



ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 14, 2013

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

Absent: Reem Asfour

Guests: Kathryn Nette; Tony Zambelli; Cindy Morrin; Patricia Santana; Donna Marquez

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 2:02pm. She stated that agenda items would be out of order to accommodate various attendees' schedules.

I. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from February 28, 2013

MSC (Slater/Curtis) to approve the minutes from the meeting from February 28, 2013.

Minutes from November 29, 2012

MSC (Raney/Nesta) to approve the minutes from the meeting from November 29, 2012.

4 abstentions

Alicia stated that she would also be bringing past minutes to the meeting for approval as there were several to approve.

II. President's Report

A. Announcements

Information was provided about upcoming events and activities.

Alicia announced that Frank Sundstrom from the mailroom has an art exhibit of his ceramics with a reception that evening and she encouraged people to attend. She also mentioned the Dream Keepers scholarship campaign celebration held that day on the Grand Lawn which had music and food from 11am to 1pm.

B. Academic Senate Elections

Angela Nesta, Academic Senate Elections Coordinator, provided an update on the current election process.

Angela Nesta presented the Senate election results restating that this was the first online election. However she did express concern over the fact that only 41 people voted and she was disappointed in the turn-out adding that she had hoped many more faculty members would vote due to the convenience of the online process. The tally was as follows:

365 faculty received a ballot in their District e-mail (74 full-time and 291 part-time)
41 faculty members submitted that ballot for a vote

For the position of Vice President – one candidate
Jesus Miranda received 39 votes

- One was a write in candidate which was disqualified because the person is a part-time faculty
- One respondent skipped the question

For the position of Full Time Officer-at-Large – one candidate
Paul Carmona received 38 votes

- Two were write in candidates; both were disqualified because one person is a part-time faculty and the other was not asked to be a candidate and declined the office
- One respondent skipped the question

For the position of Part Time Officer-at-Large – three candidates
Edward Cline received 10 votes
Sarah L Martin received 10 votes
Seth Slater received 20 votes

- One respondent skipped the question
- Edward Cline dropped out during the election

It was determined that there would need to be a run-off election for the part time Officer-at-Large due to the fact that Edward Cline dropped out during the election but he had received 10 votes and a special 'run-off' election was needed between Seth Slater and Sarah Martin.

After a very lengthy discussion on the floor regarding the need for a special election to resolve the issue of the Academic Senate President position. The Senate decided the following:

Currently:

- Alicia is acting Senate President. (Winning the Special Election for President would make her the permanent President to the end of Mike's term)
- Jesus is acting Senate Vice-President (Winning the Special Election for Vice-President would make him the permanent VP to the end of Alicia's term)
- Paul was just elected as the permanent Senate Full-Time Faculty Officer at Large to fill Jesus' term and for the term in the next academic year
- Seth is the Senate Part-Time Faculty Officer at Large. He will be in a runoff election with Sarah L Martin for this position in the next academic year.

Ballot for Special Election will include:

- Special Election to fill vacant position of Senate President from now to the end of the term (June 1, 2014)
- Special Election to fill vacant position of Senate Vice-President from now to the end of the term (June 2, 2013)
- Special Run-off election to fill Part-time Faculty Officer at Large for the academic year 2013-2014

This ballot will only run for one week

1. To reduce the possibility of it being deleted from faculty's inbox
2. And because the Bylaws allows one week for an election (Section Article II, Section 2.2 A "Officers shall be elected by secret ballot vote of the faculty during the first week in February...")

Nominations

In addition, there will need to be a call for nominations for the Senate President and Vice-President for this special election.

Bylaws indicate that nomination should be two weeks (Section Article II, Section 2.1 B “Nomination for officers will be received from the faculty during the last two weeks in January. The election coordinator will verify nominations.”)

In the Election that closed on Thursday, March 14, 2013:

- Jesus was elected as Senate Vice-President for the academic year 2013-2014
- Paul was elected as Senate Full-Time Faculty Officer at Large for the academic year 2013-2014 and to fill a current vacancy (because Jesus is in the role of acting VP)
- A run-off election is needed between Seth and Sarah for the Senate Part-time Faculty Officer at Large for the academic year 2013-2014

Paul Carmona moved that a special election for the Academic Senate be held for the President and Vice President and Guillermo Colls seconded it. Alicia asked for a show of hands to end the debate about the elections and there were 7 for and 3 opposed.

C. District & Council Updates

Jesus Miranda provided updates on discussions and actions taken at recent District & College Council Meetings.

Jesus stated that as of that day, all of the late start classes were on Web advisor and that there were current conversations going on regarding the possibility of an intersession. He said that the District anticipated having a good summer due to the fact that other San Diego Community Colleges would not be having summer classes, and more students would hopefully be attending here.

Jesus said that there was a discussion on how the college would meet its FTES goals. He also said that the Budget Allocation Task Force was close to completing its task, and that there would be data driven enrollment to support the growth of the college.

Jesus stated that three new faculty positions were approved – Counseling, American Sign Language, and Reading.

He also mentioned the current discussion on the proposed salary increase for administrators, and that the Chancellor had met with union representatives to discuss this. However, he stated that although the salary discussion was clear and the administration believed they needed to move ahead with this, the bargaining units did not agree. He said they were trying to figure out compensation based on what other colleges were doing. Jesus stated the Chancellor said that nothing would be implemented as of yet because additional meetings with the bargaining units was needed. A recommendation that was made at the special meeting following DEC and DSPBC was the formation of a Salary Equity Task Force that will report to DSPBC and he discussed their charge.

Tony Zambelli mentioned that it was an issue of budget and Donna Riley suggested that they start new recruits in the middle of the pay scale.

III. Vice President’s Report

A. SOC Committee Appointments

There was no report.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Instructional Program Review & Planning Committee

Kathryn Nette, co-chair of the Instructional Program Review & Planning Committee, provided an update on recent committee work, including a status report on the program review process for the current year.

Kathryn reported that the committee had completed the review of all program review reports. She showed the Senate where the results could be found on the IPRPC website.

Kathryn discussed the rubric categories and mentioned that this year the committee would issue commendations, recognition and recommendations as the former program review committee used to do. Kathryn stated that the entire process was time-consuming but since it was the second year, things were beginning to flow better.

Kathryn shared that the committee would now look at faculty and classified staff rankings; there were 21 faculty requests, but that the top 10-12 would be ranked with a short justification statement provided.

Kathryn said the committee had many good members, whose term was about to expire. She expressed hope that many of them would continue on the committee. Angela Nesta asked about the possibility of changing the time of the meeting since it conflicted with Senate, but Kathryn indicated that it would be extremely difficult to move the time to another day because of other conflicts. Alicia thanked Kathryn for her presentation.

V. Action

A. Online Teaching & Learning Committee

The Senate entertained a motion to endorse the Online Teaching & Learning Committee's third revision to the document *Ensuring Quality Online Instruction*.

Discussion:

There was much discussion on the floor to clarify that this was an Action item for the meeting and not a report.

Cindy Morrin, a guest at the meeting and co-chair of the Online Teaching & Learning Committee, reviewed the changes in language explaining that the language had been softened a bit.

Toni Zambelli, also a guest, stated that an accreditation committee would not be happy with this document because the Department of Education was looking hard at online learning and the words 'recommend' rather than 'required' were a potential problem. He added that the classes have to be more than just correspondence courses saying that just posting in a chat room is not enough and that there has to be regular contact between the student and the teacher.

Mary Asher-Fitzpatrick reminded the Senate that changing the wording was about the concern that it was a contractual issue.

Dave Raney said the change was also about limiting options in hiring.

Seth Slater said a lot of the discussion revolved around academic freedom, and that the language should remain a recommendation and not a requirement.

Paul Carmona asked if there was a place you could go to seek qualified online instructors, and Dave Raney said the committee was working on that.

Guillermo Colls stated that the bottom line was that the policy was a recommendation to the Deans, that the current language was accurately stated, and that the committee was not certifying, just providing recommendations.

Lilia Pulido said to keep the current language because it had been reviewed many times adding that it was a start in developing a policy for effective practice.

MSC (Slater/Nesta) 1 abstention

Cindy Morrin thanked the Senate.

VI. Information

Tony Zambelli gave report on SLOs stating that the college was moving to a new data collection system – TracDat . He said that this was one of the best systems available which will do most of the work for us. He added that there were still a number of courses without SLOs, and there was a commitment from the Deans, the Curriculum-Co-Chair, and him to work with discipline faculty to complete this process.

VII. Announcements

Alicia announced that the revised Faculty Handbook would be coming out along with an information report on the compressed calendar. She also informed the Senate that the Area D meeting was scheduled for March 30, 2013 in San Bernardino Valley College, and that she would be sending the resolutions out to Senators, so they could share them with their constituents.

Recorded by Joy Tapscott
The meeting ended at 3:55pm.