

Faculty Development Committee Meeting

Minutes for Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Via Zoom: <https://elcamino-edu.zoom.us/j/96406869362> 1:15-2:15 pm

Present	Name		Division
X	Stacey Allen*	SA	Behavioral & Social Sciences
X	Taryn Bailey	TB	Guided Pathways
X	Erica Brenes	EB	Humanities
X	Anna Brochet	AB	Counseling
	Rose Ann Cerofeci	RC	Humanities
X	Linda Cooks	LC	Library & Learning Resources
X	Amy Herrschaft	AH	Counseling
X	Amy Himself	AJH	Behavioral & Social Sciences
	Lars Kjeseth	LK	Mathematical Sciences
	Rhea Lewitzki	RL	Humanities
X	Crystle Martin	CM	Library & Learning Resources
	Arturo Martinez	AM	Mathematical Sciences
	David Moyer	DM	Fine Arts
X	Jackie Nolasco	JN	Professional Development (guest)
X	Polly Parks	PP	Natural Sciences
X	Margaret Steinberg	MS	Natural Sciences
	Jason Suárez	JS	Behavioral & Social Sciences
X	Evelyn Uyemura	EU	Humanities

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Mission Statement: *The El Camino College Faculty Development Committee provides opportunities and support to promote instructional excellence and innovation through faculty collaboration.*

Fall 2021 Meetings: September 14 & 28, October 12 & 26, November 9 & 23

Spring 2022 Meetings: February 22, March 8 & 22, April 26, May 10 & 24

Flex FAQs

SA thanked members of the committee who contributed to the Flex FAQ revisions and reported that the Academic Senate approved the revised Flex FAQs in a second reading on November 16th.

Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award (OAF)

SA reported that Sarah Leinen, who was nominated by EB, was selected for a second time for the OAF. LC will be recognized with a certificate for Achievement for Distinguished Teaching & Student Learning. Members were encouraged to attend the award ceremony at the December 7th meeting of the Academic Senate.

Informed & Inspired (I&I)

SA thanked PP for her tireless efforts to recruit presenters and organize meetings to plan I&I sessions this semester. *Informed & Inspired: Deep Listening to Students About Returning to Campus* took place on November 17th. With nearly 40 in attendance, faculty were able to hear a conversation between three students who discussed their experiences with in-person classes

this semester. While the students expressed excitement and gratitude for being back on campus, they also noted feelings of anxiety and uncertainty regarding protocols as they first returned in the fall. They suggested that faculty reach out to their classes ahead of the spring semester to provide as much information as possible about their class and the return-to-campus protocols (i.e., tell students to allow enough time to find parking AND check in at kiosks). The students reported feeling safe in their classes now due to social distancing and safety protocols, but noted that students who register for spring in-person classes are likely to assume these practices will continue. Students should be informed during the registration period that social distancing will no longer be enforced indoors in the spring.

Conversations with Colleagues

SA reported that *Conversations with Colleagues: How are we preparing for our return to campus?* took place on November 17th. There were over 40 in attendance as PP, DM, Joanna Nachev, and Dawn Charman discussed their experiences teaching in-person this semester. This was a great opportunity for faculty who have been teaching remotely this semester to hear first-hand from colleagues who have already returned to campus and to ask questions. Attendees raised concerns about the limited kiosks on campus and procedures for accommodating staff and students as they check in. Other questions related to mandating booster shots, having to use sick days if a faculty member tests positive for COVID-19, and attendance policies were also raised.

Faculty Book Club (FBC)

LC reported that the FBC met on November 12th and had a meaningful discussion of Chapters 9 and 10 in *Social Justice Issues and Racism in the College Classroom: Perspectives from Different Voices*, edited by Patricia G. Boyer and Dannielle Joy Davis. The next meeting will take place on Friday, December 10th to discuss Chapters 11 and 13. Faculty have unlimited access to the E-book via the Schauerman Library; prior attendance is not required to attend the next meeting.

Guided Pathways

TB provided a report on various Guided Pathways related initiatives including the ECC Equity-Minded Teaching Institute (EMTI), IMPACT Equity Toolkit, the Winter Summit, and upcoming training for ECC Connect via Professional Development & Learning. The inaugural ECC EMTI will take place during the 2022 winter session. EB, PP, and SA, along with six other faculty members serve on the design team. More robust training for ECC Connect for faculty and service providers will be available next semester as we begin utilizing more features offered by the system.

Retirement

Our longest serving member of the FDC announced that after 17 years at ECC, she will retire at the end of this semester. Margaret Steinberg has served on the committee for many years and will certainly be missed! The committee wishes her well!

Adjourned 1:51
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