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MINUTES

Thursday November 21, 2013

Present: Alicia Munoz (President), Jesus Miranda (Vice President), Mary Asher-Fitzpatrick, Michael Aubry, Lindy Brazil, Paul Carmona, Guillermo Colls, Dan Curtis, Sarah Martin, Angela Nesta, Lilia Pulido, Dave Raney, Seth Slater, Peter Utgaard

Absent: Robert Anness, Donna Riley

Guests: Dr. Wei Zhou, Vice President of Instruction; Jodi Reed, Chairman Professional Development committee

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

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

October 24, 2013 Minutes: M/S/P Slater/Colls

November 7, 2013 Minutes: M/S/P Nesta/Curtis, 4 abstentions

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Announcements

- Wei Zhou, Vice President of Instruction, will be presenting some ideas to the Academic Senate for consideration.
- Fall Concert Series under way
- President's Holiday Party December 5th, 12:00 Noon.
- College Hour – Native American Dance November 26th, Grand Lawn
- Sabbatical Leave application deadline was November 4, 2013. Decision will be made during Professional Development Week

B. District & College Council Updates

- Proposed name change of IERC to Cuyamaca College Council, with the intention the Council will have more input and involvement in the ranking procedure.
- The district is proceeding with the website redesign project with a projected launch date for Fall 2014. Redesign began with the District website, but the project was postponed until the colleges completed the accreditation self study. The goal is for the colleges' websites to be similar as the district website. Munoz encouraged senators to participate in workshops during Professional Development Week, stating faculty need to be aware of what is being proposed for the faculty page templates.

C. Governing Board Report

- San Diego County Supervisor, Dianne Jacob, welcomed the District as an official partner in the county's Live Well San Diego program and recognized GCCCD for its contribution towards promoting a healthy environment.

- Grossmont student, Javier Partida, was commended for his heroics in helping save a fellow student attacked on campus. Also commended were the Public Safety dispatcher and a San Diego Sheriff's Deputy.
- Associate Vice Chancellor, Tim Corcoran, reported on labor negotiations with employee groups whereby a tentative agreement was reached on an adjunct faculty healthcare proposal, which would provide benefits to part-time faculty that maintain an average of 50% load between the two semesters.

D. Fall 2013 Plenary

Alicia Munoz reported on the list of resolutions that were passed at the Fall Plenary. The list will be attached to the minutes as an addendum. Munoz reported the Plenary's primary interest was in the ACCJC resolutions. ACCJC response to the resolutions will be available January 2014.

III. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Faculty members are needed to serve on the Faculty Award Committee, the Admin III selection committee, and the committee to assign a one-year replacement for AUTO instructor.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Professional Development Committee

Jodi Reed presented 3 criteria for determining if full-time faculty should receive Professional Development credit for hours spent on SLO's, and asked for input from Senators. After discussion, the following list of criteria was generally accepted by Senate members:

1. Organization and evaluation of evidence used for course and program level assessment.
2. Entering SLO evidence on TracDat.
3. Participation in SLO discussion documented in TracDat.

Reed asked Senators to discuss with constituents and report next meeting on any additional suggestions or recommendations.

B. Academic Rank Committee

Report tabled until next meeting

V. ACTION

A. Curriculum Committee

Guillermo Colls reported that additions to the BP since last meeting consist of title changes for Math 96 and ESL Listening & Speaking courses. Dan Curtis stated that requiring Math 96 as pre-req for Math 160 will be proposed for next year's BP. The Curriculum Board Packet was approved unanimously. M/S/P Curtis/Nesta.

VI. INFORMATION

Dr Wei Zhou brought two ideas to the table for consideration by the Academic Senate

- Establish an Honors Program at Cuyamaca College by designating certain classes as Honors classes. This would aid in recruiting higher achieving students to our campus, according to Zhou;
- Create a committee of full-time faculty to draft a policy for textbook adoption. This committee would review and recommend textbooks for use in all classes in the same discipline. Consensus among Senators was that a standard should be observed regarding level and date of textbooks, but that teachers should have flexibility as far as which books they choose for their individual classes.

Zhou reiterated that he wanted to initiate discussion, not mandate policy. Munoz promised more discussion on these ideas in future meetings.

Academic Senate President, Alicia Munoz, adjourned the meeting at 3:50 pm.