



## ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 1, 2011

**Present:** Reem Asfour, Paul Carmona, Guillermo Colls, Dan Curtis, Greg Differding, Michelle Garcia, Donna Hajj, Lauren Halsted, Nancy Jennings, Jesus Miranda, Angela Nesta, Seth Slater, Patrick Thiss, Michael Wangler

**Proxy:** Seth Slater for Barbara Pescar

**Absent:** Mary Asher Fitzpatrick, Brad Monroe, Mary Sessom

*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 2:03pm.

### I. Approval of Minutes

Michael circulated the minutes from the meeting of November 24, 2011 for review and approval.

**MSU (Hajj/Differding )** to approve the minutes from November 24, 2011.

2 Abstentions

### II. President's Report

#### A. Announcements

Information was provided about upcoming events and activities.

Michael announced that Reem Asfour would be the faculty note taker for the meeting. Michael added an item 'D' to his report and stated that it would be the DCEC update.

Michael then showed the Cuyamaca College enrollment report summary saying he wanted to share the information with the Senate. He said we were 16 days into registration and already had more FTES than last Fall, adding that there was a significant increase in the section offerings. Michael then stated that the best case scenario for the next year would be no more further cuts, adding that there was a slight improvement to the budget. Michael also said that initiatives were circulating, especially regarding taxes to prevent further cuts, but that the college probably would not be growing very much if at all.

#### B. Educational Master Plan

An update was provided on the status of the College and District Educational Master Plan.

Michael said that the plan had been through a few more drafts and had also been to IERC. He added that they were nearing completion and he would be sending it out to the senators to share with their constituencies. Michael stated that the Senate would also have a chance at the

first Senate meeting in January 2012 to review the final version and to endorse it at the first Senate meeting in January 2012. He said it was organized by area of focus, student access, student learning and success, value and support of employees, diversity, comprehensiveness of college, and adequate classified staff.

Michael also discussed the size of the full time faculty at Cuyamaca College and he said we now had the same amount of faculty that we had when the college population was half its current size. Michael stated that he was gathering other information to make the case to hire more FT faculty, and said he would send it out to the Senate for review.

### **C. Critical Hire List**

An update was provided on the development of the Critical Hire List for Cuyamaca College.

Michael reminded the senators that he had previously shared a tentative list, but now had a firm list to review with them. He said the list had been fully vetted and the next step would be to go to the District Strategic Planning & Budget Committee, which should approve it by December 6, after which date the College could move forward with the positions. Michael announced that there was one new Chemistry faculty member starting in January, and that a faculty member for Water/Wastewater Technology would be hired in the Spring to begin working in the Fall. He also announced two upcoming faculty retirements. Michael said that he would keep the Senate updated on this process.

### **D. DCEC Update**

Michael stated that this committee was becoming fairly productive. He said that two task force groups were working within DCEC – Enrollment Priorities and Alignment Task Forces.

Michael then explained some changes in enrollment priorities. He said there was great concern that EOP, DSPS students and other students were getting shut out of classes, but it was found that the numbers weren't as bad as some had first thought. He then went on to discuss proposed enrollment priorities for Summer 2012.

## **III. Vice President's Report**

### **A. SOC Committee Appointments**

Nancy Jennings reported on new faculty appointments to committees.

Nancy announced that Barbara Pescar would be the new Part Time Faculty Representative for the Professional Development Committee.

## **IV. Committee Reports**

### **A. Curriculum Committee**

Pat Setzer, Curriculum Committee Co-chair was unable to attend this meeting, owing to illness, and so Michael presented an update on Pat's behalf. After calling attention to some of the features of the Curriculum Board Packet for December 2011, he led a discussion about issues relating to prerequisite enforcement and to cross-discipline prerequisites. Michael also discussed the District Wide Alignment Task Force, which is currently developing a plan to work on those curricular areas that are still out of alignment between the two colleges. He said that recommendations would be coming back to DCEC and the Senate and that he or Pat would keep the Senate posted.

## **B. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee**

Nancy Jennings, member of the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee provided an update on recent committee work, including participation in the American Council on Education (ACE) *At Home in the World: Educating for global Connections and Local Commitments* initiative.

## **V. Action**

### **A. Reception for Newly Tenured Faculty**

The Senate approved the expenditure of \$300 from the Academic Senate Voluntary Fund to host a reception for newly tenured faculty members on April 12, 2012 at the Water Conservation Garden.

### **MSU (Halsted/Colls)**

### **B. Peer-Manager Faculty Evaluation Form**

The Senate endorsed the proposed revisions to the Peer/Manager Faculty Evaluation Form.

### **MSU (Curtis/Slater) 1 opposition, 1 abstention**

Michael then stated that Grossmont would be taking action on this the following Monday and it will hopefully be piloted in the Spring and if not in the Fall. He added that if serious problems came up they would revisit it but if it went over well, they would move ahead with it.

## **VI. Information**

### **A. BP/AP 4300**

The proposed revisions to BP/AP 4300 – Instructional Field Trips & Other Student Travel were presented for discussion.

Michael stated there had been many versions of this and that it had been approved 1.5 years ago but Grossmont was still not comfortable with it and had some language concerns. He then got more specific regarding various concerns and opened the floor for discussion. Michael showed the current document and the changes that were made in the language. He said the BP had not been controversial but the AP was the concern. He also added that any out-of-state trips needed approval from the Governing Board. He said he would send it out to the Senate to share with their constituencies and it would come back next week as an Action item.

## **VII. Announcements/Public Comment**

It was announced that the group Kitka would be performing at the College that evening.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm

Recorded by Joy Tapscott