

Academic Senate Minutes

April 29, 2013

Meeting Called to Order at 2:02 p.m.

Members present: Dolores Davison (President), Carolyn Holcroft (Vice-President/CCC Chair), Robert Cormia (Secretary/Treasurer), Katherine Schaefer (Adjunct Faculty), Patti Chan (BHS), Phyllis Spragge (BHS), Lisa Drake (BSS) Eta Lin (BSS), Bruce McLeod (FA), Kate Jordahl (FA), Erica Onugha (LA), Pam Wilkes (LRC), Don MacNeil (KA), Debbie Lee (PSME), David Marasco (PSME), Meredith Heiser (FA Liaison), Craig Gawlick (Classified liaison), Kimberlee Messina (Cabinet Liaison), Jocelyn Diaz (Student liaison)

Members Absent: Kate Jordahl (FA), Katy Ripp (KA),

Guests: Dixie Macias, Mary Thomas, Jordana Finnegan

Agenda approved by consensus

Announcements: Announcements => the final exam schedule survey has been released, please check your Foothill email and take the survey. Andrew LaManque is aware that the survey was sent out multiple times through email. A senator also mentioned that the survey can be taken multiple times.

Consent calendar: there are two volunteers (Bernie Day, Kay Thornton) serving on Academic Council. There have been discussions between Dolores, Denise Swett, and Laureen Balducci, the committee chair, about charge and structure of the council. Consent calendar approved.

Approval of the minutes from April 15th by consensus

Item 1: President's report => we are prioritizing the faculty positions, ranking the top 15. Judy Miner makes the final decision. We expect to have more than half a dozen positions next year due to retirements and may have more depending on unforeseen retirements and resignations.

Bob Cormia served this year as the District Academic Senate President. This year the position will go back to De Anza College. This topic will come back in June, when De Anza's nominee will hopefully attend a FH Senate meeting

Item 2: Mary Thomas and Jordana Finnegan: One Book One College. We are trying to revive the OBOC program for next year by reading a book, and integrating the book theme into the college. The group will meet one week from Wednesday (May 8) from 2:00-3:00 in the Language Arts Conference Room (Room 6030). Success of the program comes when it is a faculty driven program. Get the word out before May 8th. Choose the book (title) over summer and read it in fall. If the book has a larger theme, we can find classes to integrate the theme. See www.foothill.edu/onebook

Item 3: Spring Plenary report out. There was a discussion about the resolutions, the elections, and officer positions. Statewide Academic Senate President is limited to two one year terms. Senators for areas A and D are elected in odd years, areas B and C in even, and north and south in alternate years. There are four officers and ten senators. In spring a group was recruited to run as a 'slate for transparency'. The first

vote, for president, was elected by acclamation. Slate and non-slate candidates argued over some resolutions. Some resolutions were strongly debated, including the egregious cheating resolution (13.05) and the Disciplines List for Teacher Education (10.08). The Kinesiology discipline was approved. Elections brought in three people in new executive positions. Beth Smith will be the new president; David Morse will be VP, Julie Bruno secretary, and Wheeler North treasurer. There are new North and South Reps, and Dan Crump was elected for 'at large'. A wide range of disciplines was represented in the candidates. There was a resolution on disciplines (hiring) and minimum qualifications, however it was referred back to executive; the disciplines process is being redone, so the body did not want to stop the process by adopting this resolution. The minimum qualifications will be brought up again in February. There was a presentation/session on CIDs, why some work and some don't. There were concerns expressed about repeatability, especially for instances of submitting numerous new PE courses. There was a lunch presentation by Coursera, and a breakout on MOOCs. MOOCs could help as refresher courses and some MOOCs where a student could develop discrete skill mastery. Then there are MOOCs that are filled with 'non-students' that are populating the MOOCs. Curriculum committee is hosting a MOOC party Tuesday (Judy Baker) Tuesday at 1 o'clock in the PRC (President's Conference Room) right before the 2 p.m. curriculum meeting. Compare and contrast MOOCs, OERs, open courseware, etc. Dolores briefly commented on the Hayward award, and having a staggering of the area A/B, and C/D for awards to full-time and part-time alternating. There was a discussion of part-time faculty representation at plenary, and that Foothill would pay the registration fee for a part-timer to attend. It was pointed out that there are many obstacles that part-time faculty face when trying to attend a plenary session (e.g., lining up substitutes at multiple colleges, having to take personal leave days, lack of understanding from some college administrators regarding attending these types of events). We need to try to reduce those barriers and make plenary sessions more easily accessible.

Item 4: Commencement speakers. Dolores circulated a list of potential faculty commencement speakers. Nominated part-time and non-tenured faculty members were automatically crossed off the list. The ASFC representatives are trying to get greater representation from other areas of the campus. ASFC is also trying to get more student speakers, not just one or two, who sometimes cannot follow through and then causes last minute problems.

Item 5: Elections committee – David Marasco – there will be two items on the ballot, election of a part-time senator, there are four candidates, and you can meet them on May 8th at 1 p.m. at Hearthside Lounge. There will be a constitutional bylaw item to add a second part-time senate seat. The election will occur during the 6th week of classes and it will be open for two days.

Item 6: Committee reports => Academic Integrity (AIC) bringing a draft of the new honor code statement. AIC will send the draft electronically to senate and then to faculty.

Curriculum will send drafts of the prerequisite plan. There was a discussion about GE forms and GE pattern. These Foothill GE forms are cumbersome and Carolyn asked for faculty feedback. There was a general question about how prerequisites are validated. Carolyn described some of the tension (statewide) around the state regarding prerequisites. There was a question connecting CID with prerequisites. At the end of the day, pre- prerequisites should be applied if it helps the students. There are concerns about getting CORs up to snuff. As part of that effort there will be four COR workshops. If the COR process doesn't improve, we'll end up with a centralized curriculum process. The next COR meeting is Wednesday at noon (room 4008 KCI). Carolyn implored faculty to attend these meetings.

PaRC Cormia reported out on faculty rankings, and our Institutional Research work reporting on student

success (i.e., Scorecard), and a second presentation on diversity of our administrators, faculty, and staff. OPC commented about B budgets. PaRC approved the request that we do not continue at 50% of B budget; next year will be different. For requests next year, 83% of the \$2.4M requested will be available, i.e. \$2M will be approved. Dolores commented that senate officers will be allocated 1.35 release, down from historic highs of 1.5

Program review committee has met and will send out recommendations. There was a question about redoing the templates for program reviews, and a question about making the annual review less comprehensive. Program review is tied to everything, including faculty hiring, program funding, and program discontinuance. Program reviews may contain asterisks for information that needs to be submitted/resubmitted.

There will be an item for summer cabinet and stipend at the next meeting.

Isaac Escoto will be attending Curriculum Institute and Faculty Leadership. Curriculum is in Anaheim (July 11-13) and Faculty Leadership is in Sacramento from June 13-15 (full weekend). Curriculum will have a refresher track, and a newbie track. If you are interested contact Dolores and will pay for lodging and registration, but not for transportation. Senate only pays for sitting senators. Curriculum attendees include Isaac, Cori, Jean, Carolyn and Bernie.

For the good of the order: David Marasco, President of Northern California/Nevada section of the American Association of Physics Teachers, discussed a meeting hosted by Sarah Parikh on Saturday where Carolyn Holcroft brought new science standards to share. The next senate meeting is May 13th.

Jerry Hill will come to Appreciation Hall 7 p.m. on Wednesday 15th of May to discuss the state budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.