



## ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 8, 2011

**Present:** Reem Asfour, Mary Asher Fitzpatrick, Paul Carmona, Guillermo Colls, Dan Curtis, Greg Differding, Michelle Garcia, Donna Hajj, Pat Setzer for Lauren Halsted, Nancy Jennings, Jesus Miranda, Brad Monroe, Angela Nesta, Mary Sessom, Seth Slater, Patrick Thiss, Michael Wangler

**Proxy:** Seth Slater for Barbara Pescar

**Absent:** Lauren Halsted

*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.

#### I. Approval of Minutes

Michael had no minutes to approve.

#### II. President's Report

##### A. Announcements

Information was provided about upcoming events and activities.

Michael announced nominations were open for the Stanback-Stroud Diversity Award and stated that this award would be coming through the Senate Awards Committee. Michael then described the award and stated that applications would be due February 3, 2012. He also stated that there was a link on the State Senate Web site tab for Statewide Awards if they wanted further information. Michael suggested that Nancy Jennings be nominated because she had been a champion of this cause for several years, that she had taken the initiative to restructure diversity committees districtwide, and that the new model was working well under Nancy's leadership. He also stated that Nancy served on the District and Cuyamaca DEI committee. Michael then suggested that the put forth a motion to suspend the rules and to go ahead and nominate Nancy for this award.

**MSU (Setzer/Nesta)** to put forth a motion to suspend the normal rules in this nomination.

**MSU (Colls/Miranda)** to nominate Nancy Jennings for the Stanback-Stroud Diversity Award.

Michael said he would work with Nancy to put the application together and Nancy said she was very honored by this nomination.

##### B. District & College Council Updates

An update was provided on discussions and actions taken at recent District & College Council Meetings.

Michael stated that he had been working with various Vice Presidents, the President & the President's Cabinet to put together a proposal to bring forward a recommendation to hire a lot more full time faculty at Cuyamaca. He said they had also discussed this issue at the District Council. Michael added that they had gotten the final blessing on the Water/Wastewater position and that they also had a new full time Chemistry professor coming on board.

Michael went over the list of faculty needed and this included instructors for Spanish, Economics, American Sign Language, Reading, and also a Veterans Counselor. Michael stated that after discussions with several groups all positions but one – the Reading position – were moving forward and that the Reading position was on temporary hold until January. He said at that time the budget would be coming out from the CA Governor and they were hoping to have this new faculty by fall 2012.

### **C. Senate Business for Spring 2012**

An overview of Senate business for Spring 2012 was provided.

Michael stated that the Education Master Plan would be coming out in January 2012 and that he would be providing information on this to the Senate at that time.

### **D. SLO Coordinator**

Michael announced that Terrie Nichols was resigning and that there had been no volunteers for her SLO Coordinator position so far. He stated that the college needed a coordinated effort to fill this position to get through Accreditation.

Michael asked if the Senate was comfortable moving ahead with this position and the Senate agreed to get someone on a temporary basis. He stated that the selection process would be vetted through the College President, himself, Tammi Marshall, and Robin Steinback and that the primary focus would be on Instruction.

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

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

Nancy Jennings reported on new faculty appointments to committees.

Nancy Jennings announced that there were three new full time faculty members on the S&I Committee and they were: Brad Monroe, Don Jones, and Nicole Jones.

## **IV. Committee Reports**

### **A. Academic Rank Committee**

Nancy Jennings, Chair of the Academic Rank Committee, provided an update on recent committee work, including committee recommendations for awarding the rank of full Professor during the current academic year.

Nancy Jennings gave a report on the process regarding the recommendation for full time faculty to be promoted to a full professor. She said a full professor needs an application and that they had received one for Beth Viersen and Nancy went over her qualifications and reviewed the four criteria she met based on questions from the Senate members. Michael stated that the Senate could offer a motion to suspend the rules and not send the application through the Academic Rank Committee and vote to promote Beth to the rank of Full professor but they needed a motion to do this.

There was a motion on the Senate floor to suspend the rules and to move this nomination to an action item.

**MSU (Setzer/Nesta)** motion to suspend rules and move item to an action item.

There was a motion on the Senate floor to approve the Academic Rank of Beth Viersen to Full Professor.

**MSU (Hajj/Monroe)** to approve the Academic Rank of Beth Viersen to Full Professor.

## **V. Action**

### **A. Curriculum Board Packet for December 2011**

The Senate approved the Curriculum Board Packet for December 2011.

**MSP (Garcia/Differding), with 1 abstention**

### **B. BP/AP 4300**

The Senate endorsed the proposed revisions to BP/AP 4300 – Instructional Field Trips & Other Student Travel.

**MSU (Setzer/Differding)**

## **VI. Information**

There were no information items scheduled at this time.

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

There were no announcements or public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10pm.

Recorded by Joy Tapscott