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ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 12, 2009

Present: J. Campbell, J. Ford, N. Keeley, C. Hammond, N. Jennings, C. Morrin, A. Munoz, B. Pescar, G. Differding, P. Setzer, M. Wangler, K. Wergeland, A. Zambelli

Absent: K. Dudzik, D. Hajj, P. Thiss

Guests: Dr. Cristina Chiriboga, Interim President

The senate minutes are recorded and published in summary form. Readers of these minutes must understand that recorded comments in these minutes do not represent the official position of the Academic Senate. The Academic Senate expresses its official positions only through votes noted under "Action."

Call to Order

Academic Senate President Michael Wangler called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes of November 20, 2008 and December 4, 2008 were not available. These minutes will be available for review and approval at the next meeting on February 26, 2009.

II. President's Report

A. Introductions and Announcements

Michael Wangler started the meeting by reviewing the Academic Senate membership and meeting schedule for Spring 2009. Michael welcomed Dr. Cristina Chiriboga, Interim College President and introduced Joy Tapscott, the new Academic Senate Secretary.

Michael announced that the Academic Senate would be having their photographs taken at the next meeting, February 26th, by Phu Nguygen and there would also be photos taken of the meeting in progress for use on the Senate website.

Michael reminded everyone about the Academic Senate Election. He announced those people nominated and also mentioned that ballots had recently been put into all faculty mailboxes. The nominees were as follows: Nancy Jennings for Vice President; Donna Hajj for Regular/Full-Time Officer at Large; Ed Cline and Barbara Pescar for Part-time Officer at Large; and Elizabeth Weiring for Part-Time Senator at Large.

B. Strategic Planning and Budget – Dr. Cristina Chiriboga

Dr. Chiriboga thanked everyone for attending the January convocation. She was very excited to announce that the college enrollment was approaching 10,000 students. However, the increase in enrollment also created a paradox because of the current state budgetary issues and the uncertainty of how much growth the state would pay for in the coming years.

She then provided an update on the college and district strategic plans being developed for 2010-2016 and handed out an integrated timeline. She said that the new Strategic Plan would revisit current values and that these values may change or be restated depending on input from the college constituency groups.

Dr. Chiriboga also mentioned that the Hewlett Foundation was interested in the college's basic skills model and was planning a site visit to discuss Cuyamaca's basic skills initiative with members of the college Basic Skills Committee. She said that it was very commendable that Cuyamaca College was being considered for this award.

C. Plus/Minus Grading Update

Michael Wangler handed out the proposed catalog language for plus/minus grading. Michael then opened the floor for discussion with the group. It was mentioned that the only grade that is forbidden in Title 5 is a 'C-.' A question was raised about the grade of 'A+' and why it wasn't included in the proposed catalog language. Michael said he would check into it and report back at the next meeting.

D. BP/AP Update

Michael dispersed a packet of newly approved Board Policies and Administrative Procedures and reviewed it with the Senators. Michael pointed out the changes to AP 7112- College President Evaluation, based on input from the two Academic Senates. There was also discussion about AP 3720- Computer and Network Use. It was pointed out that the "no expectation of privacy" language that the Senate had recommended removing was still in the final approved version. Michael said that this item would be revisited once further research is conducted.

III. Vice President's Report

A. Senate Officers Committee Appointments

Nancy Jennings discussed new appointments to committees. She said that the committees list would be updated and posted to the Senate website by next week.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Curriculum Committee Report

This item was postponed for a future meeting.

V. Action Items

There were no action items.

VI. Information Items

A. Facility Use Task Force

Michael Wangler led a discussion about the newly proposed Facility Use Task Force. There was much discussion related to the charge and composition of the task force. It was suggested that this task force should report to the Innovation & Planning Council in addition to the Vice President of Administrative Services, and that an additional faculty member should be added to the composition. Endorsement of this task force will be presented as an action item for the next meeting.

B. District Textbook Task Force

Tony Zambelli reported on recent activities of the District Textbook Task Force. He talked about all the aspects of lowering textbook costs, including what students and faculty can do to help control textbook costs. The task force recently published a list of recommendations for student-initiated efforts at lowering textbook costs, and is working on a list of recommendations for faculty-initiated efforts. Tony asked that any ideas be sent to him via email for the upcoming task force meeting. Once the list of recommendations for faculty-initiated efforts to lower textbook costs is drafted, Tony will bring it back to the Senate for review and endorsement.

C. Spring Break Options

Michael mentioned that this item was originally discussed at the January 2009 Joint Academic Senate meeting. He opened the floor to a discussion about possible options to changing the way the district schedules Spring Break. There was much discussion about how other schools are handling it and what options the district might have. There was also a suggestion to get student input on this issue. Michael will discuss this item with Presidents and Vice Presidents of both Academic Senates and bring back to the Senate a recommendation for continuing this district-wide discussion.

D. Award for Teaching Excellence Benefits

Michael announced that the meeting was running over time and that this issue would have to be postponed until the next meeting.

Adjournment - Academic Senate President Michael Wangler adjourned meeting at 3:46 p.m.

Recorded by: Joy Tapscott