



**ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, May 17, 2012**

- Present:** Reem Asfour, Mary Asher-Fitzpatrick, Paul Carmona, Guillermo Colls, Dan Curtis, Greg Differding, Michelle Garcia, Donna Hajj, Nancy Jennings, Jesus Miranda, Angela Nesta, Mary Sessom, Michael Wangler
- Absent:** Brad Monroe, Donna Riley
- Proxy:** Seth Slater for Barbara Pescar
- Guests:** Pat Setzer, Curriculum 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**

Michael Wangler called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

**I. Approval of Minutes**

There were no minutes to approve.

**II. President's Report**

**A. Announcements**

Information was to be provided about upcoming events and activities but there were no announcements.

**B. Governing Board Report**

Highlights from the May 15<sup>th</sup> Pre-Board Workshop and Governing Board meeting were provided.

Michael stated that the curriculum packet had gone to the Governing Board and had passed. However, he said he was not able to be at the meeting and that Pat Setzer had filled in for him.

Pat Setzer explained the discussion regarding the curriculum packet at the Board meeting. He said that several board members were concerned about alignment issues between Cuyamaca and Grossmont with regards to English 120. He said that after supporting data had been gathered they would approach Grossmont to add the class as well.

Pat stated that the Chancellor reminded the Board that he was on a task force regarding alignment and she asked him to give an update on what they were working on and after his report the Board appeared satisfied for the time being but they would be addressing this issue at a later date.

**C. District & College Council Updates**

Updates were provided on discussions and actions taken at recent District & College Council Meetings.

Michael stated that there weren't any council meetings within the last week, but he wanted to report on the Budget Allocation Taskforce. He said they would be meeting once every other week over the summer months and he would give a report at the first Senate meeting in the Fall.

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

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

Nancy Jennings was to report on new faculty appointments to committees, but there was nothing to report.

### **IV. Action**

#### **A. Full-time Faculty Rankings for 2012-13**

The Senate endorsed the Full-time Faculty Rankings lists for 2012-13, developed by the Instructional Program Review & Planning Committee (IPRPC) and the Student Services Program Review & Planning Committee (SSPRPC).

**(MSU) Hajj/Differding**

#### **B. College Career Technical Education (CTE) Plan for 2012-13**

The Senate endorsed the College Career Technical Education (CTE) Plan for 2012-13, developed by the Workforce Development Committee.

**(MSU) Sessom/Nesta**

#### **C. Non-Credit Curriculum**

The Senate approved the Non-Credit Curriculum Packet for 2012-13, as recommended by the Curriculum Committee.

**(MSU) Differding/Curtis**

#### **D. General Education Student Learning Outcomes**

The Senate approved the revised General Education Student Learning Outcomes, as recommended by the Curriculum Committee.

**(MSU) Hajj/Colls**

#### **E. General Education Approval Process**

The Senate approved the revised General Education Approval Process, as recommended by the Curriculum Committee.

**(MSU) Colls/Hajj**

#### **F. College Values Statements**

The Senate endorsed the College Values Statements, developed by the Institutional Effectiveness & Resource Council (IERC).

**(MSU) Nesta/Fitzpatrick**

### **G. College Committee Revisions**

The Senate endorsed the following college committee revisions: Instructional Council (IC); Instructional Program Review & Planning Committee (IPRPC); Student Learning Outcomes & Assessment Committee (SLOAC).

**(MSU) Colls/Curtis**

### **H. Academic Senate Co-Sponsorship of Post-Commencement Reception**

The Senate approved co-sponsoring the 2012 Post-Commencement Reception for faculty and staff at the \$300 level.

**(MSU) Miranda/Hajj**

### **I. Resolution Commending Michael Wangler for his Leadership.**

*Whereas*, Mike Wangler has shown extraordinary diligence regarding the faculty's role in academic and professional matters during his tenure as Academic Senate President, both in educating the faculty on current issues and in representing the faculty's interests to both the college and district administrations; and

*Whereas*, Academic Senate President Wangler has provided invaluable leadership regarding the budget allocation process within the district and the ongoing efforts to develop a more equitable formula for distributing resources to both colleges and the district office; and

*Whereas*, Academic Senate President Wangler has demonstrated outstanding dedication and leadership during a period of transition in the college and district, working effectively with administrators at the cabinet level to ensure the continuity of Cuyamaca College's culture and values;

*Therefore, be it resolved* that the Academic Senate of Cuyamaca College offers its deepest thanks and highest commendation to Mike Wangler for his unflagging service and extraordinary leadership as Academic Senate President.

**(MSU) Colls/Asher-Fitzpatrick**

## **V. Information**

### **A. Debrief on Integrated Program Review & Planning Process**

The Senate was provided an opportunity to debrief on the 2011-12 Integrated Program Review & Planning Process.

Michael said he wanted Senate member feedback on the first year of the new IPRPC process to take to an all-day retreat on Friday. He said they would be putting together a report and debrief regarding the process.

#### **Comments:**

- Paul Carmona asked about departmental feedback, saying he hadn't received any and his constituents had been asking him about this as well. Paul then asked the Senate if others similarly had sensed a loss of interactivity with departments.
- Greg Differding said it would be nice to allow program review writers to meet with the IPRPC to provide highlights of what is important. He stated that revising forms over the summer was a difficult process, and there were things that he should have been doing he can't do based on his schedule, adding that the timeline expectations for his department were not appropriate.

- Angela Nesta said that, although the intention was to streamline the program-review and planning processes, the IPRPC had sacrificed the interaction of former years, and she said they should retain what was good about the new process but also bring back the interaction portion to give faculty the opportunity to voice what they really needed.
- Pat Setzer said speaking broadly he had a sense that the whole revision of the process had been driven by the current Accreditation mandates, and that it was being done by the top down which he said did not feel right. He said that it made you feel that you didn't want to engage in the process to move the program forward and he was discouraged by the whole trend.
- Nancy Jennings added a positive spin on the process saying she was glad it combined the Master Plan and Program Review, stating it made for a more streamlined process, and she added that reviewing programs once a year instead of every five years kept the programs current. She said the new process was less cumbersome and less work, and she said there were some good innovations that had come out of the revise. She then stated that she had been invited to meet with the committee, but several senators noted that they had been given no opportunity to meet or to pick a time to meet that didn't conflict with their class schedule.
- Mary Asher-Fitzpatrick said there was a missing component of interactivity, and she suggested that there be interaction on both the front and back ends of the process. She said the program-review author should be able to present up front, and then, after rankings, the committee could call in the Department Chair and go over their rankings, and then possibly provide a midway communication check.
- Pat Setzer said the process needed to reach out more, adding that there was a possibility more departments would fall away from the process if things did not change.

Michael stated that he did not want this to happen and encouraged everyone to work with the process in a way to make it work for their programs and to use data that was meaningful to them. He suggested collecting data on the whole experience and making sure the assessment was meaningful. He stated he would bring all the concerns to the retreat and then added that Kathryn Nette would be invited to an early Senate meeting in the Fall to review the process again.

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

Pat Setzer announced that there would be a performance at the Communication Arts Theatre on Friday night at 7:30pm from the Cuyamaca College Rock, Pop, and Soul Ensemble.

Mary Asher-Fitzpatrick added that everyone should attend the concert as some of the students that they have had in class might be performing in the band, and it would give the faculty a chance to see their students in another capacity.

Meeting ended at 3:45pm.  
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