



ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Present: Robert Anness, Reem Asfour, Mary Asher-Fitzpatrick, Michael Aubrey, Lindy Brazil, Paul Carmona, Guillermo Colls, Dan Curtis, Jesus Miranda, Alicia Munoz, Angela Nesta, Lilia Pulido, Donna Riley, Seth Slater, Peter Utgaard

Absent: Dave Raney

Guests: Greg Differding; Kathryn Nette, Co-chair of IPRPC; Patricia Santana; Patrick Thiss

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Call to Order

Alicia Munoz called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

I. Approval of Minutes

There was a motion to approve the minutes from May 9th, 2013.

(MSU) Slater/Anness

Edits were discussed.

1 abstention

II. President's Report

A. Announcements

Information was provided about upcoming events and activities.

Alicia reminded the Senate about the upcoming 'After Commencement' reception to be held immediately after the Commencement Ceremony on June 6, 2013 at the Student Center in rooms I-208 & 209.

Alicia stated that interviews had been completed for the Vice President of Student Services as well as the Vice President of Instruction positions and there would be upcoming public forums with dates and times to come.

B. Governing Board Report

Highlights from the May 21st Pre-Board Workshop and Governing Board meeting was provided.

Alicia stated that Tammy Marshall and Chris Hill had given an update that was well received by the Board. She added that the self-evaluation report still needs edits and there was a committee that would work on this in June to finalize it to go to print by July. She also announced several awards that were given at the meeting.

C. District & College Council Updates

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

Alicia discussed a DCEC issue regarding curriculum stating the appropriate process had been followed and that it would have a fiscal impact on Grossmont. She then acknowledged Donna Riley for her hard work.

Alicia also stated that it was discussed that both colleges did not want a District-wide Curriculum Committee and that the curriculum philosophical disagreements continued between both the colleges. She said they needed to review how this issue was handled in the future. There was much discussion on the floor as to what transpired at the meeting and Patrick Thiss remarked that many faculty members fought for faculty issues which was great to see and Alicia thanked everyone that was involved.

Alicia stated that SLOAC had undergone a charge revision and Angela Nesta shared that the main changes were regarding coordinating and facilitating adding that they were going to focus more on functioning as a steering committee monitoring program review processes. She said they would be developing a process for regular curriculum review and would report to the Senate and IERC adding that they would be taking over where SLOAC had left off. Alicia stated they were hoping for continuous quality improvement and their report would come to the Senate for a first read. She said this would be going to Policy and Procedures next week.

Gregg Differding, a guest at the meeting, suggested they get a CTE faculty representative on the committee. Alicia said the whole review process would be coming back to the Senate in the Fall for review. Paul Carmona asked that the charges be reviewed for other committees as well.

III. Vice President's Report

A. SOC Committee Appointments

Jesus Miranda reported on new faculty appointments to committees.

Jesus announced that Angela Nesta had been appointed to the Instructional Technology Committee.

IV. Committee Reports

A. IPRPC Template

Kathryn Nette, Co-Chair of IPRPC will bring to the Senate the revised IPRPC template for endorsement.

Kathryn Nette presented the revised template for IPRPC and went over it in detail stating they were looking at a 3-5 year plan. Kathryn added that everything now has to be evidence based and that the committee wanted a clear picture of what was going on in each department.

There was much discussion, questions, and concern on the Senate floor with regards to the lack of an interactive human element which was present before but was lacking in the current process and there was much frustration from several Senators who conveyed that there was currently no opportunity to actually meet and have discussions with the committee. Kathryn addressed this by stating that it would be the responsibility of the committee going forward to address this issue. Patricia Santana, a guest at the meeting, also clarified that the lobbying portion should be on paper in the report.

There were suggestions to take an 'authors poll', to endorse the current template but just try it as a pilot with the provision to revisit it if necessary, as well as a suggestion to review the Brown Act to make sure this new process fell under those guidelines.

Kathryn stated it would all be redone anyway as it would be entered into TrackDat. It was finally suggested that either way the Senate should weigh in on process and re-examine it looking from its 'roots to its branches' to establish something intentional where the Senate played a key role in the approval process as the Senate needed to be more closely connected to the entire process.

B. College Career Technical Education (CTE) Plan for 2013-14

Jennifer Lewis, Dean of CEWT was to present the CTE Plan for 2013-2014 for Senate endorsement but Greg Differding gave the presentation.

Greg gave the report for the CTE Plan and went over the plan in detail. He also discussed their future plans which focused on improving their process and expanding the CTE program.

V. Action

A. SSPRPC

The Senate entertained a motion to endorse the SSPRPC 2013-2014 full-time faculty rankings.

MSU (Colls/Pulido)

B. Basic Skills 2013-2014 Plan

The Senate entertained a motion to endorse the Basic Skills 2013-2014 Plan.

MSU (Curtis/Miranda)

VI. Announcements

Alicia stated that it was presented to the Board the fact that the Senate passed a resolution neither to endorse nor approve the Academic Calendar issue and that it needed a more robust discussion. She added that Grossmont would be doing research on this over the summer.

Alicia announced that the District hired a consultant to look at enrollment management and that this would provide an unbiased assessment. But she added that this person had supported the benefits of a compressed calendar.

Alicia announced that the Grossmont Professional Development Committee was proposing a flex calendar for part time faculty so they can accrue professional development hours adding that excess of these hours in the Fall can carry over to the Spring. She said this would be coming back to the Senate in the Fall for review.

Alicia thanked all the Senators for their help and support in her first semester term and the Senators applauded Alicia for a job well done.

The meeting adjourned at 3:48pm.