



EL CAMINO COLLEGE
Office of the Vice President – Academic Affairs

NOTES – AREA COUNCIL
November 7, 2024

Present: R. Galbavy, B. Giles, M. Jimenez, C. Lopez, E. Matykiewicz, M. McMillan, J. Meredith, A. Minasian, K. Nguyen, D. Thompson

I. INFORMATION

- A. Notes of May 9, 2024: Reviewed and approved as written.

II. DISCUSSION/ACTION

- A. Academic Affairs Report: (C. Lopez)

Current fall projected enrollment is 7,638 FTES, up 6.9% from last fall and 2.2% above target. As a result of more students wanting on-site classes, ECC is moving toward 60/40 split, on-campus versus online classes, for spring. Due to a high Faculty Obligation number (FON), the only faculty recruitments this year will be in Nursing. Annualized scheduling will begin this spring for the 2025-26 academic year. This is the first step towards allowing students to register for an entire year of classes.

- B. Division Reports:

ASO Report: K. Nguyen provided an update:

Many new members were added to fill vacancies in ASO Senate. Recent events: Homecoming Tailgate, Lobby Day, and Student Voter Project. Upcoming events: 11/7 – Veteran's Day Event 11a-1p, Paws for Mental Wellness 10a-12p; 11/14-16 – Advocacy Academy Conference; 11/21 – Harvest Festival/Food Drive; 12/6 – 26th Annual CARE & CalWORKs Warrior Holidays event.

Behavioral & Social Sciences (BSS): R. Galbavy provided an update:

11/7 BSS sponsoring a free event with guest speaker Imani McGee-Stafford, WNBA player, abuse survivor, mental health advocate, and poet; Marsee Auditorium, 1:15p. BSS faculty have begun developing noncredit classes to be offered this fall and spring. In spring, a non-credit HDEV class for the trucking student and a non-credit HDEV class for the health profession certificates in medical transcription, personal care aide, and sterile processing will be offered. BSS welcomed new Psychology faculty member, Craig Sauer, who is already involved across campus, especially with LGBTQIA+ programs. Faculty members, Martin Leyva (Sociology) and Amina Humphrey (Ethnic Studies) were honored as DEIA Champions at the Racial Equity Symposium this fall.

Business: B. Giles provided an update:

Entrepreneurial Studies program is hosting an online series with five speakers from different areas of business, as well as a recent event that included college representatives from CSU Long Beach, Los Angeles, Dominguez Hills, and Irvine. Working with South Bay Adult School to form a pathway and develop a noncredit class for entrepreneurship. CIS hosting event with workshops and speakers for local high school students. Two retirements in Business: Laurie Linka and Linda Morford.

Classified: J. Meredith provided an update:

Staff expressing concerns regarding the SRP and resulting vacancies on campus. Working on creating a Classified Senate. Spring PD Day will include a meeting for those interested in forming that group.

Fine Arts: E. Holman provided an update (via email):

Art students to submit mural project proposals for display in divisions; students have applied for internships at DreamWorks & Disney for Summer 2025; and 30+ students attended the Lightbox Expo & AIGA Design Conferences. Dance is preparing for the move to the Modular Village and ECC is hosting the ACDA Dance Conference over Spring Break. Photography students' portrait photos of faculty are featured in the Music Building hallway, and many photography students getting paid for work at various events. 11/21-23 ECC Chorale participating in music conference in San Diego. 11/22-12/8 Pride & Prejudice performances.

Health Sciences & Athletics: J. Meredith provided an update:

ECC's first students in the new baccalaureate Respiratory Care program will be finishing up in December. A completion ceremony will be held and students will also participate in commencement.

Humanities: D. Thompson provided an update:

Division has a new associate dean, Dr. Ed Rice. Sign Language moved to Humanities. English is working on common course numbering. ESL continues to see growth in the demand for noncredit classes. Journalism students attended a convention in New Orleans. ECC Study Abroad Program traveled to Madrid, Spain over the summer and included World Languages from Humanities. Division participated in Halloween dress-up with the theme of "Literary Monsters."

Industry & Technology (ITEC): E. Matykiewicz provided an update:

10/1 College Night: ITEC highlighted programs to on-campus students; 10/8 program updates & advisory to local area industry; 10/29 Career panel with local employers; 11/13 High School College Night. Two new hires in Automotive. Many programs seeking mini grants through The Foundation.

Library & Learning Resources (LLR): M. McMillan provided an update:

ECC is now a California Virtual Campus (CVC) Exchange Teaching College, which allows students to take online courses at another community college while also enrolled at ECC. Dual Enrollment enrolled over 2500 high school students this fall in 140 class sections. K-12 Career Pathways worked with deans and faculty to host 10 CTE teachers from Redondo Union High School for their Professional Development Day. Budget reductions will also impact the library, which may affect subscriptions and other resources. Currently reviewing costs and reductions that have the least impact on students. Working on issues with tracking ZTC and designations in the class schedule.

Mathematical Sciences: A. Minasian provided an update:

11/8 Math contest with prizes for students at 1:30p & 2:15p. Winter Math Academy sections are open for enrollment. Dr. Mata is working on MATH 187, a new prep course for pre-calculus & trigonometry, and Dr. Ng is working on a support course for calculus.

Natural Sciences: M. Jimenez provided an update:

Biotechnology courses started in fall, and a Biotechnology degree and certificate are pending Chancellor's Office approval. Currently negotiating with Opentrons Corp. to create a biotechnology automation lab. Nonmajors Biology is now incorporating a biotechnology lab in their course. Earth Sciences is collaborating with architecture's new Sustainable Design Certificate program and include courses in Geography and Geology. Physics is looking to create a special study space for students to meet with student tutors. Planning has begun for the annual Onizuka Space Science Day.

III. Next Meeting: May 1, 2025; 1:15 - 2:15 p.m.; Zoom