



MEETING MINUTES

Date: Oct. 19, 2018

Time: 1-3 p.m.

Loc: 1901 (President's Conference Room)

Item 1: Approval of Agenda and October 5 Meeting Minutes

Presenter: Simon Pennington (Facilitator)

Agenda and minutes approved unanimously.

Item 2: Presidents Report

President Nguyen reminded the Council that a Town Hall on the Phase 2 of Budget Reductions has been scheduled for October 24th from 2:30-3:30pm.

President Nguyen also acknowledged and praised The Script's (Foothill's student newspaper) coverage on student homelessness, while informing Council of Institutional Research's new study being developed around homelessness and transportation concerns. President Nguyen, in particular, noted the information that students seek out Campus Police for information about campus and community housing resources.

Once a month, President Nguyen plans to host a brown bag session for campus community members that have participated in equity based professional development to have an opportunity to share with others what they've learned from the experience and to continue deciphering themes that will be useful in the development of Equity Plan 2.0.

Item 3: Associate's Degree for Transfer (ADT): Media Studies

Presenter: Simon Pennington (Facilitator)

Main points from last week were reiterated. President Nguyen mentioned she had a conversation with Foothill's articulation officer, Bernie Day, in which it was noted that students might possibly be able to graduate with the ADT in Media Studies as early as this year with the degree (requires clarification around "this" year...June 2019?). K. Maurer commented that sometimes the interdisciplinary framework of programs can present problems with marketing and outreach, especially with interdisciplinary programs, their home sites on the Foothill website and the 3CMS program the College currently uses to link to degrees and classes. K. Lisle offered that the college would be moving away from 3CMS and anticipated that some of the challenges K. Maurer mentioned might be resolved with the dissolution of this program. I. Escoto clarified that should Council approve the ADT: Media Studies recommendation, it would be sent to Curriculum Committee for review.

OUTCOME: Should the Council approve a recommendation for an Associate's Degree for Transfer (ADT) in Media Studies, to move forward to Curriculum Committee? Council approved unanimously.

Prepared by: A. Hypolite, 10/23/18



Item 4: College Policy on Textbook Cost Reduction

Presenter: Simon Pennington (Facilitator)

S. Pennington opened the discussion by suggesting the committee break into groups of three to brainstorm for 10 minutes around the opportunities and challenges behind the college adopting a policy on textbook cost reduction. Some reoccurring themes in the different groups were issues of quality (specifically around reputability of Open Educational Resources, or OER), academic freedom and pedagogy. Other important considerations that came up include: using lottery funds to purchase books and store in the library; the move from physical textbooks to online e-books and other online platforms and the problems with purchasing and potentially accessibility issues that may arise; the requirement that textbooks selected be comparable to or be on a course outline of record or the course has to go through articulation again. S. Negus noted that there are other colleges that have engaged in this process (SF State) and to look to our area peers for guidance. President Nguyen echoed this point by mentioning the work done in the Physics department around OER resources, or conferring with Barbara Illowsky, a nationally renowned educator in OER that works within the district.

President Nguyen also wanted to make the distinction that the aim is to lower textbook costs and utilize other available resources rather than diverting funds to pay for high cost textbooks. Discussions around how to incentive faculty to move in this direction occurred. However, it was echoed by multiple faculty on the committee the importance of approaching this from a collaborative stand point with faculty, especially Academic Senate.

OUTCOME: The committee felt it best to solicit information from both ASFC and the Academic Senate to help anchor this discussion, however Council could not narrow down and refine those questions in the time allotted. Thus, a vote was not taken on what those questions would be. It was agreed that the facilitation core and tri-chairs would help refine the questions to be presented to the Council for approval at a later Council meeting.

Item 5: Restricting Online Class Offerings

Presenter: Simon Pennington (Facilitator)

In light of time, this item was postponed to the October 26, 2018 meeting.

Item 6: Educational Master Plan 2020

Presenter: Simon Pennington (Facilitator), Thuy Nguyen (President)

Time was spent around preliminary envisioning around the revise of the Educational Master Plan for the year 2020. President Nguyen stated that crafting a plan where accreditation is the primary concern tends to create a plan that the community isn't connected to, or one the community knows offhand. Additionally, a plan written to appease the accreditation body is also written on the accreditation cycle, or every 6-7 years. President Nguyen would like to try something different and develop an educational master plan for 2020-2030.



The committee participated in an exercise whereby they were asked to reflect on what they remembered about what was happening in 2006 (12 years ago) to reflect on the importance of being able to see the future, understanding that it will be very different than today. As educators, it's important to anticipate those differences by understanding the landscape of higher education currently. When the committee was asked what they thought might occur 12 years in the future a number of thoughts were mentioned including: the impact of climate change on the overhaul of socio-economic systems and how it might affect Foothill in ways like energy consumption; the increase in patches and badges as a way to train the work force without going through the process of "traditional" education to receive those certifications (i.e. Google's decision to eliminate degree requirements for their positions); the "explosion" of College Promise; the Harvard study that was recently released predicting 20-25% of traditional colleges may go bankrupt due to the changing landscape of higher education.

This conversation was just to start the process of being forward thinking with the Educational Master Plan 2020. President Nguyen informed the committee that it was requested that Education and Equity committee also engage in this discussion.

Public Comments/Announcements

None.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Voting

Tri-Chairs: Thuy Nguyen, Anthony Cervantes, Isaac Escoto

Administrator: Betsy Nikolchev

Classified Staff:

Faculty: Preston Ni (FT), Kathryn Maurer (FT), Sean Negus (PT)

Students: (absent due to plane delay from student leadership conference)

Non-Voting

Ex-Officio: Kristy Lisle, Laureen Balducci, Paul Starer, Vanessa Smith, Doreen Finklestein (for Elaine Kuo)

Recorder: Adrienne Hypolite

Facilitator: Simon Pennington