

ACADEMIC SENATE ATTENDANCE & MINUTES
3 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 X
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 X
Rosales, Kathleen
Colunga, Mina X
Hicks, Tom

Humanities

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

Industry & Technology

Gebert, Pat X
Hofmann, Ed X
MacPherson, Lee

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 X
Kjeseth, Lars X

Guests, Dean's Rep, Visitors:

K. Baily(Dean's Rep), C. Pineda

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

The fifth Academic Senate meeting of the Spring 2011 semester was called to order by Academic Senate President Gold at 12:35pm. President Gold announced that the meeting would be briefly halted at 1:15pm for a group picture of the Academic senate.

Approval of last Minutes:

[pg 5-9 of packet]The last minutes were those of the 19th April held at the Compton Educational Center. Two corrections were noted and the minutes were approved as amended. President Gold thanked Ms. Ichinaga for standing in to take the minutes at that meeting.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President's report – Christina Gold (henceforth CG)

- CG announced that the 5 remaining faculty hires were now firm, and no longer contingent on budget.
- A Calendar Committee meeting will be held tomorrow 3:40 – 4:30 pm to discuss the 2011 – 2012, and 2012 – 2013 calendars. When asked where the recommendations go after the Calendar Committee meeting, it was said that the recommendations would go to President Fallo. Mr. Marston felt the recommendations should first come to the Academic Senate, and CG asked if this could happen. Dr. Nishime noted that there was some urgency re: the 2011 – 2012 calendar, but that the 2012 – 2013 calendar recommendations could come to Senate first. Mr. Kjeseth protested, noting that the College had already passed a calendar and that the VP's had earlier stated that there were no plans to change the calendar. Dr. Arce noted that the Senate arguments would be taken forward, and that the Calendar committee is a consultation committee and as such makes recommendations to the President. CG asked which recommendations were brought forward to the President if the Committee were divided on an issue. Dr. Nishime said that a sense of the feelings of the Committee would in that case be communicated to the President. She also noted that the urgency of the budget situation had changed some matters. Mr. Kjeseth noted that the Committee HAD taken the possible budget scenarios into account and asked if this was a permanent change to the calendar pattern, and if so it should be handled in a different way. Ms. Jeffries said that many students were now in a bind re: Winter and would have to change their plans drastically in some cases. Mr. Marcoux noted that the Board also needed to approve the calendar and he believed that some of the Board members were not in favor of the changes. Dr. Arce acknowledged there were a range of opinions and that these would be communicated to the President. Dr. Nishime said that before the budget was revealed there were no big changes to the 2011 -2012 calendar, but the budget had changed matters. Ms. Jeffries noted that that seemed more of an enrollment management issue than a calendar committee issue.
- CG noted that some Policies and Procedures were taking a long time from their inception to get to the Board for approval, so she had come up with this tracking form [see packet, pg. 14] to document and follow through on the collegial consultation process.
- CG had also come up with a form [see packet, pp15- 16]that she proposed be used in the grant proposal process. Faculty would complete the form in consultation with their Deans' and the form would then be forwarded to the VP for approval/denial. This form proposal has already been to College Council. CG noted that a question had been raised re: an appeals process, and this had been denied. Please send feedback on the form to CG.
- CG noted the ASO proposal re: smoking on campus, noting that the ASO had voted on and passed the statement supporting designated smoking areas on campus, and that this was a step toward working for a full smoking ban on campus.

- BP 5025 has been proposed for elimination [see packet, pp.18-19] and a new Procedure will be written.
- CG noted the minutes of the last Enrollment Management Committee meeting [see packet, pp 20-21], commending Ms. Colunga for persuading the committee to meet at a more faculty friendly time. Chairman Spor wants more faculty participation in the Committee. Currently Ms. Spor and Mr. Wells attend meetings, and other interested members can contact CG. Ms. Jeffries noted that the Enrollment Management Committee minutes made no mention of moving the calendar. Dr. Nishime said it would have been premature as the issue had not yet been to the Calendar Committee. Mr. Widman said that we were talking about possible significant changes to the upcoming calendars, and if this effects Summer and Winter sessions it is something to be negotiated and needs discussion with Federation representatives. Ms. Jeffries asked about the calendar deadlines for 2011-2012, and Dr. Nishime noted that the deadlines had been extended, and that the Academic Senate and the Calendar Committee had been the only groups consulted. CG noted that this was also under the purview of the Enrollment management group. Mr. Ahmadapour said he had heard Winter was to be cancelled and made a plea for honest discussion between all parties.

VP Compton Center - Saul Panski (SP)

Ms. Pratt stood in for SP and had no report, other than to note that all at Compton were concerned about the budget.

Curriculum Committee – Lars Kjeseth (LK)

LK had no report. He will be reviewing the year's events and will present a final recommendation to the Senate.

VP Educational Policies Committee – Chris Jeffries (CJ)

CJ had no report.

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

BH noted the last meeting minutes [see packet, pp. 22-24] She reported that the Committee is considering a campus book, where a popular book is chosen for the entire campus to explore across different disciplines. They are still brainstorming the idea and may soon be asking for book title suggestions.

BH reported that the Committee has funds to send 5 faculty to the Great Teachers seminar.

BH noted that the Mentor program has been put on hold as the number of new hires is small.

VP Finance and Special Projects – Lance Widman (LW)

- [see packet, pp. 25-27] for the March 17 PBC minutes which featured discussion about the 2011-12 budget, and brainstorming about possible reductions. If you have any thoughts about the items discussed at this meeting, or have suggestions that could be considered, please contact LW.
- LW noted that the May Revision is expected within the next 2 weeks. LW advised all to pay attention to the media re: the budget.
Mr. Marcoux asked whether the PBC had had any discussion on the calendar or section cuts. LW said no as everything was still tentative. Ms. Ichinaga, referencing 2.b. of the PBC minutes, asked if the college was considering retirement incentives. LW said it was one of many ideas under consideration. Ms. Ichinaga said she had heard that about 70 people had accepted the incentive packages offered at Cerritos college. Dr. Nishime noted the exact figure was 72 persons. LW said the idea had not been fully explored at El Camino.
- Ms. Taylor brought up cancelling cell phone allowances, and the idea of charging for parking, and LW said these ideas were on the table, but, in his opinion, would not generate large sums of

money. Ms. Warren noted that parking fees could be a bad issue for adjunct faculty in particular. Dr. Nishime reported that President Fallo had offered to take a voluntary 5% pay cut during these difficult budget times.

VP Legal – Chris Wells (CW)

[see packet, pp. 28-32] CW reported on AB 515, which he felt could be potentially damaging to community colleges, noting that currently extension courses are NOT for credit, but this Bill could change that.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Assessment of Learning Committee – Dr. Jenny Simon (JS)

- JS announced that she was stepping down as ALC and campus SLO coordinator, and Kelly Holt (Rad. Tech.) and Kaysa Laureana- Ribas (Math) would be the new co- coordinators beginning Fall.
- 200 courses are scheduled for course level assessment this semester, so JS reminded all to follow through on this.
- The new timeline for the CurricUNET module is set for July – for now continue to use the Word document forms.
- JS reminded all that currently SLOs are assessed on a 4 year cycle, and all SLOs need to be assessed once in 4 years.. May 24th all the timelines on this are due.
- JS reported that the second core competency assessment is underway. JS will be giving recommendations to faculty based on results from the Creative and Critical Thinking core competency assessment. The third core competency “Personal and professional Growth” will be the next up. Mr. Kjeseth asked how we would fit the 6 core competencies into a 4 year cycle. JS said we could assess 3 core competencies over 3 semesters, have a break and do the other three.

Mr. Widman said he had earlier spoken in error on the number of sections that could be cut. President Fallo had in fact said that with budget scenario 1 195 sections would be cut, with Scenario 2 370 sections would be cut, and with Scenario 3 681 sections would be cut, and the savings were said to be \$5000. Per section.

CG asked if the Senate should have the Schedule discussion at the next meeting and all agreed. Mr. Marcoux suggested inviting President Fallo, and CG said she would extend the invitation.

THE MEETING WAS SUSPENDED FOR THE GROUP PHOTOGRAPH- THEN DISCUSSION RESUMED.

Deans’ Council – Moon Ichinaga (MI)

MI distributed a handout and reported that most of the meeting had involved discussion of the CSU Service Areas issue, and that Dr. Nishime was drafting a response to President Reed’s letter.

Mr. Mulrooney had reported that the policy on repeatable courses was changing again - students can take a course 3 times , plus one more time in extenuating circumstances.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CSU Service Areas Resolution – First Reading and Discussion - -contd.

[see packet, pp 33-39] plus 2 handouts.

At the last meeting it had been decided to await results of the appeal to the Chancellor. The appeal was denied so the plan is now to have Dr. Nishime draft another appeal and President Fallo has pledged to support our efforts to pursue the matter. At this point Senate should decide whether to await the response to this second appeal letter or take action. This action could take the form of

1. Focus Group

2. ASCCC Resolution
3. Legislative Action
4. Complaint with Office for Civil Rights

Mr. Wells said we could also work with other colleges in a similar position – namely Cypress and Cerritos – he has spoken to them and they are willing to work together. Mr. Wells had also looked at the diversity issue and feels there is a basis for a civil rights complaint.

Articles in the Daily Breeze and Los Angeles Times were referenced and the Senators looked at the Resolution. Mr. Marcoux noted he liked the 2nd resolve, but felt the 1st resolve was not needed. CG noted there would be no vote on the issue today and Mr. Marcoux and Mr. Wells will work together to tighten up the language. Mr. Marston asked who the “we” in the resolution referred to - the Academic Senate?...and felt this should be cleared up and made specific. Mr. Kjeseth said that while we all agree that something should be done on this issue, it sounded like a lot of work and that the Academic Senate should not take this on alone, but should be part of a campus-wide effort or team, with members from the Academic Senate, the Board of Trustees, other districts, and so on, who would all work together to gather data and present information. He felt that passing a resolution was not enough alone, but should be followed up with team work. Mr. Marston felt the we needed a motion to form a Special Committee to work on the issue. Mr. Marcoux suggested taking the matter to College Council and asking their opinion. Mr. Marston suggested sending the resolution to College Council so as to be on record. Mr. Marston made a motion to create a special Academic Senate committee with cross-campus membership to investigate strategies and collect evidence to challenge the policy of CSU service areas. Ms. Jeffries seconded the motion. Mr. Marston and others discussed taking the motion to the College Council and having them form a task force. Dr. Arce said there is already a Committee delegated to work on these tasks, namely the Enrollment management Committee, however it was noted that what was needed was a multi-faceted approach with representation from different constituents, including students. CG made a motion to create an Academic senate Committee, and all were in favor of this idea. CG will ask people to serve on the Committee. Mr. Widman asked what of the resolution? CG noted that as this was the first reading we could wait on it a little and have the newly formed Committee discuss it.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrative Procedure AP 6160 - ECC District Computer and Network Use Policy

[see packet, pp 40-42]

CG said that the Policy had not made it into the packet. This had originated in February 2000, had seen some discussion in 2006, and we were getting to it finally in 2011. Over time the Procedures had changed a lot and a Committee including J. Shankweiler, D. Brown and , J. Wagstaff had contributed a lot to it. Mr. Marcoux felt this should be seen by the Academic Technology Committee, noting that Mr. Wagstaff was on that Committee, and said he would ask Dr. Rapp to put it on the Technology Committee agenda. Mr. Marcoux also asked who would “police” the issue. Mr. Ahmadapour said the Senators should take the procedure back to their Divisions for discussion. Ms. Taylor noted it should be parallel to telephone use etiquette, and Ms. Jeffries said this covers all technologies and this was explained in the Policy area. It was felt this should come back for more discussion.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

ECCFT/Academic Senate Agreement

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.

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