



ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 23, 2009

- Present:** G. Differding, K. Dudzik, D. Hajj, N. Jennings, N. Keeley, B. Pescar, P. Setzer, M. Wangler, K. Wergeland, A. Zambelli, M. Graham (proxy for A. Munoz)
- Absent:** J. Campbell, E. Cardenas, P. Carmona, C. Morrin, A. Munoz, T. Nichols, P. Thiss
- Guests:** Dr. Kathryn Nette, Biology Department, Mary Graham, English Department, Jim Mahler, AFT President, and Dr. Joe Marron, Vice President, Student Services

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. He added an additional section to the proposed agenda under the President's Report –

D. Pending Senate Business.

- I. Approval of Minutes – Meetings of February 26 (revised), March 26, and April 2, 2009**
Quorum was not met so approval of the minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

II. President's Report

A. ASCCC Spring Plenary Update

M. Wangler distributed a quick summary from the Plenary Sessions compiled from both he and Chris Hill. He announced the newly elected officers and said that Area D had good representation. He also discussed a controversial resolution: eliminating equivalencies for disciplines on the non-master's list. After much debate, the resolution was referred to the executive committee to be reviewed and brought back at a future Plenary.

M. Wangler also reported that Resolution 9.02 in support of changing the pre-requisite validation process had passed and would be taken to the Board of Governors as a recommended change to Title 5.

B. Governing Board Update

M. Wangler stated that the curriculum packet was approved without any issues. He also reported that Rhonda Bauerlein had won the Chancellor Classified Senate Award.

C. Non-Payment of Enrollment Fees

M. Wangler passed out an information sheet regarding a newly proposed procedure for dropping students for non-payment of enrollment fees. A pilot of this new procedure is scheduled to debut this summer. Students will be dropped on May 31th if their fees have not been paid.

Instructors have been asked to read the following statement to their classes: ***On May 31, students registered for the summer session, will be dropped from courses if tuition and enrollment fees have not been paid. Please pay all summer enrollment fees before this deadline to secure enrollment for your summer classes.***

D. Pending Senate Business (added to agenda)

M. Wangler addressed the current update to the Faculty Handbook – he said that there had been a significant rewrite of the handbook and that it would be presented at the next Senate meeting. He also mentioned that the Senate Officer's Committee is still working on establishing a senate awards committee.

He also addressed the issue of ranking classified staff through A&P. He stated that further discussion is needed on this and suggested that Dr. Kathryn Nette take this issue back to A&P for discussion and bring the issue back to the Senate in the Fall.

III. Vice-President's Report

A. SOC Committee Appointments

Vice President Nancy Jennings announced that Peter Utgaard had been appointed to the Professional Development Committee.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Academic Master Plan Committee

Dr. Kathryn Nette passed out copies of the draft 2009-10 Academic Master Plan (AMP) and noted that the Senate would most likely be interested in pages 15, 16, & 17, which outlined the previous year's accomplishments. Then she pointed out that pages 18, 19, 21 & 21 were new information and plans for the coming year.

Dr. Nette said that the President had asked for a list of 7 potential faculty positions for next year – and they would be lucky if they got 2. There was a discussion about the uncertainties of the state budget and if funds would be forthcoming and also discussion regarding the College budget and hiring issues.

The 2009-10 AMP will return for action at the next Senate meeting.

B. Student Services Master Plan Committee

Dr. Joe Marron distributed the draft 2009-10 Student Services Master Plan (SSMP) for review. He briefly explained what was in the packet and mentioned that it had been changed had to more closely resemble the Academic Master Plan.

He said that he was pleased with Student Learning Outcomes this year, and he shared the faculty priority hiring list. He also mentioned that the DSPS students numbers had gone from 400 in 2006 to currently 677 and that they needed another counselor. He said that Personal Development Counseling was also growing, needing more student services counselors as well. He encouraged questions and discussion.

There were several questions regarding 'rank' and Dr. Marron explained how the ranking process works, and how it compares to the AMP ranking process.

The 2009-10 SSMP will return for action at the next Senate meeting.

C. Basic Skills Committee

Mary Graham reported on recent activities of the Basic Skills Committee. She discussed the criteria the committee had developed to rank proposals, and indicated the rankings were almost complete for the 2009-10 academic year.

The Basic Skills Activity Report for 2009-10 will return to the Senate for endorsement once it is finalized.

V. Action Items

Due to a lack of quorum, all action items were tabled until the next Senate meeting.

VI. Information

A. Shared Governance Councils & Committees

M. Wangler reminded the Senate about the previous packet handout, and led a discussion about the proposed changes to the charges and composition of several committees.

B. Process for Selecting Faculty Co-Chairs of College Shared Governance Committees

M. Wangler presented a newly proposed process, developed by SOC, for selecting faculty co-chairs on college governance committees. The Senators will distribute to their constituency groups to get feedback.

C. Academic Senate Co-Sponsorship of Post-Commencement Reception

M. Wangler presented a proposal, developed by SOC, for the Senate to co-sponsor the Post-Commencement Reception at a level of \$300. He also announced that the senate replaced Nanette Wier's Award For Teaching Excellence Certificate that was lost in the 2007 fire.

D. MOU between the Academic Senates and United Faculty

M. Wangler led a discussion about a proposed MOU between the Academic Senates and United Faculty. He reported that the Grossmont College Academic Senate had endorsed this MOU at their last meeting and that they changed the term 'united faculty' to 'bargaining unit'. This proposed MOU will return for action at the next Senate meeting.

VI. Announcements/Public Comment

Jim Mahler from AFT Local 1931 announced that the CTA did not qualify to be on the ballot and that the election AFT and UF should take place soon.

Adjournment - Academic Senate President Michael Wangler adjourned meeting at 3:50p.m.

Recorded by: Joy Tapscott