discussions concerning the resolutions of the Academic Senate during Plenary. An official report of the voting will be sent out as soon as it is available.

- Admissions and Records Report: Judy Pearson explained how the dates for drops, etc. are formulated. A discussion of the expiry dates of the Add Codes was introduced; the discussion will continue at the next Senate meeting.
• **Union Consultation**: The RHCFA consulted with the Senate about tenured faculty evaluations. This discussion needs more time and will be continued at the next Senate meeting.

• **Early College Academy Report**: Henry Gee, Mike Munoz, and Kay Woudenberg (an EAC instructor) gave a report on the Early College Academy. Mike Munoz gave an overview of the academy using a power point presentation. Questions regarding the sequencing of the courses and timing of the assessments were brought forth. This discussion will be continued at the next Senate meeting.

VI. Committee Reports

• Academic Rank: No report
• Bookstore: No report.
• Curriculum: No report.
• FLEX/Staff Development: No report.
• IEC: No report.
• MIS: No report.
• Safety: No report.
• Program Review: No report.
• SLOs: No report.
• Virtual College: No report.

VII. Announcements

• There were no announcements.

VIII. Public Comment

• There were no public announcements.

IX. Adjournment

• The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.