1. **Call to order/Approval of Agenda:** President Beaulieu called the meeting to order at 1:47 pm. Two items were added to the agenda: Academic Rank for Non-Credit Faculty (Beaulieu) and Pierce Textbook Resolution (Rosdahl). Agenda was approved (Rosow/Freitas M/S/U).

2. **Approval of May 12th Minutes:** Minutes of the 9/08/11 DAS meeting were approved with corrections (Gaines/Adajian M/S/U).

3. **Public Speakers:** President Chip Chapdelaine welcomed DAS members to Trade. He talked about the new campus buildings along Grand Avenue that are the first for the campus in 50 years. He said that the area within Trade’s zip code is the most challenged in the entire United States, with significant graffiti problems, several gangs, and a large homeless population. The two new Trade buildings with their modern architecture are a source of community pride.

4. **Election of Vice President of Equivalency (Time certain: 2:00 pm).** Bimber announced the need for a special election because David Beaulieu has decided to step down as DAS president. DAS Vice President of Equivalency Don Gauthier will take over as DAS President, creating a vacancy for that position. Beaulieu has declared his candidacy for the position of DAS Vice President of Equivalency. Bimber asked if there were any motions from the floor for additional nominations. There were no other nominations for the position. Gauthier/Pogoler moved to vote for David Beaulieu by acclamation (MSU).
Bimber declared Beaulieu winner of the election for the DAS Vice President of Equivalency.

5. **Academic Rank Policy Change (Immerblum/Pogoler MS).** Gaines asked to add the effective date to the motion. Bimber/Reed proposed a friendly amendment to add “credit and noncredit” before faculty. Dr. Allison Tomlin-Miuua said that Trade is the only campus that does not accept or give academic rank for noncredit faculty. She said she would have to get transferred to another college to get rank at Trade and added that the amendment does not address her concerns. Pogoler replied that the will of the senate at Trade is that rank is reserved for full time credit faculty. Tomliln-Mlus said it was unfair practice and policy to target a specific discipline and deny them rank. Bimber expressed concern about unequal treatment of faculty. Some disciplines do not have minimum qualifications. Adajian asked whether rank was portable; Beaulieu replied rank will be portable. Rosow asked whether rank affected pay; Beaulieu replied it did not. Freitas said the DAS should not encourage local senates to adopt a certain policy. Freitas/Foster called for the question; motion requires 2/3 vote and is non-debatable (MSP 19 to 3).

**Amendment to add “credit and noncredit” was approved (MSP 19 to 4).** There was a discussion on the perfected motion. Rosow asked who made the motion and what was the impetus. Immerblum replied the purpose of the motion was not to influence colleges’ rank policy. The reason for doing this was that the process at East had become so cumbersome and outdated they could no longer adhere to it.

A second amendment was proposed by Brown/Ramos to strike the 4th resolve because it supports centralization. McMurray said nine different rank policies do not make sense. Hernandez said most faculty and colleges expect their rank to be portable. Pogoler said he favors nine different policies and that we should have the courtesy to accept other college’s ranks.

**Second amendment to remove 4th resolve failed.**

**Amended resolution was approved with effective date of 12/8/11 (MSU).**

6. **District-wide Priority Enrollment:** Beaulieu explained that LACCD Board Rule 8603 B-3 states that students will be assigned registration priority based on current semester unit enrollment at a college and cumulative units completed at a college. The recently implemented practice of giving students district-wide enrollment priority violates the board rule. The district response has been that the Board Rule needs to be changed.

Two different motions are being presented today for consideration: an original motion from East Los Angeles College and a substitute motion from Los Angeles City College. The resolves for the motion state as follows:
East (Original) Motion:
Resolved, that the District Academic Senate urges the Chancellor to immediately revoke the current practice of district-wide priority enrollment and reinstitute our district's previous process that allows each college its decentralized right and responsibility to establish enrollment priority guidelines.

City (Substitute) Motion:
Resolved: That the DAS and the Chancellor agree to extend the current practice of basing enrollment priority on district-wide units completed, contingent upon the establishment of a joint DAS/District Administration task force charged with evaluating the effects of the current practice in place since spring 2011 on (1) college enrollment management and (2) student access and success at the district, college, and programmatic levels.
Resolved: That upon completion of the work of the task force, the DAS and the District Administration will either reach mutual agreement on continuing with the current enrollment practice, or enrollment practices will revert to the college-based enrollment practice in place prior to spring 2011 and as currently stated in Board Rule 8603 B-1.

Freitas/Cohen moved to substitute the original resolution with the City version. Pogoler argued we should revert back to the original enrollment priority because there was a shared governance violation. Freitas agreed there was a shared governance violation, but stated there is a lot of senate support for using district-wide units for registration priority. He explained that the point of City's motion is to collect some data before making a decision. He added he did not support changing the Board Rule retroactively to accommodate the current practice.
Bimber said students have suffered with the loss of repeatability and enforcement of three attempts. Climo expressed concern with the original motion, because we have started registration for the spring and students are used to being able to register anywhere in the district.
Rosdahl stated many students take their General Education courses at campuses close to their homes and then take vocational major courses at the few campuses that offer them. He argued it is much easier for students if we have one priority registration date. Pogoler said we should encourage students to attend one college. Rosow said that we are in a state of changing times, in the past students went to the closest college but not anymore.
Immerblum distributed and discussed a handout titled Consideration of revised Motion and Substitute Motion Regarding District-Wide Priority Enrollment. He argued that passing the substitute motion would undermine our authority in consultation. Freitas responded we have a Board Rule that does not allow for options. He would support changing the Board Rule to be flexible and require mutual agreement between the DAS and district administration.
Chancellor La Vista charged Vice Chancellor Delahoussaye to set up a task force of administrators, but the reality is that they did not pursue this issue. Freitas argued we need a faculty/administrator task force to examine the practice.
Brown agreed the current policy is flawed and thanked East for their resolution. She argued to accept the original motion with some language changes.

Bimber said if the substitute motion does not pass, there needs to be a task force with counselors, faculty, CTE chairs coming to the table to examine the policy to assess the impact given all the unknowns.

Climo asked why we need a new Board Rule when they are violating the existing one. Beaulieu replied we notified the chancellor of the violation, but Vice Chancellor Delahoussaye argued there was none. They said it was an oversight that they did not change it. Climo asked what the process is when there is a BR violation. Beaulieu replied they should initiate a consultation with all stakeholders.

Pogoler thinks a majority of senators would be satisfied with a combined motion. He suggested defeating the revised motion and amending East’s motion.

Hernandez said it was unfortunate the change was not brought up during consultation. We need to assert the shared governance principle; this is not healthy for the district. A task force is a good idea and we already have enough data to look at it. We want to make sure that when state recommendations come down, everyone is at the table. We should also encourage that such analysis occur at the college level.

Gauthier called for the question (Motion passed).

**Vote on City’s substitute motion failed 16 to 5.**

**Original revised motion:**

**Amendment 1: Pogoler proposed to add a second resolve as follows:**

Resolved that the DAS urge the Chancellor to establish a joint DAS/Administration and Student task force charged with evaluating the effects of the current practice in place since spring 2011 on (1) college enrollment management and (2) student access and success at the district, college, and programmatic levels.

**Amendment 1 passed.**

**Amendment 2: Brown/Gauthier proposed changes to the first resolve:**

Resolved, that the District Academic Senate urges the Chancellor to immediately revoke the current practice of district-wide priority enrollment and reinstitute our district’s previous process that allows each college its decentralized right and responsibility to exercise enrollment priority decisions.

**Amendment 2 passed.**

**Amendment 3: Frietas/Gauthier proposed adding a third resolve as follows:**

Resolved, that any changes to district enrollment and registration policies and procedures must be made by mutual agreement between the DAS and district administrations.

**Amendment 3 passed.**

Brent asked what if Title 5 changes and there are different categories of enrollment priority. Beaulieu replied then we change our Board Rules and practices because no one intends to violate state laws and federal guidelines.
The perfected motion with three amendments was approved (MSP with 2 abstentions) and reads as follows:

Resolved, that the District Academic Senate urges the Chancellor to immediately revoke the current practice of district-wide priority enrollment and reinstitute our district’s previous process that allows each college its decentralized right and responsibility to exercise established enrollment priority decisions guidelines.

Resolved that the DAS urge the Chancellor to establish a joint DAS/Administration and Student task force charged with evaluating the effects of the current practice in place since spring 2011 on (1) college enrollment management and (2) student access and success at the district, college, and programmatic levels.

Resolved, that any changes to district enrollment and registration policies and procedures must be made by mutual agreement between the DAS and district administrations.

Gauthier/Pogoler MSP Moved to extend 15 minutes.

7. Pierce College resolution on Textbook Pricing
Rosdahl noticed the motion for the February 2012 DAS meeting. Pogoler said the unintended consequence of this motion would be for the bookstores to have fewer hours of operation. We need to consider that the 28% bookstore margin pays for overstock and extended hours. Rosdahl said in any reasonable business model a bookstore manager should be able to figure out the appropriate mark up. Brown argued we would sell more books if we lowered their prices.

8. District Curriculum Committee
a. Residence requirement (Board rule 6201.13), noticed:
Bimber explained they took out some language as suggested by DAS. The Board Rule has been revised as follows:

**Residence Requirement.** Students must complete at least twelve (12) units in residence with at least six (60 units in the major for the degree being awarded, at the college conferring the degree. The governing Board may make exceptions when it determines that an injustice or undue hardship would be placed on the student.

b. Cross-Listing Revision (E-65), noticed

c. Transfer Degree Update: Atondo reported that on Monday of last week a number of faculty from LACCD and Santa Monica College had a phone conversation with ASCCC Vice President Beth Smith about the status of the resolution to study the 18 unit requirement. At last fall’s plenary there was a breakout on the history of the 18 units in Title 5, but no one has been able to find any justification for the rationale. It is time to look at any policy that has not been updated since the 1980s. They also talked about the SB1440 degrees. Beaulieu stated they will draft the notes from the discussion and distribute them. He added that we are working very well with Santa Monica College, forming a very effective partnership due to their transfer numbers.
and our size. Smith did not make a strong argument in favor of the 18 units. Beaulieu added we need to push the ASCCC to do a decent study. Pogoler said if SB1440 results in degrees no one takes, this would be a good lesson to the politicians not to get involved in matters that they know nothing about (???) . Beaulieu added that Board member Veres was against rushing the implementation of SB1440.

Beaulieu introduced Guadalupe Ramos a new DAS representative and a Math faculty member from Southwest and welcomed him to the senate.

8. President’s Report
Beaulieu apologized for not announcing his intention to step down as DAS President at the September 2011 meeting, but he was initially talked out of it. He reiterated that he was making this decision out of necessity, but did not want to leave the DAS altogether. The solution was to run for the vice president position. In the Spring the second vice president position had not been established yet. He stated he was not entirely happy with the process, but it was the best they could do. The plan is for him to step down at the end of January. Gauthier will take over as DAS president and Beaulieu will assume the vice president position. Beaulieu added he does not plan to teach in the spring.

a. Article 33 Dispute: Beaulieu explained that the problem is that the article calls for the union to be involved in the faculty hiring prioritization processes and procedures by which faculty are hired. Article 32 calls for the senate to have purview over this process, but article 33 contradicts 32. We now understand the district position: they are saying they can are entitled to come to an agreement in the contract that would allow for union intrusion in any area. This is a very serious claim and we have no choice but to challenge it. We are talking with AFT President Joanne Wadell as well, trying to work on two tracks. The contract has created problems at Trade and at other campuses and solving this is going to take a while. Wheeler North from the ASCCC has been very helpful with this matter, but we may need to talk about obtaining legal counsel.

b. Budget Update: The DBC is close to agreement that will propose that the small colleges receive a bit more money given the inherent costs of keeping a school open. Faculty representatives Carl Friedlander, John McDowell, and Allison Moore have been involved in the discussions on the DBC Executive.

c. Bond Moratorium: There will be a proposal to extend the bond moratorium to November of 2012. The original rationale was to fully assess the increase in Maintenance and Operations costs. However, the Bond Steering Committee recently discovered that the current projections would leave the LACCD $140 million short. A third rationale is a question of space utilization and whether we are overbuilding at some campuses (such as Southwest, Mission, and West). A lot of it came down to what kind of projects are moving forward. The money will be there forever and maybe we do not need to spend it all now. The space utilization came up because that affects our payments from the state, so that is also a big concern. Another issue that was discussed was the satellite campuses on the list. Lloyd Silberstein has suggested that maybe we should not build those right now. By midJanuary there will be some decisions made. Immerblum asked about projects with
contracts. Beaulieu replied that contracts can be put in abeyance. Only projects under construction will move forward initially. The college presidents have a list of projects and DAS members should ask to see the list. Gauthier feels it is a good idea to pause; some of us need to update or complete Educational Master Plans. This is part of the work to make this more transparent and put our house in order. We have a district-wide evaluation of our building program. Beaulieu said the bond problem has been largely solved because the Board members, the LA Times, the public and politicians are watching everything we do. Hernandez added we should have done a space utilization plan for state funding; there was no long range planning until last year. Pogoler asked what all the consulting money went to if no long range planning was done.

9. **Vice president of Equivalency Report**
   a. **Constitution By-Laws**: Gauthier reported that the committee has prepared a draft of proposed changes which he sent out a few days ago. Pogoler, Immerblum, and Gauthier were on the committee. He is noticing for a reading at the next meeting.
   b. **Sustainability Institute**: There have been some exciting developments.
   c. **Reassigned Time**: They are drafting new BR language and will circulate it soon.


11. **Other items**: Allison Tom-Miura distributed a handout titled *Consistent Eligibility and Award Criteria and Policies for Academic Rank for all Regular Faculty in the Los Angeles Community College District* dated 12/3/11. The document contains modified academic rank policy language.

12. **Adjourn**: Meeting adjourned at 4:11 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by DAS Secretary Angela Echeverri.