

· ACADEMIC · SENATE · **MINUTES**

Thursday, October 10, 2013

Present: Jesus Miranda (Vice President), Robert Anness, Mary Asher-Fitzpatrick,

Lindy Brazil, Paul Carmona, Guillermo Colls, Daniel Curtis, Sarah Martin,

Angela Nesta, Lilia Pulido, Seth Slater, Peter Utgaard, David Raney.

Absent: Alicia Munoz (President), Michael Aubrey

Others: Patrick Thiss, Eric Preibisius

Recorder: Claudia Lennard

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

Senate Vice President, Jesus Miranda, called the meeting to order at 2:05.

I APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/P (Curtis/Colls) to approve the minutes, as amended, from the September 26, 2013 Academic Senate meeting.

II PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Announcements

On behalf of Alicia Munoz, President, Jesus Miranda announced that the accreditation team will be visiting the campus Monday, October 14, 2013 until Thursday, October 17, 2013. A short Accreditation Report will be presented in the digital theater on Thursday afternoon at approximately 1 pm, to be followed by an ice cream social in the Student Center. Jesus encouraged AS members and their constituents to attend the accreditation report presentation.

B. District & College Council Updates

- Jesus Miranda announced that at the last DSPS&BC meeting, the critical hires for each campus were highlighted. The critical hires for Cuyamaca College are a Physics instructor and a custodian. The selection committee has been formed and is moving forward with the hiring of the Physics instructor. Grossmont College has 16 critical hires, of which two are faculty. A discussion followed concerning budget issues and Senators expressed concern for the lack of transparency in the process. The Senators requested that the Academic Senate invite college President, Mark Zacovic, and VP Administrative Services, Arleen Satele, to a Senate meeting where they could explain the budget decision-making process and why there is such a disparity between the number of critical hires for Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges.
- Jesus Miranda announced that the current FTES report shows that the district and the colleges are more than halfway to the target for the year. With Intersession and Spring enrollments still pending, Cuyamaca College should be above target. Surpassing the goal is important to demonstrate the college growth, according to Miranda.

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C. Fall 2013 Plenary Update

Alicia Munoz will email information for the Senators' review. Area D meeting will be held on October 19th.

III VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. SOC Committee Appointments

Vice President, Jesus Miranda, announced that due to confidentiality requirements, SOC will not announce the names of faculty members appointed to selection committees. A committee has been formed to fill three Admin Assistant III positions for the Deans of CTE, Division II and LRC. All three will be hired from one pool. All committees are up and running, and the goal is to have all three deans' assistants in place by January, 2014. SOC also appointed a faculty member to the selection committee for the position of Academic Senate Admin Assistant I.

IV COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Student Success & Basic Skills Committee

Eric Preibisius, Math Instructor, presented the 2013-2014 Basic Skills Action Plan and Expenditure Report, which details how the grant money has been spent over the last few years and what programs and initiatives have proved to be most effective in increasing student success. The majority of the money is spent on supplemental instruction and tutoring programs. Eric Preibisius informed the Senate of the long term goals of Student Success & Basic Skills committee. They are: 1) Use research results to develop, implement and monitor programs and activities; 2) Increase the number of students who transfer; 3) Increase the success rates of Basic Skills students through tutoring (STEM, Writing Center). Dr. Preibisius assured the Senate that there is money in place to fund the Basic Skills Initiative program at least through the 2014-2015 academic year. The full report is available on the Basic Skills Committee Intranet page.

V ACTION

A. Professional Development Committee proposal to extend deadline for flex sheets

M/S/P (Curtis/Nesta) to endorse Professional Development Committee changes, which will extend the deadline for adjuncts to turn in flex hours.

B. GCCCD Academic Calendar Committee proposal to change the placement of Spring break, 2015.

M/S (Curtis/Colls) to endorse proposed change to the GCCCD Academic Calendar for the placing of Spring break 2015. The Calendar committee proposes placing Spring break after the first 8 weeks of the semester. After discussion, several members stated they had not received feedback on the proposal from their constituents and, therefore, felt they were not able to vote. A motion was made, seconded and passed to table this item. (Carmona/Brazil).

C. SLOAC Committee proposal to change the committee title and composition

M/S/P (Pulido/Curtis) to endorse the proposed name change to Institutional Effectiveness Steering Committee, and the Composition of the Committee. The committee composition is available on the SLOAC Committee Intranet page.

VI ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Disability Awareness Month

Mary Asher-Fitzpatrick announced that October is Disability Awareness Month. October 30th is the College Hour DSPS Resource Fair and Wheelchair Basketball game to be held in the gym from 11:30 – 1:00pm. Everyone is invited to participate and attend. She encouraged members to stop by the library to see the new DSPS display.

Academic Senate Vice President, Jesus Miranda, adjourned the meeting at 3:40 pm.

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