

ACADEMIC SENATE ATTENDANCE & MINUTES
17 May 2011

Adjunct Faculty

Sue Ellen Warren X
Leah Pate X

Behavioral & Social Sciences

Firestone, Randy X
Gold, Christina X
Moen, Michelle X
Widman, Lance X
Wynne, Michael X

Business

Siddiqui, Junaid
Lau, Philip S X
Hull, Kurt

Counseling

Jackson, Brenda X
Jeffries, Chris X
Pajo, Christina X

Fine Arts

Ahmadpour, Ali X
Bloomberg, Randall X
Crossman, Mark
Schultz, Patrick X
Wells, Chris X

Health Sciences & Athletics

Hazell, Tom X
McGinley, Pat
Rosales, Kathleen
Colunga, Mina X
Hicks, Tom

Humanities

Isaacs, Brent X
Marcoux, Pete X
McLaughlin, Kate X
Halonen, Briita X
Simon, Jenny X

Industry & Technology

Gebert, Pat X
Hofmann, Ed X
MacPherson, Lee X

Winfree, Merriel X
Marston, Doug X

Learning Resources Unit

Striepe, Claudia X
Ichinaga, Moon X

Mathematical Sciences

Bateman, Michael X
Fry, Greg X
Hamza Hamza X
Taylor, Susan X
Yun, Paul X

Natural Sciences

Doucette, Pete X
Herzig, Chuck X
Jimenez, Miguel X
Palos Teresa X
_____ vacant

Academic Affairs & SCA

Chapman, Quajuana
Arce, Francisco X
Nishime, Jeanie X
Lee, Claudia

ECC CEC Members

Evans, Jerome
Norton, Tom
Panski, Saul EXC
Pratt, Estina X
Halligan, Chris

Assoc. Students Org.

Budri, Lala
Lopez, Jessica

Ex- Officio Positions

Shadish, Elizabeth
Kjeseth, Lars X

Guests, Dean's Rep, Visitors:

V. Rapp(Dean's Rep), C. Pineda, Bill
Mulrooney

Unless noted otherwise, all page numbers refer to the packet used during the meeting, not the current packet you are reading now.

The sixth Academic Senate meeting of the Spring 2011 semester was called to order by Academic Senate President Gold at 12:35pm

Approval of last Minutes:

[See pp 5-9 of packet] The last minutes of the 3rd May Academic Senate meeting were approved as is.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

AS President Gold requested the officers not provide reports this session as there was a lot of business to cover and discuss.

President's report – Christina Gold (henceforth CG)

No report.

VP Compton Center - Saul Panski (SP)

No report .

Curriculum Committee – Lars Kjeseth (LK)

No report.

VP Educational Policies Committee – Chris Jeffries (CJ)

No report.

VP Faculty Development – Cristina Pajo (CP) (Co- VP) and Briita Halonen (BH) (Co-VP)

No report .

VP Finance and Special Projects – Lance Widman (LW)

[See pp. 21-23 of packet] for April 21 PBC Minutes: as provided via email.

- Projected Ending Balance (known as “reserves”) for Fund 11 ((known as General Fund Unrestricted) discussions: Please note items 3 and 4 (p. 22), projected ending balance for 2010-11 (this fiscal year) is \$23.2 million, which becomes the beginning balance for 2011-12. However, the projected ending balance for 2011-12 is \$15.7 million. The \$7.5 million difference is due to \$6.3 million in deficit spending (about the same as for this fiscal year) and \$1.2 million in additional expenditures budgeted for 2011-12. Even at \$15.7 million, that is still about a 15% reserve for “rainy days” (like we are in right now!)
- Classified union’s (ECCE) version of the 2011-12 budget. Much more discussion to come.
- My presentation of the Academic Senate’s Guidelines for Budget Cuts. More discussion to come

VP Legal – Chris Wells (CW)

No report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Deans’ Council – Moon Ichinaga (MI)

No report

NEW BUSINESS

Administrative Procedure AP 6160 - District Computer and Network Use Policy. First Reading – VP Ed Policies Chris Jeffries (CJ)

[See pp 24-33 of packet. Both an edited and a “clean” version are in the packet]

CJ reported that she has had no response to her technical questions from the Information Technology department as yet.

Ms. Ichinaga asked if the Policy had gone to the College Academic Technology Committee. CJ noted that it had circa 2006, recently a special committee had been working on it and it had come before the Ed. Policies Committee a few times. The Committee had consulted the appropriate sections of US Code Title 18. CJ noted the policy had not brought up any concerns, but the procedures had raised some issues and had been changed frequently.

After some discussion it was decided to recommend the removal of A and C under “Conditions of Use”, and substitute the word “usage” instead of “etiquette” in all instances.

Mr. Marston felt that rules of usage should be situated in the Policy, not in the Procedures, and Dr. Gold said that there had been a change in philosophy in construction Policies and Procedures, and this was the new format.

Mr. Marcoux raised the question of the usage guidelines for 3rd party hosted materials like Etudes, and CJ said these are some of the technical issues/questions that she would like ITS to clarify.

Mr. Ahmadapour, Ms. Colunga and Dr. Warren all spoke to the issue of having leeway to do some private work or post political opinion to forums. Dr. Arce noted that no-one was intending to micromanage usage, and that some of these concerns were noted under the “Rights” area of the procedures.

Ms. Taylor had concerns with the “Authorized Use” statement and asked why faculty could not share passwords if they were working on a collaborative project. Dr. Nishime noted that this issue had originally come up as a result of staff allowing student workers to have unauthorized access to the networks, which is a breach of security that concerned ITS. Dr. Arce said that sharing passwords could not be condoned. Mr. Marston suggested setting up a separate account for collaborative projects.

Dr. Arce suggested adding a clause to the effect that the Campus Technology Committee will revise the Procedures once a year and suggest changes based on evolving circumstances. Mr. Widman and Mr. Ahmadapour felt there are trust issues on campus, and felt the Committee should not be able to change or supervise Procedures, but only advise. Dr. Arce agreed that this could be a consulting body that would evaluate the Procedures annually and see what was working and suggest changes. Ms. Taylor asked if anyone could suggest changes, and Mr. Ahmadapour suggested convening a special committee. Mr. Marcoux felt the College Technology Committee and Academic Technology Committee between them could take care of the matter.

Dr. Gold halted the discussion and asked that further comments be sent to herself or CJ. There will be an opportunity for more comment at the second reading.

AP 4100 - Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates. First Reading – VP Ed Policies Chris Jeffries (CJ)

[See pp 34- 36 of packet] CJ noted that this had been approved last year, but Mr. Mulrooney had asked to add #7 to the Procedures. CJ reminded all that this is the first reading and we would see this again at the next meeting for further comment and voting. CJ also noted the mistaken formatting on pg 35 that will be corrected.

Ms. Taylor had serious concerns about the wording in #2 which she felt emphasized general education in a potentially misleading manner, and did not give enough emphasis to the issue of majors and specific courses. Some felt the last sentence of #2 was clear enough re: the issue of specific courses and majors, but it was agreed to work with Ms. Taylor to wordsmith #2 a little more to make it clearer while noting that ECC is using statewide standards which apply only to general education, thus the choice of wording.

BP/AP 4231 - Grade Change. First Reading – VP Ed Policies Chris Jeffries (CJ)

[see pp37 – 42 of packet]

CJ noted that Part 1 of the Procedures deals with what a student must do to initiate a grade change, and Part 2 deals with instances where the District or Institution may need to change the grade.

Mr. Marcoux asked if the Policy was also being changed and CJ referred to the underlined portions of the Policy. CJ noted two areas in Procedures Pt. 2: Institutional fraud, and Student fraud, noting that the BPXXX and APXXX would be amended to read BP 5500 and AP 5520, but that these details had not been available at time of printing. CH also said that the Procedure Pt II B1 phrase “the allegation shall be” will be changed to “the allegation may be”

Ms. Taylor noted that Procedure Pt II A3 did not read well, and Mr. Marston and Dr. Arce agreed that the sentence seemed incomplete and clumsy. CJ will take that back to the Committee and bring it back corrected for the second reading.

BP/AP 3750 – Use of Copyrighted Materials. First Reading – VP Ed Policies Chris Jeffries (CJ)

[See pp. 43 – 47 of packet]

CJ noted that this AP/BP had been bouncing around for a long time, but this was the Senate’s last look before it is taken to the Board. Dr. Gold noted the explanatory clause on “Fair Use”, and noted that the second sentence in that section had been dropped so as not to confuse the issue.

Mr. Wells noted the procedure seems print driven, and wondered about the inclusion of procedures for other formats. Ms. Ichinaga said that there had been discussion on the point, and that this was seen as a beginning, certainly not comprehensive, but a first step to be added on to. Ms. Striepe noted the entire area of Copyright was extremely complicated, and in some flux and that it would be a very arduous job, perhaps beyond our capabilities, to be exhaustively comprehensive. CJ asked that MI and CS forward some useful documents on Copyright to her for further use.

Mr. Marcoux suggested there be mention made of student responsibilities. CJ felt this might more an area for Student Discipline. Mr. Marcoux felt something on the unauthorized use of instructor materials should be inserted as instructor materials are copyrighted too.

It was noted that Section C refers to Online Courses and Instructors.

Resolution of No Confidence in the 2011/12 Proposed Calendar and Schedule. First Reading - - Chris Gold (CG)

[See pp 49 – 64 of packet and Handout]

CG wants guidance from the Senate on how to proceed with this issue. CG has received much email on the lack of collegial consultation on this topic, and would like to see a joint statement with the ASO issued on the Calendar. CG stated that his discussion is informational and the handout serves to inform on both the pros and cons of the Calendar issues and sets out a draft Resolution of No Confidence in the present Calendar and Schedule.

Ms. Jeffries spoke in support of the Resolution of No Confidence, saying that earlier arguments put forth by several persons were not seen to have been considered and were not reflected in the decisions taken, and that the current calendar does not benefit students. CJ pointed to the Calendar Committee minutes [pg 57 of packet] where reference had been made to college growth, noting that our main mission is not growth but the granting of degrees and certificates to students. Dr. Nishime said that this calendar is not the same as the one presented in Fall, now the budget crisis is forcing actions like cutting 370 sections. Ms. Jeffries noted that now that extra State monies had been found the budget crisis need not figure so highly in the planning.

Mr. Widman suggested all parties take a step back and proceed with the 2011/12 calendar as originally approved by the Board. This would allow all to take a break and continue discussions on future Winter sessions with integrity. Any changes mutually agreed upon could then be made to the 2012/13 calendar. He felt that all decisions were being made based on money, and felt we had the resources to weather 2011/12 if we really wanted to. Mr. Widman deplored the rushed approach.

Dr. Kjeseth agreed, and appreciated the sound financial decisions made over the history of the college, and by President Fallo that allowed us now to have a comfortable reserve. The cushion could give us time to have serious consultation and make decisions based on student success.

Mr. Ahmadapour agreed saying that any austerity measures should be felt by all, not just the faculty and students. He felt very strongly the administrators should not be paid higher than the teaching faculty.

Ms. Colunga spoke of the hardships this new Calendar would impose on students in the Resp. and Rad. Tech. programs, forcing them to extend loans and financial aid and graduate 4-6 weeks later than peers and thus also endangering their job prospects.

Mr. Marston also spoke out against changing the semester ending date, noting hardships put on students with children with different semester dates.

Mr. Wells noted that statistics on success and retention point to Winter, then Summer being most successful, followed by Spring then Fall - thus Winter should be last to be cut.

Mr. Widman asked if Senate was going to vote on the Resolutions and CG noted this was only the first reading.

Ms. Jeffries introduced Mr. Mulrooney who had come to answer question on the situation of veterans. He noted that the post 9/11 GI Bill had contained certain benefits like veterans getting funded with a monthly housing allowance. However if Winter were cancelled the veterans would lose 2 months housing allowance for that 7 week period. Veterans taking online courses get 50% of that allowance. So veterans certainly would be affected by the decision. Mr. Mulrooney noted that of course the college could not make decisions based solely on the veterans' circumstances. Ms. Pratt asked how many veterans were at the colleges. Mr. Mulrooney understood there to be approx 400 at ECC and 50 – 75 at the CEC. Mr. Marcoux asked if ECC students who were veterans could take classes at CEC and Mr. Mulrooney said yes, ECC and CEC are considered the same college.

CG announced she would bring the Resolution back to the next meeting. Ms. Taylor asked if further suggestions could be incorporated and CG answered in the affirmative.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

ECCFT/Academic Senate Agreement

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Firestone announced that a rally would take place on Thursday at 1:00pm, sponsored by the Philosophy Club. Debra Bowen and Peter Matthews would be the featured speakers on the initiative to tax off-shore oil drilling and give a portion of the monies to education. Mr. Firestone asked the senators to advertise this in their classes.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.

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