



· **ACADEMIC · SENATE ·**
October 23, 2014
MINUTES

Present: Alicia Muñoz (President), Jesús Miranda, Ian Duckles, Mary Asher-Fitzpatrick, Guillermo Colls, Mike Aubrey, Angela Nesta, Dan Curtis, Courtney Hammond, Lindy Brazil, Asma Yassi, Joe Young, Sarah Martin, Kristin McGregor, Robert Anness, Seth Slater, Pat Thiss, Raad Jerjis, and Dave Raney.

Absent: None.

Guests: Brian Nath.

Recorder: Teresa Greenhalgh

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CALL TO ORDER: President Alicia Muñoz called the meeting to order at 2:00pm

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Motion to Approve: 09/25/14 Minutes: **M/S/P (Thiss/Curtis)** with one (1) correction noted by Angela Nesta: Committee Reports – B. Professional Development – remove Mary Asher-Fitzpatrick and Angela Nesta's names. One abstention – Pat Thiss.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

A. Announcements :

President Alicia Muñoz reported on the following:

- ACCJC visit scheduled on 10/27/14 regarding Recommendations #6, #7, and #8. The visiting team will be meeting with staff and faculty that have already been identified.
- East County Education Alliance – Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District and the Grossmont Union High School District will be entering into an agreement called the East County Education Alliance on 10/29/14 at Cuyamaca College. The Program has been developed similar to the Long Beach Promise partnership which will create a pathway for high school students to enter into the District colleges. There will be a press conference held at Cuyamaca College on 10/29/14 for the signing of the agreement.

B. District & College Council Updates:

- Sahar Abushaban will be the Interim Vice President of Administrative Services at Cuyamaca College. Tim Flood will be the Acting College President for Grossmont College.
- Seth Slater reported that after discussion at President's Cabinet Mark Zacovic found funding to cover the supplies in the adjunct faculty workrooms. Seth Slater suggested that the Academic Senate propose a Resolution to ensure funding is allocated in the budget to purchase the necessary supplies for the adjunct faculty workrooms.
- Alicia Muñoz mentioned an On-line Education Initiative and asked the Senators to send in favorites from other course management systems as the CA OEI Initiative is in the information collection phase.
- Alicia Muñoz and Dave Raney discussed issues that have been consistent with on-line student evaluations, such as the lack of student responses, and the Log-in "Help" link among others. Brian Nath added that the IT Department is willing to work with any solutions that are suggested for improving the on-line student evaluation process. Brian

inserted that it is a bigger discussion for honing in on the technology process and perhaps a Task Force could be created to look at solutions. Alicia Muñoz asked Dave Raney to put forth recommendations to the Senate.

C. Governing Board Report:

All three (3) Unions have signed contracts with the District.

D. Fall 2014 Plenary Update:

The Academic Senate Plenary Meeting for Area D will be meeting on 10/25/14. Alicia Muñoz will send the Resolutions up for review to the Senators for input. Resolutions of interest: Consent Calendar – 7.01 restructure to include non-credit faculty, 2.01 student assessments not to be used to faculty evaluations, and 2.02 faculty representatives visiting teams. They will also be talking about developing a CID # for Basic Skills English, Math, and ESL classes that are below transfer. The next Plenary meeting will be in November 2014.

III. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: None

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Workforce Development Committee:

Greg Differding reported on the WDC’s review of the committee’s Charge and composition. Most of the changes are generic, just cleaning up the membership with an emphasis on voting vs. ex-officio members and establishing a quorum for voting purposes. The CTE Dean will be taking the revised Charge to the Council for approval. Alicia Muñoz added that the Senate will vote on the proposed WDC Charge and Composition changes at the next meeting.

V. ACTION:

A. Board Policies and Administrative Procedures:

Alicia Muñoz reminded the Senate that Policies must be reviewed every six (6) years.

BP 4030 – Academic Freedom

The Policy regarding Academic Freedom was last revised in March 2008. The new AFT Contract has language about Academic Freedom. Alicia Muñoz will compare the language in the new AFT contract to the language proposed in the BP.

BP 4110 – Honorary Degrees

Alicia Muñoz pointed out that although several colleges hand-out Honorary Degrees, Cuyamaca College has not done so in the past. A lengthy discussion ensued.

BP 4220 – Standards of Scholarship

Feedback from Student Services was to change two (2) words from “credit examination” to “alternative methods” for awarding credit. Mary Asher-Fitzpatrick suggested: to “add” to and not change the wording which leaves options open instead of removing them. Alicia Muñoz mentioned that the “credit by examination” is pretty narrow and that changing the wording to “alternative methods” was broader. She added that there are strict limits on repeating courses. Alicia Muñoz will move forward with recommendations at DEC before the Senate.

Motion to Approve BP 4030, 4110, 4220 M/S/P (Duckles/Slater).

VI. INFORMATION: None

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Senate President, Alicia Muñoz, adjourned the meeting at 3:55pm