



ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 10, 2011

Present: Reem Asfour, Mary Asher Fitzpatrick, Chuck Charter, Alicia Munoz for Guillermo Colls, Dan Curtis, Greg Differding, Nancy Jennings, Jesus Miranda, Angela Nesta, Jodi Reed, Donna Riley, Don Schultz, Pat Setzer, Michael Wangler

Absent: Kim Dudzik, Donna Hajj

Guests: Connie Elder, Dean of Learning & Technology Resources; Barbara Pescar, English Instructor; Dana Quinttner, Government Relations, Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District; Terrie Nichols, Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment Committee Co-chair

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 to order at 2:05pm. Michael welcomed the Senate back for the 2011 spring semester. He introduced new senators Donna Riley, Don Schultz, and Mary Asher Fitzpatrick and stated that it would be a busy semester. Michael also announced that the faculty note taker for the meeting would be Jesus Miranda. Michael then stated that he would be adding an additional item to the Information section of the Agenda – D. Accreditation Charge.

I. Approval of Minutes

Michael presented the Academic Senate minutes from the November 4th meeting for approval.

M/S/P (Differding/Charter) 2 Abstentions to approve the minutes from the November 4th Academic Senate meeting.

II. President's Report

A. Announcements

Information was to be provided about upcoming events and activities but Michael announced he had no new announcements.

B. Budget Update

An update was provided on the status of State & Local Budget Projections for 2011-12.

Michael presented three different budget scenarios. There was some discussion on the floor on the three scenarios, and Michael explained that the latter two scenarios would be difficult to implement. He stated that documents were available on the District intranet for review.

Michael reviewed the District's FTES breakdown and said that there was discussion of cutting summer session. He stated it was a District not campus discussion and the Strategic Planning and Budget Committee would be deciding this.

Accreditation Update

An update was provided on recent accreditation activities, including ACCJC's response to Cuyamaca's 2010 Mid-term Report, the current Accreditation Consultation, and initial planning efforts for the 2013 Self-study. Michael said that Tammi Marshall was appointed faculty co-chair for the self-study along with Robin Steinback. He said writing teams would be formed around the time of Fall Convocation, and he urged Senators to volunteer to join the accreditation teams. Michael said that the District hired a consultant to help the colleges with their self-evaluation reports.

III. Vice President's Report

A. SOC Committee Appointments

Nancy Jennings reported on new faculty appointments to committees.

Nancy stated they had made a large number of committee appointments and announced the names but added that they still had committees where they needed to appoint people and she encouraged the Senate members to volunteer. To view the updated list of new appointees, visit the Academic Senate Website at <http://www.cuyamaca.edu/as/> and click on Committee's List.

IV. Other Reports

A. Elections Coordinator Report

Angela Nesta reported on nominations for the upcoming Academic Senate elections and announced the nominees for the upcoming Senate Officer Election. They were:

Nancy Jennings – Communications (Vice-President Candidate)
Donna Hajj – Counseling (Regular Officer-At-Large candidate)
Carol Lloyd - BOT: Business Office Technology (Part-time Officer-At-Large candidate)
Reem Asfour – Counseling (Part-time Officer-At-Large candidate)
Barbara Pescar – English (Part-time Senator candidate)
Jennifer Smith – ASL: American Sign Language (Part-time Senator candidate)

Angela stated that ballots would be in faculty mailboxes the following week. She then read all the bios for each candidate stating these bios would be on the back of each ballot. Angela encouraged all of her colleagues to vote and Michael thanked Angela for her presentation.

V. Committee Reports

A. Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment Committee (SLOAC)

Terri Nichols, Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment Committee Co-chair provided an update on recent committee work, including progress on the development of institutional SLOs and a progress report on college-wide assessment activities.

Terrie passed around a hand out and said that SLOAC was participating on the Academic Planning Task Force to try to revise some of the planning processes. She said the primary focus was redoing the GE grid.

VI. Action

A. GCCCD 2011-12 Legislative Program

The Senate entertained a motion to endorse the GCCCD 2011-12 Legislative Program.

M/S/U (Setzer/Differding) to endorse the GCCCD 2011-12 Legislative Program.

Michael asked that Dana Quittner join the Senate to provide clarification on the legislative program. She said that when there was a decline in revenue from property taxes, the state made up the difference with K-12, but this did not happen with community colleges. Dana Quittner said that community colleges wanted a level playing field.

VII. Information

A. Professional Development Criteria & Process for Approving Individual Activities

Discussion continued on the proposed criteria and process for approving individual professional development activities for flex credit.

Michael stated this was a 'second first read' and he wanted to bring it back for one more look to see if anyone had questions or comments on this new criteria process. He said they would then send it out for review and bring it back as an action item.

Jodi Reed said that they had rearranged some of the items for clarity. She said they needed to get more information from people and they wanted to be sure they were documenting well and there was a discussion on the floor among senate members regarding this. Michael explained the current email account policies in the District and Pat Setzer added that opening a new policy where it was required that a teacher use GCCCD email could be problematic. There was a question presented as to whether or not Grossmont policies were the same as Cuyamaca's and Jodi said that some facets of this were not the same.

B. BP/AP 4300 – Field Trips and Excursions

Proposed revisions to BP/AP 4300 were presented for discussion.

Michael said this was something the Senate had reviewed before and that they had endorsed this board policy but it had become an issue at Grossmont and was not endorsed over there.

Michael explained that Grossmont never had a process for approving field trips, and the Administration wanted to align with Cuyamaca, but the faculty at Grossmont was opposed to it. Michael shared with the Senate the new AP, which would go through the approval process at DCEC, DEC, and the Board.

C. Software Upgrade Process & Timeline

Connie Elder, Dean of Learning & Technology Resources provided information regarding the process for upgrading software on office computers, and presented options for the timing of such upgrades in the future.

D. Accreditation Steering Committee

Michael stated this was something they discussed in the past and that it had not been formalized. He stated what it was and the fact that it had gone to the Policies and Procedures Committee and he showed what they added. He said they were going to have tri-chairs for the self-study and were also trying to improve dialogue with classified staff in the accreditation process.

VIII. Announcements/Public Comment

No announcements or public comment were given.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50pm.
Recorded by Joy Tapscott