



ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 24, 2011

Present: Reem Asfour, Mary Asher Fitzpatrick, Chuck Charter, Guillermo Colls, Dan Curtis, Greg Differding, Kim Dudzik, Donna Hajj, Nancy Jennings, Jesus Miranda, Angela Nesta, Jodi Reed, Donna Riley, Jim Custeau for Don Schultz, Pat Setzer, Michael Wangler, Elizabeth Wiering for Barbara Pescar

Absent: Barbara Pescar

Guests: Kathryn Nette, AP&IE Task Force 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

Michael called the meeting to order at 2:02pm.

I. Approval of Minutes

There were two minute packets for review: February 24, 2011 and March 10, 2011. The packets were approved with the correction of February 24, 2011 (instead of 2010).

M/S/U (Charter/Hajj)

II. President's Report

A. Announcements

Information was provided about upcoming events and activities.

Michael stated that he had sent out an email changing the upcoming April 7th meeting to March 31, 2011 and had no feedback so the next meeting will be on Thursday, March 31 with materials to come out for review early next week. Michael said that they would also be adding a meeting to the schedule on May 19th. He said this was a tentative date and he would have confirmation in April.

Michael announced that there would be four day-long meetings and public forums so the college community could meet the four candidates for college president:

Monday, April 4, 2011

Dr. Pamela Luster, Ed.D.

Interim Vice President of Academic Services, Las Positas College, Livermore, CA

Public Forum: 1:30 – 2:30 pm in the Communication Arts Theatre

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Dr. Paul Parnell, Ph.D.

Vice President of Academic Affairs, Rio Hondo College, Whittier, CA

Public Forum: 1:30 – 2:30 pm in the Communication Arts Theatre

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Dr. Mark Zacovic, Ph.D.

Interim Executive Vice President of Instruction and Student Services, Victor Valley Community College District, Victorville, CA

Public Forum: 1:30 – 2:30 pm in the Communication Arts Theatre

Thursday, April 7, 2011 Mr. Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh

Vice Chancellor, Educational Services and Technology, Coast Community College District, Costa Mesa, CA

Public Forum: 1:30 – 2:30 pm in the Communication Arts Theatre

Michael also announced there would be an open forum budget conversation entitled 'Budget Realities and Other Things – Let's Talk About It' hosted by Bob Garber on Tuesday, March 29 from 1pm to 2pm in the Student Center and encouraged people to attend.

Michael then introduced the new state senate membership card offering a new brochure along with the card to Senate members.

B. Governing Board Report

An update was provided on actions taken by the Governing Board at their March 15, 2011 regular meeting.

Michael stated that the Governing Board had passed a resolution passing collective bargaining rights. Michael added that the Board had two new members who came on in December and that they had all attended training together in Sacramento.

C. Budget Update

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

Michael simply said the budget situation was worsening. Michael mentioned that there was a grass roots initiative to generate revenue through tax increases. Michael said the college would be reducing the class schedule significantly for next year, and that it was likely the summer session would be cut 50%.

D. Education Master Plan Update

An update was provided on the process & timeline for developing the district-wide Educational Master Plan.

Michael stated that the Chancellor had sent out an email regarding an invitation for input on the Education Master Plan including a submission form. Michael said this was the first step in the planning process and it included everyone in the GCCCD community – faculty, staff, students, and community members. He said they were invited to identify and submit information sources to be reviewed for a trend analysis and they were looking for information from six areas: society, technology, economy, environment, politics and legal issues, and education.

Michael said the work on this would be done in April and May. After a brief Senate discussion, he said the steering committee working with a consultant to review the data over the summer and put together summaries to present to the college in the Fall.

III. Vice President's Report

A. SOC Committee Appointments

Nancy Jennings reported on new faculty appointments to committees.

Nancy named Reem Asfour to the Basic Skills Committee.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Academic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness Task Force (AP&IE)

Kathryn Nette, AP&IE Task Force Co-chair provided an update on recent task force work related to college planning, budget, and assessment activities.

Kathryn said that a task force was evaluating the college's planning processes to propose a new integrated planning model that kept what was working and changed what wasn't. She said the task force had representatives from Program Review, Academic Master Planning, Classified Senate, Student Services, and Instruction. She said that most processes at the college had been in place for 15 years but things had changed since that time including accreditation standards and they wanted to make sure they would meet all the needs of the upcoming accreditation process.

B. Senate Awards Committee

Chuck Charter, Chair of the Senate Awards Committee, presented a proposal to add a new local faculty award that recognizes the contributions of faculty outside the classroom.

Chuck gave the background on Senate Awards saying the current yearly award given at the Spring convocation focused on classroom excellence and came from student/faculty input. But he said SOC had asked his committee to come up with a second award to recognize teachers for what they were doing beyond their classroom teaching.

V. Action

A. SB 1440 Course & Degree Additions

The Senate entertained a motion to approve the first round of SB 1440 course & degree additions as recommended by the Curriculum Committee.

M/S/U (Setzer/Colls)

B. College Hours for 2011-12

The Senate entertained a motion to approve the proposed college hour dates and times for 2011-12.

M/S/U (Charter/Miranda)

VI. Information

A. ASCCC Spring Plenary Resolutions

The first draft of the ASCCC Spring Plenary Resolutions were presented for discussion

Michael presented the draft of the spring resolutions and said he would be sending them out electronically to the Senate. He added that several of the resolutions were quite controversial – especially in curriculum.

VII. Announcements/Public Comment

There were no announcements or public comment

The meeting adjourned at 3:50pm.

Recorded by Joy Tapscott