

## **Academic Senate Minutes**

March 8, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 2:02

### ***Announcements:***

1. March 17 AFSC March on Foothill Campus and event with Dr. Martha Kanter
2. March 22 "March on March" in Sacramento for Foothill Students
3. The cafeteria needs to close for 1 month to do extensive repairs, probably during August/early September. Please ask constituents to weigh in on the timing.
4. Ten Foothill faculty and seven De Anza faculty were confirmed for tenure last Monday. The next FHDA Board is meeting is tonight at De Anza College at 6pm and the board is expected to take action on non-renewal of contracts.
5. College skills committee still accepting applications for up to \$5000 for basic skills projects. There is approximately a \$24,000 account balance.

### **Regular Business:**

The minutes from February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010 were unanimously approved. Consent Calendar was approved with removal of the PE Dean hiring committee discussion.

1. PE Dean hiring: Senators were reminded that for hiring committees, the at-large faculty member needs to be someone as detached from the hiring division as possible. Accordingly, at-large faculty member for this committee will come from PSME. Frank Cascarano will serve. Past practice and time urgency require that this issue be resolved quickly and was coordinated by academic senate President. As an issue separate from the consent calendar this was discussed and approved.
2. Bookstore Textbook Pricing:

HEOA 2008. Federal law now requires colleges to provide the ISBN and the textbook price for every course listed in the schedule. This policy only pertains to textbooks that are *required*..

Starting in July 2010 the Foothill bookstore will post this information at the time of registration. Faculty need to provide this information to the bookstore and the bookstore will coordinate putting the ISBN and pricing information into Banner. It is possible to list both new and used prices for books. Senators commented that students can rent or order limited chapter purchases in order to save money. Rental programs pertain to books used for more than one quarter and typically the rental price is about 40% of MSRP for books > %100.

The BSS division uses the rental program extensively. Questions were asked about limited print/chapters in online (pdf) production. Comments were made about the future of college bookstores - with respect to all the new publisher services.

It is important that faculty get their bookstore orders in on time. On the bookstore website there is a faculty center that can provide the price of an adopted textbook.

### 3. Elections Report:

As the candidates for both President and VP will run unopposed this spring, it is anticipated that they will be elected by acclamation at the first spring quarter meeting.

Marasco noted that it's again time to review and update our constitution. He proposed several amendments, including that the elections and constitution committees be merged. He plans to submit his suggested changes to the senate for review at our next meeting. It was also suggested that we may wish to consider an amendment to require that the VP or President must have served previously as a (local) senator. Term limits for officers might also be introduced. After suggesting changes senators will be asked to review and return the document and then the full faculty will have to vote on it.

### 4. Committee Updates:

- Board of Trustee Monday, March 1, recognized newly tenured faculty. There was a PSEC update showing plans for the new building. Additional plans for photovoltaic purchases (for lots 2 and 3) were discussed as well continued discussion about construction at the proposed NASA site (joint development with University Associates).
- Budget Update: \$2.4 million dollars was saved from productivity gains: FA President, Rich Hansen, asked the board not to "rollover" these savings and instead use the productivity gains to save classified positions.
- APM (Academic and Professional Matters) Meeting: Banner implementation at De Anza College was discussed, counseling proposed making changes to the application but because of limitations these changes may not be possible. There are ongoing discussions about how policy and application constraints are colliding in areas of primacy.
- Portal Training: Portal training will be given throughout spring for employees. We will be using 2 portals until the new portal is fully implemented. Training for student services will be offered in May.
- ACCJC/ Accreditation: There were 6 hours of accreditation training on Friday. They commented that themes were more difficult to understand than standards. Accreditation still needs more faculty for summer and fall service. ACCJC commented that we should 'continue doing what we are doing'. Institutional learning outcomes will be discussed Friday from 12 to 1 pm at the Fireside Lounge. We are on the right track.

There will be no meeting on March 22, 2010. Meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.