



ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 26, 2009

Present: M. Wangler, N. Jennings, B. Pescar, P. Setzer, A. Zambelli, G. Differding, A. Munoz, D. Hajj, K. Wergeland, C. Morrin

Absent: P. Thiss, C. O'Byrne, J. Ford, C. Hammond, N. Keeley, G. Thurman, J. Perry, J. Campbell, K. Dudzik

Guests: Mary Kay Rosinski, Zoe Close, Ezequiel Cardenas

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 – Meeting of December 4, 2008

Meeting of November 20, 2008, December 4, 2008, & February 12, 2009

Due to lack of quorum, approval of these minutes was postponed until the next meeting.

II. President's Report

A. Senate Election Update

Michael announced the results of the Academic Senate elections for 1-year terms beginning July 1, 2009:

- Nancy Jennings, Vice President
- Donna Hajj, Full-time Officer at Large
- Barbara Pescar, Part-time Officer at Large
- Elizabeth Weiring, Part-time Senator at large

B. Conversation with Mary Kay Rosinski

Michael introduced newly elected Governing Board member, Mary Kay Rosinski. Senators introduced themselves and then Ms. Rosinski briefed the group on her background:

She has lived in El Cajon for 38 years, and has been teaching elementary school in National City for 27 years. She began her term as a Governing Board Trustee in December 2008.

She conveyed her respect and support for the faculty and staff in the district, and she expressed her commitment to put students first as an elected Trustee. She briefly discussed the budget challenges in the state, and expressed confidence in the Governing Board and new Chancellor. She thanked everyone for their hard work and

dedication in these difficult times. She also offered to meet individually with faculty and passed around her business card with contact information.

C. Budget Update

Michael distributed an update on the recently approved State Budget produced by the Community College League of California (CCLC). He highlighted several key areas, including the loss of COLA for the current year, deferred apportionment payments for this year and next, and a system-wide growth rate of 2% for the current year and 3% for 2009-10.

D. Plus/Minus Grading Update

Michael reported that the 'A +' was inadvertently left out of the proposed catalog language and has been restored. Chris Hill and Michael will be meeting with the Deans of Admissions & Records to work out the details of implementation for Fall 2009.

E. Governing Board Update

Michael distributed a list of newly tenured faculty, including 5 faculty from Cuyamaca: Timothy Buckles, Marvelyn Bucky, Gregory Differding, Coutney Hammond, and Stephen McCamman. He also distributed a list of approved sabbatical leave recipients, including Lindy Brazil, Suan Haber, and Tammi Marshall from Cuyamaca.

III. Vice President's Report

A. SOC Committee Appointments

Nancy Jennings reported on recent faculty appointments to committees:

- Rick Wilson for the Maintenance Supervisor Search and Interview Committee
- Cathy Bowyer – Student Services representative for the District Gender Equity Committee
- Stephen McCamman for the College Gender Equity Committee

IV. Action Items

A. Facility Use Task Force

Due to lack of quorum, no action was taken.

V. Information

A. Part-time Faculty Committee Service

Michael Wangler led a discussion on the recently negotiated agreement to compensate part-time faculty for their committee service. The agreement indicated that approvals of part-time faculty for committee service were at the discretion of either a college administrator or the Academic Senate President. Zoe Close, United Faculty (UF) President, was in attendance to hear concerns and answer questions.

Pat Setzer pointed out that all faculty serving on a committees at the College or District had to be appointed by the Academic Senate, and that the only exception to this is for United Faculty appointments.

Zoe Close reviewed the 'phrase' and how it dealt with accountability – she said this language was moot and that it was a matter of interpretation. Tony Zambelli commented that language must be precise or it is subject to unintended interpretation. He also said that it was very important to determine what the language was committing

the Senate to do, and that any language that affects the authority of the Senates to appoint faculty to committees should be approved by Senates before moving forward. Pat emphasized that he supported the spirit of the agreement, but felt the language needed to be clarified.

Senators asked Zoe Close to take the Senate's concerns back to the UF Steering Committee, and bring a revised version of the language back to the Senates for approval before moving forward with this agreement. Zoe agreed, and will contact the two Senate Presidents with the Steering Committees recommendations.

B. International Baccalaureate Credit

Donna Hajj, Chair of the Counseling Department, discussed a proposal for accepting International Baccalaureate (IB) credit at the college. She indicated that the CSU and UC system already give credit for IB and that this proposal is also being discussed at Grossmont.

Michael will send out electronic copies of the proposal and supporting materials, and this item will return for action at the next meeting.

C. BP/AP 4020, BP/AP 4021, BP/AP 4230

Michael led a discussion on these draft Board Policies (BPs) and Administrative Procedures (APs). Tony Zambelli suggested that the Senate's role in approving curriculum be clarified in AP 4020. Discussion ensued on the appropriate language for this section, with a suggestion that 'for appropriate action' be added to the phrase related to the Senate's role in the curriculum approval process. Michael will send out electronic copies of these BPs and APs, and this item will return for action at the next meeting.

D. Award for Teaching Excellence Benefits

Michael led a discussion on possible benefits to be included for future recipients of the Award for Teaching Excellence. Suggestions included:

- An engraved medallion that could be worn at commencement.
- Funding to attend a teaching conference, such as 'OnCourse'
- Community gifts, such as gift certificates from local businesses or free admission to local music or theater events
- A new computer or laptop from the district
- Add-on funding for the recipient's department

Michael will solicit additional suggestions from faculty via email and other meetings, and will report back to the Senate.

VI. Announcements/Public Comment

There were no announcements or public comments.

Adjournment - Academic Senate President Michael Wangler adjourned meeting at 3:45p.m.

Recorded by: Joy Tapscott