

**Academic Choice Advisory Council (ACAC) Meeting  
October 5, 2012, 7:30 – 8:35 AM BHS room C213  
Minutes**

**In Attendance**

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**Writer Coach Connection (WCC) Updates**

Barbara Anscher spoke with principal Pasquale Scuderi, who requested that we give him a proposal that shows how using WCC matches the AC 9<sup>th</sup> grade English plan. If he finds the proposal well justified he will help us fund funds to match the AC \$20,000 contribution. We should consider submitting a proposal to BSEP, and it would be good to have connections to the AC BSEP reps.

**Action item:** Barbara to connect with Matt laurel and Zaretta Hammond to come up with a plan and timeline.

**Action item:** Francesca to make WCC updates a standing agenda item.

### **Introduction of Student Reps**

Cooper Walton and Evan Layefsky are the first two ACAC student reps. They lead the AC mentoring program, which conducts monthly activities with AC freshmen to create a sense of AC identity, connect them with older students, and encourage bonding with their fellow freshmen.

### **Retake of September Votes**

Since we did not have a quorum at the September 7 meeting the following votes were retaken with a quorum:

- Passed unanimously: ACAC will provide \$2,000 for 163 students in David Borrelli 's English class to attend Elektra at ACT in San Francisco in November.
- Passed unanimously: the ACT bylaw changes described in the September 7 minutes.

### **Fall AC General Meeting Plans**

The Thursday November 15 date is confirmed in the library from 7 to 9 PM. We will need to make sure there is math/science representation.

**Action item:** Francesca to prepare a powerpoint slide overview of the proposed ACT bylaw changes, and post the entire text in advance on the AC website. The Fall General Meeting will need to approve the bylaw changes.

**Action item:** A subcommittee of those interested will meet on Friday October 26 at 7:30 AM in BHS room C213 to develop the agenda.

### **AC Check Requests**

To simplify accounting there is now just one general AC account. Check requests should now be for "Academic Choice" with no account number needed.

### **Parent Donation in Honor of Two AC Counselors**

A parent wanted ACAC to let counselors Brenda Katagawa and Anthony Smith know that they were particularly supportive and helpful to her son, and that she contributed money to the AC counseling department in their honor.

**Action item:** Francesca to let the two counselors know.

### **ACAC Student Membership Structure**

It would be good if this is decided in time to add to the ACT proposed bylaw changes to be presented at the Fall meeting. An example of student activity might be to engage seniors in planning their AC graduation ceremony.

**Action item:** Matt Carton, Ben Sanoff and the students to work on this.

### **Goals for ACAC This Year**

In addition to working on Writer Coach Connection what are the major activities we want to undertake this year? Organizing college tours?

**Action item:** Francesca to make this the first agenda item for the November meeting (10 minutes).

### **Next ACAC Meeting**

Friday November 2 2012, 7:30 – 8:35 a.m. in BHS room C213.

### **Approval of September 2012 ACAC minutes**

Matt Carton approved the minutes of the September 2012 ACAC meeting.