

ACADEMIC SENATE ATTENDANCE & MINUTES
5th April 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
McGinley, Pat X
Rosales, Kathleen
Colunga, Mina X
Hicks, Tom

Humanities

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

Industry & Technology

Gebert, Pat
Hofmann, Ed X
MacPherson, Lee X

Winfree, Merriel X
Marston, Doug

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
Herzig, Chuck
Jimenez, Miguel
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 X
Pratt, Estina
Halligan, Chris

Assoc. Students Org.

Budri, Lala
Lopez, Jessica

Ex- Officio Positions

Shadish, Elizabeth X
Kjeseth, Lars X

0Guests, Dean's Rep, Visitors:

R. Smith(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 second Academic Senate meeting of the Spring 2011 semester was called to order by Academic Senate President Gold at 12:35pm. Academic Senate President Gold pointed out the handouts available.

Approval of last Minutes:

There were two sets of minutes for approval.

The March 15th meeting minutes [see pp.5 – 12 of packet] Dr. Nishime noted that Vtea should be amended to Ctea. C. Jeffries noted that the “Ed. Policies Committee” mention on pg.11 should be changed to the Ad Hoc Committee on Discontinuance policy and practices. The minutes were approved with these corrections.

The March 29th Emergency meeting minutes(handout) were approved as is.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President’s report – Christina Gold (henceforth CG)

[see packet pp.13 – 16]

- The Budget, State and Local. CG noted that the California governor’s attempt to take the tax extension issue to the voters had been blocked so of the three budget scenarios discussed in the past, only scenarios 2 and 3 are left, with apprx. \$11 million and \$18 million deficits respectively.
- CG reminded all that Pres. Fallowould be discussing this in detail at the Town Hall meeting, Thursday, April 7, 1-2:00
- Academic Senate of California Community Colleges Area C Meeting and Plenary Session. CG said that the Area C meeting had taken place last weekend. Area C colleges met and reviewed the resolutions and other colleges in Area C seemed to align with the ECC way of thinking on the issues. The Plenary session will be held next week to vote on the resolutions.
- College Council discussion was mainly on the budget cuts, also discussed was the copyright Procedure and CG noted the revisions here DID reflect the issues brought up in Senate. Work is also being done on a nepotism policy, and, regarding the “smoking on Campus” survey, it has been agreed to restrict smoking - -but not yet decided whether to restrict by banning smoking altogether, or restrict smoking to designated areas..
- Facilities Master Plan – Senate Feedback. Mr. Gann now has all the feedback on the Facilities Master plan and will be responding in due course.
- AP/BP 4021 Program Viability policy is currently being reviewed by the President and deans’ Council and CG will bring their comments back to Senate.
- CG reminded the Senators that the next senate meeting of April 19th would take place at the Compton Center. Ms. Warren asked for the exact location on the Compton campus, and Mr. Panski said it would be in the Board room in the Administration building. CG said she would send out a map. Mr. Ahmadapour asked for extra time to be allotted to reach the campus, and CG said she would delay the start of the meeting.

VP Compton Center - Saul Panski (SP)

[see packet pp. 17 – 19] SP reported that the CEC has a new interim CEO, and a new interim Dean of Student Services – this last position still to be approved at a Board meeting. SP said the CEC will be holding a “State of the District” meeting on Friday 8th at 10:00am. Chancellor Scott will be there plus all the CEC leadership. All are invited, but please RSVP if you will be attending. The meeting will take place on the quad. lawns.

Curriculum Committee – Lars Kjeseth (LK)

LK reported that Dr. J. Simon was elected the next Curriculum Chair to begin next Fall.

LK asked all senators to return to their Divisions and track down how their areas are doing re: SB 1440 Transfer Compliance degrees, noting that he would like to see as many as possible approved by the end of the semester. LK emphasized that faculty do not need the TMC's (transfer Model Curriculum) to move ahead, but just to follow the guidelines of 18 through 22 units in a major as required by IGETC and CSU patterns. LK asked that faculty move ahead and emphasized that the Curriculum committee was there to help as needed.

VP Educational Policies Committee – Chris Jeffries (CJ)

CJ noted that the next meeting would be on the 26th April. Items for discussion will include the Internet Use policy, K – 12 Procedures, and Distance Education procedures.

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

CP mentioned the live webinar on 26th April in the ECC library basement. CP reminded all to complete the Faculty professional Development Survey recently emailed to all.

VP Finance and Special Projects – Lance Widman (LW)

[see packet pp. 23 -25]

March 3 PBC Minutes: A presentation/discussion was led by Pres. Fallo concerning the three budget options that are being considered in response to events in Sacramento. These minutes are extremely important as a preview to Pres. Fallo's Town Hall meeting this Thursday, April 7, 1:00 to 2:00 in Marsee Auditorium. Please also review carefully the recent President's Newsletter before Thursday. LW urged all Senators to review these materials, and to encourage students to attend the Town Hall meeting. LW noted that in light of all the budget issues and discussion, planning has taken a back seat for now.

Ms. Taylor asked why no sections had been cut for Fall whereas there seemed to be a big cut planned for Spring. Dr. Fallo said the college is trying to strategize to optimize revenue. There will be no cuts before fall in case of a late bail out via legislative action, and therefore cuts would be deeper in the Spring. CG said there would be more opportunities to discuss section cuts later in the meeting.

VP Legal – Chris Wells (CW)

CW reported nothing new to report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Deans' Council – Moon Ichinaga (MI)

MI noted that the Deans' Council meeting had been cancelled to make way for a VPAA/Deans meeting. Mr. Widman asked what the topic of the meeting was. Dr. Nishime said it concerned the line items in the President's newsletter.

Federation Of Teachers - -Dr. Elizabeth Shadish (ES)

ES noted it will soon be time for election to the EBoard for the Union. ES will pass out the nomination forms soon. All are encouraged to join the Board and ES said they would particularly like to see new, younger faculty join.

ES also noted that three seats for the Board of trustees would be up for election in November, including the seats currently held by Mr. Brown and Ms. Coombs. Mr. Wells asked if there was not some re-districting involved. Dr. Nishime said that the re-districting would not be in effect for this election, though the issue would effect the next election. Mr. Ahmadpour asked if we would still get involved in the process, for instance advocating for candidates, and ES replied in the affirmative.

OFFICER ELECTIONS

CG announced that Mr. Kjeseth had regretfully withdrawn his candidacy for the position of VP Educational Policies.

EMERGENCY ITEM

Before proceeding it was requested that the Constitution be suspended for 5 minutes to allow for the election of co - VPs Faculty Development Committee. Ms. Pajo made the motion to suspend the ECC Academic Senate Constitution for 5 minutes to allow for the election of Co-Vice Presidents of Faculty Development. The motion was seconded by Ms. Halonen. All voted in support of the motion.

RETURN TO OFFICER ELECTIONS

President – Christina Gold. CG noted that she had been Mr. Vakil’s replacement as full President of the Academic senate and this should rightly have been her year as President Elect. Now she was entering her full official term and would serve as President until 2013.

Curriculum Chair – Jenny Simon

VP Educational Policies – Merriel Winfree

Co-VPs of Faculty Dev’t – Briita Halonen & Moon Ichinaga

VP Finance and Special Projects – Lance Widman

VP Legislative Action – Chris Wells

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Compton Educational Center Faculty Council By-Laws. Saul Panski (SP) Second Reading.

[see pink sheet handout] SP stepped through the changes and corrections to the Senate Packet as follows:

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2. Added language to Article XI 1b: Such a new constitution or regulations shall become effective immediately upon ratification by the faculty.
3. Switched order of elections President-Elect, Vice President
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- sync with those of El Camino. 1. Changed definition of adjunct faculty to those with less than 67% load
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Mr. Wells asked if ECC had to take any action. SP said that the changes had to have ECC approval as currently the CEC is part of ECC. Mr. Wells made the motion to approve the amendments as printed with the revisions just noted. Mr. Widman seconded the motion,. The motion was approved by all.

ECC Academic Senate Constitutional Amendment. C. Pajo (CP) and B. Halonen (BH) Second Reading.

[See pg. 39 of packet]

Article IV – Officers

Section 3.1 – Terms of Officers

The terms of a senate officer shall be for two years or until a successor is elected, except the office of president-elect, which shall be for a term of one year, or until serving as president. *In addition, co-officers may be nominated and elected at the discretion of the Senate and may serve either jointly for 2 years or in staggered terms.*

BH noted that during the first reading of the issue, senate had discussed the desirability of the continuity of leadership and experience in the role of VPs of a Committee. CG noted the proposed language also allowed for the option for other committees to do the same.for their leadership. Mr. Wells made the motion to approve the amendment. Ms. Jeffries seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all.

Academic Senate Guidelines for Budget Cuts and Reductions. Dr. Christina Gold (CG)

[See pp40 – 43 of packet]

CG noted that changes following the last discussion were *in italics and underlined.* CG also noted that some issues would apply to the ECC campus only.

CG noted that the words “As reductions necessarily occur throughout academic programs” had to added to show that the Senate understands the severity of the situation and of the cuts that may need to be made. Another paragraph beginning “Decisions regarding section reductions should be based on evidence....” Had been added to emphasize the desirability and necessity of using supporting data when making decisions.

CG also noted the disclaimer that the list was NOT in order of relevance, but merely areas for consideration, and that the language re: repeatable courses echoes the state senate discussion. CG drew the senate’s attention to p. 44 – Projected Section Reductions, noting that for Scenario 2 – Summer reduction is 42% and Fall reduction is 0% and the Winter reduction 100% CG said that a paragraph had been inserted requesting the Winter session be maintained. Possible. revision to pg. 4: Maintain Winter session course sections because winter is the session/semester with the highest success and retention rates and provides opportunities for students to complete transfer requirements for the upcoming fall. The budgetary savings of eliminating winter is minimal and the administrative benefits of flexible scheduling do not offset the negative academic impact on students. Maintaining Winter session would respect the wishes of students and faculty as expressed in the “Winter Session Resolution” passed by the Associated Students Organization, the Academic Senate and the Federation of Teachers

CG then opened the floor to discussion and comment.

Mr. Widman noted that the PBC had already passed guidelines re: the budget and that these had been sent on to the Board of Trustees. , he asked whether all these different guidelines from various groups could not be meshed so that there were not so many various items to consider. Dr. Arce said that he agreed, but with reference to the guidelines seen by the PBC and passed on to the Board, these had just been informational items for the Board. Mr. Widman asked for clarification that the document had not been adopted, but just viewed by the Board. Ms. Taylor asked if the Board would be voting on the document, and Drs. Arce and Nishime said they would not.

Mr. Wells noted the Legislative analysts Office (LAO) and others were also giving advice and making recommendations, and we were giving recommendations from our perspective. Dr. Arce noted these were all guiding principles to aid in making future decisions. Ms. Taylor asked why we were doing all this

work if President Fallo had made decisions already. CG replied that the Academic Senate had been asked by Dr. Arce to make recommendations and noted that the Academic Senate had made the important recommendation that any cuts be made in a transparent way, and that they be data driven and involve collegial consultation.. CG was concerned that the urgency of the budget cuts may be used to circumvent procedures and collegial consultation.

Ms. Ichinaga said she was surprised that the President's Newsletter had come out at this juncture and with its specificity. She asked if president Fallo would still give any consideration to our guidelines. Dr. Arce said that President Fallo might have an outline, but it was important to make recommendations. It was the Senate's role to make recommendations and for the VPAA to carry them forward. Dr. Arce emphasized that any plans would be flexible as there were still so many unknowns., and only broad areas had been identified.

Mr. Kjeseth said he was troubled by the statement that the PBC guidelines had been "adopted by the college", when "the college" might mean only the Board and /or Administration.

Mr. Ahmadapour was of the opinion that we were missing the "big picture", and was of the opinion we should become more active citizens. He asked why the citizens and students were taking the brunt of the austerity measures, and asked why administrative salaries were not being cut. He mentioned the very progressive and radical Unions rally of March 26th and felt we should be part of that movement.

Mr. Widman felt that other guidelines and recommendation documents should also be forwarded to the Board so that they would be aware of the concerns of other groups on campus. Mr. Kjeseth noted the recent controversy with the calendar committee and noted the Board could make a more considered analysis if shown multiple points of view.

CG requested the Academic Senate guidelines and recommendations be put into the Board packet. Dr. Arce said he would take the request to cabinet. Mr. Widman asked if this was normal procedure. Dr. Arce said it had been done, or senate itself could publish the guidelines. CG said the document would get to the Board, but it would be better if it could go through official channels.

Ms. Jeffries agrees saying that the 100% Winter cuts were just a recommendation, and the Board should be aware of this and asked if we could circumvent the cabinet. Dr. Arce said that President Fallo as an officer of the Board of Trustees so it would be his recommendation. Ms. Jeffries remarked that she was not sure if the transparency we were requesting was there right now.

Mr. Wells made a motion to accept the document with the revisions. Ms. Colunga seconded the motion. Mr. Isaacs said he supported the idea of transparency as being necessary, but had concerns with the list and felt perhaps we should not have the list so that we could not later be seen as being complicit with any specific cuts. He felt we should just leave it at "we are recommending transparency" and have no specific list. CG noted that the "list" was the result of Senate conversations, LAO and State Senate recommendations, and not copied for the Deans' list.

Ms. Tatlor asked if the language re: repeatable courses was from the LAO. CG said it was actually from the State Senate, but it did closely resemble that of the LAO. Ms. Taylor asked what are our current repeatable courses. Mr. Kjeseth said they were sequences of courses like Life Drawing, noting, for instance, that students could take Art 17 twice, then Art 18 abcd. The notion of repeatability of courses was intended to foster skill development. However, community colleges should not have a curriculum that goes beyond 2 years of college so these ongoing courses can circumvent the intent of Title V by having students repeat so much. The problem is that there are certain fields that are performance/portfolio based where repeatability is desirable. Mr. Kjeseth noted that unfortunately we do not have good statistics or data in this area. Mr. Wells noted we do not have many of these offerings.

Mr. Firestone said he was impressed with the work put into this document, but felt we needed discussion on giving more priority to students not on probation. It will be hard to get into classes therefore we should show some favor to students who do well. CG said this did not fall under our 10P1 purview. Dr. Nishime noted that this would fall under enrollment policies, but did not think points were awarded for GPA.

Dr. Arce asked if we were going to vote on the entire document, and on CG replying in the affirmative, said he had concerns with the language in the 5th bullet concerning how we would evaluate “unnecessary duplication”.

CG said the document needed to be put to the vote and a motion had been made to adopt the guidelines.

Mr. Wells asked if we could pass the motion subject to further amendment.

Ms. Palos asked that to the 4th bullet the word “transfer” be added so it would read...”students who need the course for a transfer degree or certificate.”

Mr. MacPherson asked about the issue fo course/program duplication at neighboring colleges. Noting it was stated as unnecessary to have 3 Mortuary Science programs, but on whose opinion was this based.

Mr. Wells replierd that these comments were based on regional need. These items are researched so there should be data to refer to. Mr. MacPherson noted that our students go all over the state. CG noted this issue is also dealt with in a Program Review. Ms. Warren stated it would be useful to have that CTE data so as to make an informed decision. Mr. Wells noted the data was available from the college website from Academic Affairs, from the CTE link.

Mr. Widman reminded all that these were just areas for possible consideration. Mr. MacPherson asked where the language came from, especially as regards vocational programs. Mr. Wells noted this was LAO language and we had added the word “unnecessary” to try and restrict its scope.

Mr. Kjeseth was of the opinion that the meat of the document was in its first 2 pages, and that the 3rd page was not needed as the cuts would probably run much deeper than anything we could foresee.. He felt the ideas currently stated on page 3 could be handled at Division level.

Dr. Simon said she would like to see other recommendation/guideline documents for comparison. Mr. wells suggested passing certain pages of the document with the intent of coming back to discuss specifics. Mr. Wells made a motion to pass pgs 1,2,and 4 as revised and revisiting pg 3 in the future. Mr. Isaacs seconded the motion. The motion passed with the majority in favor, one Nay vote from Mr. Widman, and no abstentions.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.

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