



ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Present: Reem Asfour, Mary Asher Fitzpatrick, Guillermo Colls, Dan Curtis, Kim Dudzik, Nancy Jennings, Jesus Miranda, Angela Nesta, Barbara Pescar, Jodi Reed, Pat Setzer, Michael Wangler

Absent: Chuck Charter, Donna Hajj, Donna Riley, Don Schultz

Guests: Kathryn Nette, faculty co-chair of the Academic Master Plan Committee and AP&IE Task Force co-chair; Peter Utgaard, History Instructor; Tammi Marshall, faculty co-chair of the Accreditation Steering Committee

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 2:08pm. Michael added an additional section to his report 'D. Enrollment for Student Success Task Force'. Michael also mentioned that the Committee Reports would be presented out of order since some people had to leave the meeting early.

I. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were available to approve from the meeting of April 28, 2011.

M/S/P (Curtis/Reed) to approve the minutes from the meeting of April 28, 2011 with a correction to the spelling of Mary Asher Fitzpatrick's name. There was one abstention.

II. President's Report

A. Announcements

Information was provided regarding upcoming events and activities.

Michael announced that the new President, Mark Zacovic, had been hired and reviewed his current responsibilities as Interim President at Victor Valley College. Michael stated the new President would be starting on July 1, 2011 adding that he would invite him to the first Senate meeting of the fall semester.

B. Budget Update

Information was provided on the development of the 2011-12 tentative budget, including an update on Cuyamaca's Critical Staffing Plan.

Michael started with a discussion of the current budget scenario stating that the college would most likely be planning for scenario 'B' and showed the Senate where to go on the college Web site to access information regarding this.

C. Academic Rank for Part-time Faculty

Information was provided about including part-time faculty in the Academic Rank process.

D. Enrollment for Student Success Taskforce

This section was added to the President's report by Michael at the beginning of the meeting.

Michael stated that this was considered to be an emergency initiative by the Chancellor and DCEC in response to concern that many high school graduates were not getting into college. He said this group would look at reconfiguring priority registration to address the issue of access.

III. Vice President's Report

A. SOC Committee Appointments

Nancy Jennings reported on new faculty appointments to committees.

Nancy announced that Jesus Miranda had been appointed to the District Strategic Planning and Budget Committee.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Cuyamaca Link Report

Jesus Miranda, Cuyamaca Link Coordinator, provided an update on the Cuyamaca Link Program, including plans for moving forward with this program in the future.

B. Professional Development Update

Jodi Reed, Professional Development Coordinator, provided an update on recent committee work, including the development of the Fall 2011 flex week calendar.

Jodi said the final call for proposals would be going out soon. But she also announced that they had a 'hacking' where a few were proposals were deleted and asked them – if they had already submitted a proposal – that they go back and check to make sure it was there.

Jodi said the new planning processes would be unveiled during Professional Development Week: Monday would be devoted to planning; Tuesday for training; Wednesday for Convocation; and Friday for accreditation. The new college President would be introduced to the college community at Convocation, followed by wine and cheese reception that would include the brick engraving honoring emeriti.

C. Accreditation Report

Tammi Marshall, Faculty Co-chair of the Accreditation Steering Committee, provided an update on recent committee work, including the initial preparation for the 2013 Self Study and plans for the upcoming flex week in August.

Tammi said that instead of having co-chairs, the Steering Committee decided to have tri-chairs. She said they looking at the standards and putting together a campus climate survey. The goal is to finalize the survey by the middle of the fall semester and administer it during the Spring 2012 semester.

Tammi said they were also working with the Professional Development Committee to present accreditation to the campus during Professional Development Week stating that the committee would be working over the summer trying to incorporate new planning processes.

D. Academic Master Plan Report

Kathryn Nette, Faculty Co-chair of the Academic Master Plan Committee provided an update on recent committee work, including the development of the tentative full-time faculty hiring slate for 2011-12.

Kathryn distributed the tentative slate on faculty hiring recommendations for 2011-12. She said the committee had been asked to rank all positions that were submitted and to focus on the most critical. She also re-affirmed that the chemistry and Wastewater faculty positions would remain as critical hires but added that any additional positions would be hired in the order shown.

E. 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 stated that the AP&IE committees had been reviewed and modified slightly from the previous presentation. Kathryn stated that the next step - assuming that the new process and committees were approved – was to look at some of the other key planning committees, and IPC or IERC would need to decide how they fit with the new planning process. She said that a committee or council was needed that focused on research projects. Kathryn reviewed added that the position for a 'Foundation Member' had been removed because the entire structure for the Foundation was changing.

Michael stated the process would start in the fall, and since the goal was to focus on continuous improvement, it should be viewed as a "pilot". Michael announced that the endorsement of the process would be coming through the Senate next Thursday adding he would be sending out the information again for review before that time.

V. Action

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

The Senate will entertain a motion to approve the co-sponsorship of the Post-Commencement Reception for faculty and staff with a donation of \$300 from the Senate Voluntary Fund.

M/S/U (Reed/Setzer) to approve the co-sponsorship of the Post-Commencement Reception for faculty and staff with a donation of \$300 from the Senate Voluntary Fund.

B. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee

The Senate entertained a motion to endorse the charge and composition for the newly proposed district-wide Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee.

M/S/U (Setzer/Colls) to endorse the charge and composition for the newly proposed district-wide Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee.

VI. Announcements/Public Comment

Michael said he would be sending out a call for volunteers to serve on the new Program Review and Planning Committee and wanted to open it up for faculty to volunteer so SOC could make appointments since the training was scheduled to begin in the Fall. He wanted the committee representation to be included in communication over the summer in preparation for the Fall.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55pm. Recorded by Joy Tapscott.