



ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 9, 2010

Present: Chuck Charter, Guillermo Colls, Dan Curtis, Gregg Differding, Kim Dudzik, Donna Hajj, Nancy Jennings, Jesus Miranda, Brad Monroe, Angela Nesta, Jodi Reed, Pat Setzer, Carla Sotelo, Patrick Thiss, Beth Viersen, Michael Wangler

Absent:

Guests: Chris Hill, Grossmont College Academic Senate President; Robin Steinback, Vice President of Instruction; Robert Garber, Interim College President; Ted Chandler, Instructional Program Review Committee Co-chair; Terrie Nichols, Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment Committee Co-chair; Susan Topham, Dean, Counseling and Enrollment Services; Darlene Spoor, Dean, Instruction/Continuing Education

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

President Michael Wangler called the meeting or order at 2:05pm. He asked for a volunteer from the Senate to take notes and Gregg Differding volunteered. He also passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers for future meetings.

I. Approval of Minutes

None.

II. President's Report

A. Announcements

President Michael Wangler announced that there would be photos taken of the Senate at the next meeting on September 23 for use on the Academic Senate Web site.

Michael stated that next Tuesday, September 14, there would be a pre-board workshop where Jesus Miranda would be discussing the Cuyamaca Link Program. He said the workshop would take place at 4 pm in B-365 and encouraged all to attend.

Michael thanked Jodi Reed and her committee for a great Flex Week and for the engaging workshops filled with energy and enthusiasm. Jodi thanked the presenters.

Michael announced new appointments in the Senate: Pat Setzer, Parliamentarian, and Angela Nesta, Elections Coordinator. He also announced the resignation of Elizabeth Wiering as the part-time faculty officer-at-large. The election process to replace her will begin on Monday, September 13 and conclude on October 7.

Michael then announced that he had been appointed to the State-wide Academic Senate "Relations with Local Senates" Committee.

Michael concluded his announcements by directing Senators to the Cuyamaca Academic Senate website to view the newly updated College Governance and Organizational Structures Handbook. New to the 2010-11 edition is the Senate approved process for selecting faculty co-chairs, as well as updates to committee charges and memberships.

B. New Members of the President's Cabinet

Michael introduced Mr. Robert Garber, Interim College President, and Dr. Robin Steinback, Vice President of Instruction.

Mr. Garber thanked the Senate and described his administrative philosophy. He stated his approach is to work within the governance structure, and that he likes building relationships and solving problems. He also stated that he wants to support and provide opportunities for the faculty, staff and students to participate in the college's decision-making processes.

Mr. Garber closed by saying he was impressed with the spirit and knowledge of the Cuyamaca College faculty. He stated that he welcomes the opportunity to work with Academic Senate and looks forward to working as a team to solve problems in the year ahead.

Dr. Robin Steinback thanked everyone for making her feel so welcome. She said that this was her third decade in community college work and that she had started as adjunct faculty.

Dr. Steinback stated that she understood the importance of advocacy and said working collaboratively with others is the key. She said she was thrilled to be here and is looking forward to working with the Academic Senate in the years to come.

C. BRIC Initiative

Information was provided about the Bridging Research, Information, and Cultures (BRIC) Initiative, and the college's participation in the BRIC Initiative's Technical Assistance Program (TAP) during the 2010-2011 Academic Year.

Michael announced that the BRIC-TAP group would be visiting the college on September 29th and 30th and asked for volunteers from the Academic Senate to participate in these meetings.

D. Legislative Update

Michael provided an update on several key bills moving through the California legislative process, including SB 1440 – Transfer Guarantee; SB 1143 – Student Success and Completion; and AB 2682 – Common Assessment. He said he would keep the Senate posted on the outcomes of these bills.

E. Budget Update

An update was provided on the status of the college's 2010-2011 Adoption Budget. Michael began by discussing the college's FTES goal for the 2010-11 Academic Year, which is 5% over the State CAP (Base FTES plus growth). This will allow the college to capture any growth money that might be included in the final state budget.

He also stated that the college is in the process of developing a staffing plan to fill critical positions for the upcoming year. The President's Cabinet will make a recommendation to IPC, which will then go to the Chancellor for final review.

F. Academic Senate Orientation

Michael provided orientation materials for the Senators and briefly discussed their roles and responsibilities.

III. Vice President's Report

A. SOC Committee Appointments

Vice President, Nancy Jennings, provided an update on new faculty appointments to committees.

B. Vice President's Update

Vice President Nancy Jennings provided an update on Senate projects that she's been working on, including an update to the Faculty Handbook, and starting up the newly established Senate Awards Committee. Nancy will provide updates as these projects progress.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Instructional Program Review Committee

Ted Chandler, Instructional Program Review Committee Co-chair, presented the final program review reports from 2009-2010 and a progress report on the programs undergoing program review in 2010-2011.

Ted reviewed each of the reports with the Senate, pointing out significant commendations and recommendations. He complemented each of the authors for their excellent work in putting the reports together.

Michael announced that the final reports for 2009-10 will be placed on the next Senate agenda for endorsement.

B. Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment Committee (SLOAC)

This report was postponed until the next meeting

V. Other Reports

A. Equity & Diversity Report

This report was postponed until the next meeting

VI. Action

There were no action items scheduled for this meeting.

VII. Information

A. Task Force on Academic Planning

A draft proposal to establish a Task Force on Academic Planning was presented for discussion.

Michael stated that the charge of this task force would be to review all of the college's academic planning processes to ensure a fully integrated planning system that sets college priorities and links them to the budgeting process. This is an accreditation expectation for the college's next site visit in 2013.

The proposal to establish this task force will be sent to all Senators so they can share with their constituency groups before the next Senate meeting.

B. Instructional Annual Implementation Plan (AIP)

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

C. Academic Senate Endorsement of GCCCD Governing Board Candidates

The Senate had an opportunity to discuss the pros and cons of the Senate and/or its Officers endorsing GCCCD Governing Board candidates.

Several Senators expressed their concerns about the Senate endorsing Governing Board Candidates, including concerns about whether or not this was within the purview of the Academic Senate, and the potential for dividing the faculty over such an endorsement.

Michael summarized the Senate's feedback, and stated he would talk to AFT about the Senate's concerns and report back to the Senate at the next meeting.

VIII. Announcements/Public Comment

There were no announcements or public comment.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:02pm.

Recorded by Joy Tapscott