

Senate meeting February 08, 2010

Meeting called to order at 2:02 pm.

Announcements:

1. Scholarship committee still needs volunteers. Dolores will send out the timeline to senators to distribute to interest faculty
2. Committee for Title V compliance, ADA, Distance Education Advisory Committee needs 5 faculty members total for fall. Related to accreditation. Faculty who are teaching Distance Ed, counseling, adaptive learning. Distance Education input for accreditation.
3. Accreditation Liaison officer (ALO) was Richard Galope, now is Kurt Hueg.
4. Accreditation meetings will be taking place through the next two months:
5. February 26th: Accreditation kick off at Foothill
March 5th: ACCJC training at Foothill, involving 10 persons each from Foothill College, De Anza, and CCSF Defense Language Institute
March 19-20: Statewide Academic Senate training: the steering committee will be attending
6. The response to the follow up report has been accepted but we need to file an additional follow up report. The first report was weak in ILOs, including in the area of Student Services, and is due in October 2010.

Regular Business:

The minutes were approved with corrections as noted.

Consent Calendar:

Donna Frankel and Dave Marasco were added to the scholarship committee.

The consent calendar was approved as amended.

Committee Reports:

The COOL Committee reported that the written report regarding Etudes functionality and 'wish list' was sent to Vivie Sinou. COOL would like a response on the three most urgent items; only one item (Tests, Tasks, and Surveys) was addressed in the last response. The COOL Committee will bring back an expanded report to Senate on February 22, 2010. Please send the COOL report to division faculty for further comments.

Curriculum Committee:

CCC is currently accepting and reviewing applications for inclusion in the GE areas for Humanities and Natural Science – the last day that applications will be accepted for these two areas for inclusion in the 2011-2012 catalog is 2/24/10. The committee will begin review of applications for the GE areas of Lifelong Learning, English and Social and Behavioral Sciences in spring quarter.

Distance Ed "Regular and Effective Contact" addendums are still needed for some straggling courses. Please work with your deans and curriculum reps to ensure that all courses in your division that are being delivered -in part or in total- via distance ed, have this addendum completed.

Senators had questions and comments about training for ADA compliance in Distance Ed courses. ADA compliance could be an accreditation issue, but with loss of support services (in Judy Baker's group) how can faculty be expected to do this? A suggestion was made to hold a spring workshop on ADA compliance in Distance Ed.

Governance Handbook:

ACE requested that they have voting representatives on all shared governance committees (like PaRC). Approval of the governance handbook will be an action item at the first PaRC meeting in March. All constituent groups must vote on the governance handbook, which will then ultimately be ratified by PaRC. Please distribute and garner feedback from division faculty and return comments to Dolores.

Faculty Award:

Comments from faculty:

1. Why are we doing this?
2. Faculty at most colleges have a faculty recognition award. Why don't we?
3. Is this a worth-while activity for faculty who are already too busy with committees?
4. Recognition awards bring awareness for new programs and/or college activities.
5. How does the 'awardee' get chosen? (At other colleges nomination for awards is by students, other faculty, or faculty can self-nominate)

Dolores needs concrete and actionable feedback rather than 'sparse anecdotal comments'. There was suggestion that given the current budget environment, and the need for significant focus on accreditation, which is important and demanding, that we table indefinitely discussion regarding a faculty award. A motion to that effect was passed; there will be no further discussion of the award at this time.

Academic Senate Scholarships:

We currently have two awards for a \$1000 each, one scholarship for career and one for transfer with disbursement to be decided by the scholarship committee. A suggestion was made that the current tough economic times would argue for an additional scholarship for students; one career, one transfer, one general. A motion was passed to fund three scholarships, with the 3rd 'general' scholarship for \$1000 funded for this year only.

Strategic Initiative committees will be meeting tomorrow (2/09/2010). So far, there has been no additional feedback on the SIP goals that were distributed at the last meeting.

Board of Trustees Report:

Summary: construction set to begin on new buildings at De Anza and Foothill, a general district budget update, and our new chancellor, Dr. Linda Thor, begins her service on Tuesday.

CAC: discussion centered around budget and the impending reduction in force

PaRC governance handbook is being circulated for comments and eventual ratification.

The list of eliminated positions at both campuses was circulated. Some of the positions are escrow-2 protected; however, additional California budget mid year cuts could erode the escrow-2 budget. The elimination of many positions will lead to bumping. De Anza is cutting substantially larger numbers of positions and entire programs. The functionality of the college (De Anza) was a topic of concern.

March on March, March 24th, will bring a large number of students to Sacramento. Faculty are again reminded that is not permissible to schedule exams and especially final exams on that day.

During CAC, Mike Brandy commented that some colleges have dipped into their reserve funds to cover operating costs. Senators questioned how other states are doing with respect to funding cuts to community colleges.

The grade change policy was read (Foothill agreed to adopt De Anza's grade change policy).

List of dissolved positions was posted and made public on Wednesday, February 3rd, 2010.

APM: There was discussion about changing a start date for summer school.

Faculty constituents will be contacted for comments about their concerns and feasibility. There is no talk about cutting summer session for Foothill or De Anza College, however, California state midyear cuts could effect this decision.

Final announcements / comments for the good of the order:

Phyllis Sprague is now interim dean of Bio/Allied Health.

FA representative reminded senators to remind faculty to fill out forms for an additional FSA, to be complete by February 16th 2010.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.