

Minutes – Academic Senate
April 27, 2009

Members Present:

Dolores Davison, Carolyn Holcroft, Tess Hansen, Donna Frankel, Ernie Schmidt, Karl Peter, Jose Nava, Harry Saterfield, Mike Murphy, Sandi Watkins, Bruce McLeod, Rosemary Arca, Karen Kieffer Gillette, Shanan Rosenberg, Dixie Macias, David Marasco, Pam Wilkes, Nicole Gray (FA Liaison), Katie Townsend-Merino (Cabinet Liaison), Denise Perez (Classified Liaison)

Members Absent:

Don MacNeil, Tobias Nava, Jordana Finnegan

Guests:

Judy Miner, Pat Hyland, Konnilyn Feig, I Chen, Jay Patyk

Dolores Davison called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Announcements

1. Judy Miner visited the Senate to provide a budget update. She mentioned there would be a town hall meeting on Thursday, May 21 at 12:00 in Room 8403. The District is planning to save about \$3 million by holding vacancies, reducing some contracts, redirecting funds, and reductions in some salaries. She acknowledged that this is a difficult time as classified and administrative positions are being eliminated. She asked faculty for patience, and reminded faculty to separate the people from the positions. As she said, positions are being eliminated but hopefully not the people.
2. The Buildings and Grounds Committee needs a representative. The Print Shop Position Hiring Committee needs a faculty member. Senators are asked to announce these opportunities to their constituents.
3. The Interim Chancellor search has conducted interviews and will confirm the individual selected on May 18. The search for a permanent Chancellor will begin its work on June 11 and will meet through the end of July. The committee will be chaired by Jane Enright and consist of 3 faculty, 3 classified, 3 administrators, 2 students and 2 community members. The plan is to have interviews in September and October with the Chancellor in place on January 10, 2010.
4. Dolores announced that the Senate retreat originally scheduled for June 15 would be postponed to fall when the new senators are on board.
5. Board Meeting Update: students presented budgets for next academic year. AB 440, a bill by local assembly member Jim Bell, was discussed. The bill would allow students who transfer with 90 units to get a degree even if they don't meet local requirements. Dolores said the Statewide Academic Senate would object to the bill.

6. Katie invited Senators and families to a party at her house on June 12. She'll be sending an official invitation and map.
7. Carolyn announced that the curriculum committee representatives should have presented the breadth requirement statement to the divisions. The statement will be up for action at the meeting on Tuesday.
8. Rosemary announced that the SLO convocation will be held on Friday from 9:00-12:00 in the Toyon Room. She promised an exciting agenda on sustaining energy in teaching.
9. Pat announced that she received a letter from a parent congratulating Foothill faculty for their fine job. Dolores will forward the letter to Senators.
10. Shanana announced that he is holding a basketball camp for boys and girls ages 8-12 in the month of July. The cost is \$100.

Approval of Minutes

M/S Approval of minutes as written from the April 27, 2009, meeting. Unanimously approved.

Consent Calendar

M/S approval of consent calendar as listed below. Unanimously approved.

Academic Senate: Pam Wilkes, Brian Lewis
Chancellor Hiring Committee: Dolores Davison

Action & Information

1. Furniture in Renovated Buildings – Harris

This item is deferred to a future meeting.

2. Textbook Policy BP4185 -- Davison

Some final discussion on the textbook policy included one senator's concern whether the policy should read that instructor –designed materials need to be “better than” already published materials.

M/S approval of BP 4185. Unanimous approval.

3. COOL Committee Update -- Watkins

Sandi presented the COOL Committee's report which pulls faculty concerns together and will be presented to faculty so the document could be presented to the ETUDES group.

The report consists of some mission-critical recommendations and some secondary recommendations.

According to Vivian Sinou, one of the recommendations is currently being addressed. The selective research and student tracking issues will be resolved by Spring, 2010. The report acknowledges this promise, but the committee is hoping for a firm commitment of this resolution.

One Senator reminded the committee to keep the dean of distance learning in the loop since all the players need to be at the table together. One senator thanked the COOL committee for its hard work.

It was also announced that the accrediting agency (ACCJC) has a distance-learning manual that the college needs to be aware of. Dolores will get copies of this manual to senators and will put the issue on the agenda in the future. The manual can also be accessed on the ACCJC website (accjc.org)

4. Elections Update -- Marasco

David announced that the candidate forum would be held tomorrow. Emails are going out to part-timers. Polls will be open tomorrow and remain open for one week. The results will be posted when the election is over. On behalf of the Elections Committee, David gave a special thank you to Bob Cormia for his help with the election.

5. Academic Freedom Policy – Davison

Dolores announced that the board wants an update on this policy. The statement from the Tenure Review Handbook is to be a Board Policy. The statement is based on AAUP policy. Senators are asked to share the statement with constituents. There will be a second read at the June 1 meeting.

6. Strategic Planning and Integrated Budget and Planning – Davison/Patyk/Townsend-Merino

Documents from Strategic Planning and Integrated Budget and Planning Task Forces were presented to the Senate for a first read. The purpose of the documents is to comply with requirements from ACCJC that we review the vision, values, purpose, and mission of the college. The college also needs to develop a structure of how it spends money and that the structure is intentional and planned. The college will conduct an evaluation of the process in one year. Katie mentioned that Judy Miner is supportive of the proposed plan.

The documents included:

- Strategic Initiative Groupings which outlined the areas of strategic initiatives. The themes are student success, community and collaboration, and nontraditional outreach.
- Vision, Values, Purpose and Mission Statements
- Integrated Planning and Budget Process guiding principles and committee structures. New committees are being proposed: Strategic Initiatives Planning Committee, Operation Planning Committee, College Planning Council, and Budget Alignment Advisory Group. These committees will be replacing the Roundtable and Educational Resources Committees.

In response to questions, Katie announced that the goal of the committees is to have shorter meetings with “homework” completed between meetings. She would like to use technology to do committee work, with the idea of decreasing the need for lengthy face-to-face meetings.

Senators are asked to have constituents send feedback to Dolores regarding the documents, initiatives, and committee goals and structure.

Dolores adjourned the meeting at 3:58 pm.

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