



# ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 2, 2009

- Present:** E. Cardenas, G. Differding, K. Dudzik, M. Howell (proxy for J. Campbell), N. Jennings, N. Jones (proxy for D. Hajj), C. Morrin, A. Munoz, T. Nichols, B. Pescar, P. Setzer, M. Wangler, A. Zambelli
- Absent:** J. Campbell, D. Hajj, N. Keeley, P. Thiss, K. Wergeland
- Guests:** Sheryl Eaves, Cal Works; Michael McKay, Catholic Charities; Beth Viersen, DSPS

*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 2:02 p.m.

### I. Approval of Minutes

**M/S/P (Zambelli/Differding; one abstention)** to approve the minutes of the meetings on February 26 and March 12, 2009.

### II. President's Report

#### A. Instructional Council Update

M. Wangler reported that the Instructional Council had a discussion about the current division and department structure for the college, including what's working well and what could be improved. There was interest among council members to establish a task force to look into options for restructuring the divisions and departments as the college continues to grow.

#### B. ASCCC Spring Plenary Update

M. Wangler announced the Spring Plenary session on April 16-18, 2009 and said he would be bringing a report back to review with the Senate. He said it was the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Academic Senate and the celebratory focus was on what had been done in the past as well as what was possible for the future. Michael passed around a large packet of 70 resolutions and said he would email a copy to all Senators for review.

### III. Vice President's Report

Vice President Nancy Jennings had nothing to report.

#### **IV. Committee Reports**

##### **A. Instructional Technology Council**

Pat Newman presented an update on recent activities of the Instructional Technology Council. She discussed issues with Blackboard and mentioned that 'snapshot' takes pictures of the roster and imports the changes into Blackboard. There was discussion about how 'ads' and 'drops' were handled and related concerns with this process. N. Jennings requested an email reminder for drop rosters or a census roster and M. Wangler clarified that A&R will send out an email notice for the 2<sup>nd</sup> drop deadline.

##### **B. Curriculum Committee**

Teresa McNeil presented an update on recent activities of the Curriculum Committee. She explained IB (International Baccalaureate) credit. She said that Cuyamaca and Grossmont College are working on this issue and the present goal is to grant up to 6 units of IB credit with a score of 4 or better. She stated that the counselors were in support of this and that it should be reflected in the catalog for '09-'10.

T. McNeil also discussed the issue of plagiarism. She explained that currently an instructor cannot fail a student for an entire class if the student had cheated on a single piece of work for that class. M. Wangler stated that a legal opinion from the State Chancellor's Office is the reason for this change. He also mentioned that the Statewide Academic Senate is looking into the matter and that he would keep the Senate informed.

#### **V. Other Reports**

##### **A. ESL Report**

Alicia Munoz informed the Senate of the fact that the County is seeing an unprecedented influx of refugees, particularly from Iraq, and that Cuyamaca College is feeling a tremendous impact. She stated that the Cuyamaca College ESL program is operating at 116% of its capacity. A. Munoz explained that originally these refugees were being placed in Detroit and San Diego, but that Detroit has stopped accepting refugees, which is creating more impact here.

Mike McKay from Catholic Charities presented information about the overall refugee status in San Diego County and handed out information documenting this issue. After M. McKay's presentation and much discussion, M. Wangler thanked the presenters and encouraged them to provide workshops regarding this issue during Professional Development Week.

##### **B. DSP&S Report**

Beth Viersen handed out statistics regarding staffing shortages in DSP&S. She stated she wanted to bring awareness to the Senate regarding these staffing issues. M. Wangler clarified that DSP&S staffing needs are vetted through the Student Services Master Plan Committee, and that all staffing recommendations would be presented to the Senate as part of the committee's report at the end of the semester.

##### **C. Textbook Taskforce**

M. Wangler distributed a draft set of guidelines from the District Textbook Taskforce regarding what the faculty can do to help keep textbook costs down. He mentioned that other colleges were putting procedures like this into place and that this draft would be going to both Senates – Cuyamaca and Grossmont – for their

endorsements. He asked that questions, comments, and recommendations be sent to him and informed the group that these draft guidelines would be on the next agenda as an action item.

## **VI. Action Items**

### **A. Technology Plan 2009 - 2010**

**M/S/U (Differding/Munoz)** to endorse the College Technology Plan for 2009-10, as recommended by the College Technology Plan Committee.

### **B. Curriculum Board Packet**

**M/S/U (Zambelli/Differding)** to approve the Academic Program Changes for the 2009-10 catalog, as recommended by the Curriculum, General Education, and Academic Policies and Procedures Committee.

### **C. Accreditation Follow-Up Report**

**M/S/U (Setzer/Dudzik)** to endorse the 2009 Accreditation Follow-up Report, as recommended by the Innovation and Planning Council.

### **D. College Hours for 2009-10**

**M/S/U (Pescar/Differding)** to approve the 2009-10 College Hour dates, as recommended by the Student Affairs office, with the following change: the evening college hour sessions will begin at 6:30 pm.

### **E. Spring Plenary Resolutions**

**M/S/U (Setzer/Pescar)** to support Resolution 9.02, which would change the pre-requisite validation process to content review validation for basic skills pre-requisites in support of content area classes.

## **VII. Information**

Due to a lack of time, all information items were tabled until the next meeting on April 23, 2009.

**Adjournment** - Academic Senate President Michael Wangler adjourned meeting at 3:49 p.m.

Recorded by: Joy Tapscott