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Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 11, 2008

MINUTES

- PRESENT:** G. Differding, J. Ford, M. Graham, C. Hammond, N. Jennings, N. Jones, N. Keeley, C. Morrin, T. Nichols, P. Setzer, G. Thurman, M. Wangler, K. Wergeland, A. Zambelli
- ABSENT:** J. Campbell, P. Thiss
- OTHERS:** A. Blyumin, C. Chiriboga, B. Pescar

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CALL TO ORDER

Academic Senate President Mike Wangler called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/P (Ford/Differding) to approve the minutes of the meeting on March 27, 2008, as corrected (3 abstentions).

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. *Introductions*

Senators, officers, and guests introduced themselves.

B. *Orientation for New & Returning Senators*

Mike Wangler passed out orientation packets to all senators and reviewed the roles and responsibilities of serving on the Academic Senate. Packets included information about the Statewide Academic Senate and Assembly Bill 1725, which defines the academic and professional areas that the Academic Senate holds primacy over. Additionally, Senators were provided information about meeting dates, constituency groups, and a list of faculty currently serving on the Academic Senate. Senators were provided information on how to access the working documents on the Academic Senate website and encouraged to regularly share information and solicit input from their constituency groups.

C. *College Goals and Budget*

Dr. Cristina Chiriboga, Interim College President, presented an update on college-wide priorities for the 2008-09 academic year. Priorities include meeting FTES goals, moving towards active assessment of SLOs, implementation of the college Basic Skills Initiative,

developing a college strategic plan for 2010-2015, and transitioning to the new student record system.

Dr. Chiriboga also provided an update on the development of the college's adoption budget. The State Chancellor's Office has extended the submission deadline for the 2008-09 adoption budget from September 15th to October 15th. Cuyamaca is planning its budget based on an estimated shortfall of \$1.7 million. As a result, there is currently a freeze on travel and discretionary spending, as well as 26 frozen positions across the college. More information will be provided at the College Budget Forum, scheduled for September 30th at 1:30 pm in I-207.

D. *Equivalency Update*

Mike Wangler provided an update on the status of the district equivalency policy currently under development. Mike passed out the interim district equivalency policy and led a discussion on issues of concern within this interim policy. It was emphasized that course specific equivalencies are out of compliance and no longer in use, and therefore, all departments will need to develop discipline equivalencies in consultation with their counterparts at Grossmont College. A draft of the district equivalency board policy and accompanying administrative procedure will be brought to the Academic Senate once they are completed.

E. *Plus/Minus Grading Update*

Mike Wangler provided an update on the status of plus/minus grading as approved by both Academic Senates last year. The district had to delay the implementation of the change until the Fall 2009 semester.

F. *Colleague/Web Advisor Issues*

Mike Wangler provided a status report on some of the issues that have arisen as a result of the implementation of Colleague and Web Advisor. In particular, there was a bug in the system that did not allow students to register for open classes during the first week of classes without the instructor's permission. This is in conflict with the current district policy and will be fixed before the start of the spring semester. Mike encouraged faculty to report problems and suggestions for improvement to their department chairs/coordinators. A list will be compiled and given to the district Information Systems department for follow up action.

G. *Non-Smoking Campaign*

Mike Wangler provided information about the Healthy Campus Initiative. As of January, 1, 2009 all district sites will become smoke and tobacco free (Board Policy 6810). Handouts were provided that detail the education campaign calendar.

H. *Senate President Appointments*

Mike Wangler announced the appointment of Anthony Zambelli as Parliamentarian and Chuck Charter as Elections Coordinator.

III. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Nancy Jennings reported on SOC committee appointments. There was a good response from the faculty to the first request for participation on college and district shared governance committees; however, there are still many openings that need to be filled. Another request to fill vacancies will go out next week. An updated committee membership list will be posted to the Academic Senate website.

IV. ACTION

There were no action items.

V. INFORMATION

A. *Transfer Center & Fair*

Counselor and Transfer Center Coordinator, Amaliya Blyumin, led a discussion about current and future goals and activities associated with the Cuyamaca College Transfer Center. They will be hosting a transfer fair on October 21, 2008. It is estimated that 5,000 – 6,000 students will be in attendance. She requested that Senators encourage faculty in their respective departments to participate.

B. *BP/AP 7112- College President Evaluation*

Mike Wangler reported that this item is in need of further work and will come back at a future meeting.

C. *Basic Skills Committee—Proposed Charge & Membership Modifications*

Mike Wangler presented a proposal from the Policy and Procedure Committee to modify the charge and membership of the Basic Skills Committee. Senators discussed the implications of the proposed language change to the charge, especially with regards to the faculty's role in initiating basic skills proposals. **At 3:45 pm, a motion was made to extend time by 10 minutes (M/S/P (Nichols/Graham)).** Further discussion on this topic occurred, and Senators were encouraged to solicit input from their constituency groups on this proposal. The proposal also included the addition of the Basic Skills Coordinator to the faculty membership on the committee. This item will return for action at the next Academic Senate meeting.

D. *College Facilities Master Plan Council—Proposed Membership Modification*

Mike Wangler presented a proposal from the Policy and Procedures Committee to modify the membership of the College Facilities Master Plan Council to include the new Facilities Director. This item will return for action at the next Academic Senate meeting.

E. *Annual Implementation Plan*

This agenda item was postponed until the next meeting.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no announcements or public comments.

Academic Senate President Mike Wangler adjourned the meeting at 3:55 pm.

Recorded by Jessica Perry