

# ALLAN HANCOCK COLLEGE

## Academic Senate Special Meeting

Agenda for Tuesday, August 31, 2021

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting: <https://hancockcollege.zoom.us/j/91849511849>

**AS PRESIDENT:** A. Restrepo

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** K. Adams, H. Alvarez, R. Bryant, C. Hite, Cl. Diaz, H. Elliott, A. Fox, K. George, A. Gomez de Torres, C. Hite, M. Hull, J. Jozwiak, M. McGill, K. Runkle, M. Arvizu-Rodriguez, T. Roepke, J. Scarff, M. Segura, C. Stevens, J. Tuan, N. Ward, L. West

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:**

**GUESTS:** R. Curry, R. Rameriz, S. Rameriz Gelpe, A. Rameriz, K. Beckelhymen, C. Reed, E. Hodges, K. Parent, T. Lamica, T. Humann,

1. **Call to order.**
2. **Public comments.**
3. **Rollcall**
4. **President's Remarks.**

A. Restrepo reported that it had been an interesting week since we last met. Many things have transpired that may influence the actions the Senators take tonight. A new MOU was signed by the District, Faculty Association (AS), and Academic Senate Exec (ASE) and is to be ratified by the Board of Trustees (BOT) later tonight. It is almost identical to what was requested below in Motion 1. The MOU requests that the BOT consent to parity with service faculty and instructional faculty. It offers a stipend for anyone converting classes from F2F to hybrid @ \$500 per unit. It applies to fall 2021 and spring 2022 semesters; allows faculty to have input and request specific technology in their classroom/s. Restrepo would like a discussion on the two motions. There needs to be a decision: is the Motion as written still adequate, or is there a recommendation from the senate to modify Motion 1. Our options are to vote on the Motion, modify it to account for what happened this last week, or it can be tabled. Senate will make this decision through a vote.

### **ACTION**

5. **Motion 1: Move that the board re-instate the state of emergency that was cancelled in June and the associated MOU, which allowed for student-facing flexibility driven by the faculty's pedagogical and disciplinary expertise. R. Bryant / M. Brunét**  
**Discussion:** J. Scarff shared that when she put the two motions to her department, she got responses – the overwhelming response was YES until the new MOU was presented. Cl. Diaz shared that faculty in her department does not think it is fair to change the modalities after the semester begins. She asked how students would be able to attend in person and then go home to zoom. Faculty were told that students could go to the classroom and work in that space, but faculty will not be responsible for students - the District will be. Students should have been informed about this arrangement before the semester started. K. Adams stated that the MOU addressed what we requested. M. Segura met with PT Faculty executive board and is concerned that it addresses FT faculty and not PT faculty. M. Miller verified that the options presented in the MOU would be in place for all faculty, and the union is concerned about the technology being available for PT faculty and stated that this needs to be remediated. C. Stevens his department overwhelmingly yes for both, except him. His concern is that

Motion 1 allows students to be unsupervised if faculty chooses to zoom into the onsite classroom. He stated that we advertised in-person classes, and now courses could be very different. Students did not have a choice, and now we are changing this. It seems like a lot of chaos midstream and does not support a shift during this semester.

R. Bryant shared that he was told that students would have facilities available to work from, such as the library and the ARC. He also heard that we have laptops on order and can be made available to students. Laptops are available for students and faculty to check out. Technology is already in the podium for faculty who do not want to use their computer. J. Jowskiak stated that she has the same proposal – in person but received an email today from a student who does not feel safe on campus. Jowskiak believes it will only worsen, yet she will do everything she can to support students. A. Fox stated that most were in favor of Motion 1 and all in favor of Motion 2. M. Segura said no one is required to do “Zoom and Room,” but their supervisor asked them to switch without having the technology in place. A. Fox has already had two classes that have been quarantined and may have to provide extra materials for the students who cannot attend in person. T. Roepke stated that their department met and unanimously to Motion 1 and Motion 2. Many students are exposed in other classes, and faculty are looking for a solution for those who cannot attend due to health reasons.

N. Ward stated that the faculty in Fine Arts who responded supported both motions, and they are working to support students and PT faculty. R. Bryant has had many classes affected. If we cannot switch to zoom, we will be missing opportunities to help our students. J. Tuan stated that counselors supported both motions, but it seems that the Motion 1 is moot with the recent MOU. K. Adams stated that the English faculty that attended the department meeting supported both Motions. C. Stevens stated that a hybrid model is a good solution for quarantines and health issues, but exclusively zooming was a nightmare for students. He is concerned about those students dropping. M. Segura does not see representation from Community Ed or non-Credit and hopes that whatever decisions are made are extended to them. A. Restrepo asked if this Motion is still relevant if the MOU that the BOT is voting on tonight. He wanted to honor the will of this body and asked if there was anything we could do to honor this Motion. He asked if there was a revision that could be proposed. L. West asked if Senators were voting on the new MOU or if it was a done deal?

A. Restrepo answered that since it is already signed and now requires approval from the BOT, which will probably happen at tonight’s BOT meeting. L. West proposed a friendly amendment to revise Motion 1 so that it refers to the current MOU. K. Adams is still concerned about how the District will shape the MOU.

**Motion for Friendly Amendment to be revised: Academic Senate approves the new MOU between the Board of Trustees and the FA, which allows for student-facing flexibility driven by the faculty’s pedagogical and disciplinary expertise. K. Adams / R. Bryant**

**Yes: 21** - K. Adams, H. Alvarez, R. Bryant, C. Hite, H. Elliott, A. Fox, K. George, A. Gomez de Torres, C. Hite, M. Hull, J. Jowskiak, M. McGill, K. Runkle, M. Arvizu-Rodriguez, T. Roepke, J. Scarff, M. Segura, C. Stevens, J. Tuan, N. Ward, L. West

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 1 - Cl. Diaz**

- Motion 2: Move that the Academic Senate draft a resolution to describe and communicate the concerns from faculty at the 8-24-21 Special Meeting regarding issues of transparency, planning, communications, pedagogy and decision-making as it relates to the return to campus in fall 2021. K. Adams / R. Bryant**

**Discussion:** J. Scarff is looking for clarification on the procedure: can the draft can be amended and voted on in the future? A. Restrepo replied, yes.

**Yes: 22** - K. Adams, H. Alvarez, R. Bryant, C. Hite, Cl. Diaz, H. Elliott, A. Fox, K. George, A. Gomez de Torres, C. Hite, M. Hull, J. Jowskiak, M. McGill, K. Runkle, M. Arvizu-Rodriguez, T. Roepke, J. Scarff, M.

Segura, C. Stevens, J. Tuan, N. Ward, L. West

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

The Resolution will be discussed. The draft will be shared and be presented at the 9/21/21 meeting.

7. **Adjourn**