

ACADEMIC SENATE ATTENDANCE & MINUTES
29th May 2012

Adjunct Faculty

Hall, Kathy
Bonness, Nicholas Sean X

Behavioral & Social Sciences

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

Business

Siddiqui, Junaid EXC
Lau, Philip S.
VACANT

Counseling

Pajo, Christina X
Sabio, Sabra X
Vaughn, Dexter X

Fine Arts

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

Health Sciences & Athletics

Hazell, Tom EXC
Colunga, Mina
Baily, Kim
Holt, Kelly X

Humanities

Isaacs, Brent
Marcoux, Pete X
McLaughlin, Kate X
Halonen, Briita X
Simon, Jenny (ON LEAVE)

Industry & Technology

Gebert, Pat
Hofmann, Ed
MacPherson, Lee
Winfree, Merriel
Marston, Doug

Learning Resources Unit

Striepe, Claudia X
Ichinaga, Moon X

Mathematical Sciences

Barajas, Eduardo
Bateman, Michael X
Hamza Hamza X
Sheynshteyn, Arkadiy X
Taylor, Susan X

Natural Sciences

Doucette, Pete X
Herzig, Chuck
Jimenez, Miguel
Palos Teresa X
VACANT

Academic Affairs & SCA

Arce, Francisco X
Nishime, Jeanie X
Lee, Claudia
Lam, Karen

ECC CEC Members

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

Assoc. Students Org.

Asher, Rebekka
Valdez, Cindy

Ex- Officio Positions

Elizabeth Shadish

Guests, Dean's Rep, Visitors:

Deans Lew and Rapp, Asst. Dean Gerharty,
Irene Graff, Carolyn Pineda, Director Grigsby,
Ed Martinez

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

The eighth, and last, Academic Senate meeting of the Spring 2012 semester was called to order by Academic Senate President Gold at 12:47pm. The meeting was held in SOCS123 from 12:45 -2:00pm

Approval of last Minutes:

[See pp.6-15 of packet]for minutes of the May 15th meeting.. One correction to the minutes was noted. pg.14 states “Fine Arts adjunct Mr. Bonness noted that this was the first time he was hearing of the matter.” but SHOULD read “Non- tenured Fine Arts faculty member Mr. Bonness noted that this was the first time he was hearing of the matter. “

Mr. Ahmadapour noted that his remarks had not been noted in full. Dr. Arce felt the minutes had been “sanitized” and that he had been insulted by some of the comments made. President Gold noted that the Secretary had skillfully reported what had transpired without going into details that would embarrass anyone, given the document was a public record. Dr. Arce and Mr. Ahmadapour still felt more detail was called for. Mr. Wells noted that perhaps Dr. Arce and Mr. Ahmadapour could submit their own accounts to be appended to the minutes. Ms. Striepe noted she had kept her notes and could provide a fuller transcript if that was what was wanted.

The minutes of the May 1st meeting were approved as amended. Ms. Striepe will provide a fuller transcript to President Gold, and Mr. Ahmadapour and Dr. Arce may submit addenda.

Academic Senate President’s report – Christina Gold (henceforth CG)

[See pp16-34 of packet]

CG reported that she had presented the Resolution of No Confidence in the Implementation of the Collegial Consultation Process at the El Camino College, Torrance Campus, to the Board of Trustees as an informational item at the May 21st meeting. CG reported the Mr. Gen had thought it a good idea to move on to the next step in the process. CG will keep working on the issue and focus on repairing the consultation process.

CG reported that the College Council meetings - Monday, May 21st, 12-2:00, Admin. 131, and Monday, June 4th, 12-2:00, Admin. 131 – are reviewing the Presentation and conducting discussion. CG reported that she is being humble, but holding firm on issues, and hopes to work with Administration to fix concerns.

CG drew attention to pg. 16 of the packet, which is an open “Thank You” letter from President Gold to the Senators.

Pg. 17 of the packet refers to a recent public Opinion Poll which shows that the College is well thought of by the local community, which is excellent news.

Pg. 26 of the packet refers to the upcoming Fall Program Reviews. This will be a busy semester and CG noted that some senators might be called to serve on Review Committees, noting that this is a good experience.

Pg. 27 of the packet concerns the Adjunct issues and concerns that were expressed at a recent Senate meeting. The packet shows the Employee Campus Climate Survey 2010 where part time sub-group has been pulled out to show their opinion/comments. It is interesting to note that adjuncts show better satisfaction on many items than full-timers. CG noted there are still problems, but the concerns may be more Union than Senate related.

Pg 31 of packet discusses the Associate Degrees for Transfer issue. CG said we need to get to work on these on behalf of our students. Pg. 33 shows where ECC currently stands. We have 2 fully developed transfer degrees approved, 2 are ready for submission to the Chancellor’s office, and 4 are ready for presentation to the Board at the 18th June meeting.

CG also noted that she had sent out an Academic Senate survey [pg. 86 + of packet] and noted that she will take it seriously and make changes as indicated. CG did not a good response to Q.1 on 10+1 issues, and noted the response to Q. 4 and would continue as indicated.

CG then presented a Resolution of Thanks to Claudia Striepe for her work as Secretary for over 6 years, and MI presented a Resolution of Thanks to Briita Halonen for her terms as Co President Faculty Development.

VP Compton Education Center

No report

Curriculum Committee – Jenny Simon (JS)

[See packet pg. 33] Re; course Review – CG noted that the college needs to review over 200 courses per year, and the Committee is currently on target for its goal.

VP Educational Policies Committee – Merriel Winfree (MW)

No report.

VP Instructional Effectiveness – Kelly Holt (KH)

[See pg 38 of packet] KH noted that the SLO Coordinators team is working on the report which is due October. The packet shows letters from Dr. Beno on the matter. KH noted that the report needs to include evidence so the team is seeking minutes, reports etc...and please forward same to KH in the next 2 weeks. Pg. 47 shows a chart from CurricuNet showing ECC's progress. Please examine and report inaccuracies to KH.

VP Faculty Development Committee –Briita Halonen (BH) (Co-VP) and Moon Ichinaga (MI) (Co-VP)

BH reported that she had recently sent out an email re: Flex Day presenters for break-out sessions on the Core Competency "Critical Thinking" BH reported a good response and noted that there will be 6 repeatable sessions, and hoped the sessions would prove collaborative.

VP Finance – Lance Widman (LW)

No report.

VP Academic Technology Committee – Pete Marcoux (PM)

[See pg.37 of packet] PM reported that the Academic Technology Committee had set 4 objectives: to work with Institutional Research to create a student survey to gauge student technology use, co-host with ITS and the Staff Development office a Flex-day break-out session on present/future technology use on campus, co-host with ITS and the Staff Development office a Technology Showcase mid-semester with outside vendors to show cutting edge classroom technology and products, co-host with ITS and the Staff Development office, in the latter part of the Fall 2012 semester, a Technology Summit to create an ECC tech plan.

Mr. Ahmadapour noted he knows some people who could come and demo products and he will contact PM.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCC Report – Irene Graff (IG) (Institutional Research)

[See pp 51-69 of packet] IG also had a summary handout available.

IG reported that this Accountability Report for Community Colleges (ARCC) is a state-wide activity and has been a mandated report since 2007. IG noted there are 2 parts to the report – Systemwide Performance Indicators and College Level Indicators and she stepped the Senate through some interesting facts. IG noted that 43 % of students start at a Community College, but also noted that this statistic has

shrunk from the 45% reported in 2009/10. IG noted that Community Colleges are up to 112,327, but this may be a temporary high due to stimulus funds. Over 66 thousand degrees and certificates have been awarded, and IG pointed to the top 25 vocational programs, noting that ECC/CEC offer many of them. IG went on to talk about ECC and CEC in relation to the report. IG noted that the first tables measure across the ECC/CEC partnership – both before and during, so she is hoping for a more reliable measure for the future.

IG noted that persistence rates at CEC are improving, and success rates at CEC have improved in Basic Skills. IG noted that had previously scored low on peer group measures, and were now average.

In response to a question about Table 1.6 IG said that that program is not offered therefore no rates are shown.

IG noted that ECC scores are fairly constant and also average with peers. Usually persistence rates are high but there had been a recent dip. IG felt this might be attributable to enrollment restrictions.

Performance rates at ECC are stable and showing a slow improvement over time.

In response to a question on peer groups IG noted that they are established by factors like socio-economic status and the like and may be different for each measure. The peer groupings were established in 2009. Mr. Ahmadapour had a comment about the rate of improvement at CEC. IG said the statistics are based on variable numbers and a small set of numbers so the figures are not necessarily reliable.

Mr. Marcoux asked if the numbers would be affected by the cancellation of Eng 1AX and AX classes? IG said she would check.

IG noted in conclusion that the findings and recommendations of the Student Success Taskforce means the ARCC report will change to become more of a scorecard.

ECC Hall/Wall of Fame – Ed Martinez (EM) (Library)

EM noted that talk on the ECC emails about Chet Baker (famous 60's jazz musician) had led to threads on other successful ECC alumni like the Smothers Brothers and the Beach Boys. Humanities faculty member Stephanie Schwartz had brought up the idea of establishing an ECC Hall/Wall of Fame. EM reported broad interest for the idea across campus. He noted that such a Wall/Hall was not uncommon on college campuses and it would serve to inspire students. EM was hoping to convene one meeting on the idea before the end of the Spring semester. The idea would be to inspire students, market the campus, and increase the energy and student success on campus. EM invited all who may be interested to the planned meeting, saying that it would be a low-cost item, just needing a location/wall space, and picture frames. Dr. Baily noted that it should not only include the “famous” but also people who had succeeded in their professions. EM agreed but noted that people who succeeded in the Arts and Sports got more attention. CG asked that anyone with names for the Wall/Hall contact EM. EM agreed, noting that a core list was already available to start from.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board Policy 4225 Course Repetition - Second Reading – CG

[See packet pp70-71]

CG reported that this policy was passed by the Senate on April 3rd along with the related procedure. The procedure was seen by the BOT as an information item at their May 21st meeting. In a College Council meeting on April 30th the policy was returned to the Senate by the College President and VPAA with an objection to the addition of the language “mutual agreement”. The Educational Policies Committee considered the suggested revised language in the version in this packet and it is being brought back to the Senate for discussion and voting. CG felt that maybe the language was redundant and so maybe the phrase could be eliminated. CG outlines the choices as she saw them. To use the original language as it is overarching and applicable to all situations and thus does not need to be repeated in each policy and procedures statement OR to use what we sent forth and insist on the language as being more specific, accurate, and reassuring to the Senate. CG stated that we would have discussion before entertaining a motion. Mr. Wells felt it best to deal with the issue now and get it out of the way as other changes might be coming. Ms. Taylor suggested streamlining the policy by taking the first paragraph, inserting the

phrase “Mutual agreement” and using it as the last paragraph. CG felt it would slow the process down if we began making substantial changes. Ms. Taylor felt using the first paragraph as the last paragraph and inserting one phrase was not a substantial change, but rather a streamlining. Mr. Widman spoke in favour of the second choice as being very clear, noting that statements and intentions get lost over time, and having the language in every policy and procedure would prevent that. Ms. Halonen said that while choice one might prevent redundancy, choice two was more reassuring and felt that this was better. CG argued that we would be setting ourselves up for continuous delays if we did not go for choice one as College Council could just keep sending it back, or insist on a change. PM made a motion to approve with Choice one, and Mr. Wells seconded the motion, noting that he did so in the interests of expediency. The vote showed most in favor, with 1 Nay and 1 Abstention. CG noted that the vote would move this forward. MI noted a small typo -“ the” was repeated. CG will correct that and take it back to College Council.

AP 4105 Distance Education – Second Reading - CG

[See pp72-73 of packet]

CG reported that on April 23rd the procedure was sent forward by the Ed. Policies Committee for a first reading by the Academic Senate at the May 1st Senate meeting, where a few changes were suggested – these suggestions are noted in comment bubbles in the packet. CG noted that paragraph 2 had also been inserted as a clarification after the VPAA had consulted with DEAC, as the experts in the area. Mr. Wells made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Widman.

Mr. Marcoux warned that this might come back as many things are happening re: Distance Education at the Federal level especially as regards student identity verification. Many policies will perhaps need to be changed. Director Grigsby noted that this procedure had been written to address federal regulations on this point without getting too specific.

A vote on the motion showed all in favor and the Procedure will move ahead.

BP/AP 4250 Probation, Dismissal and Readmission - Second reading – CG

[See pp74-85 of packet]

CG noted that the first reading of this item by the Senate had occurred at the May 5th meeting at the CEC. The first version in the packet has all the strike-outs, and the second is the clean version. It was noted that the purpose of Probation is to help students seek the guidance they need, and to get them to Counseling. The document is divided into sections reflecting the two types of probation: academic and progress, and describes the dismissal policy/procedures in both cases.

It was noted that on pg. 76 mention is made of “mutual agreement”, and CG noted that the hold placed by the Counseling Office (pg.78) is the intervention.

Mr. Wells made a motion to change the language on pg. 76 from “mutual agreement” to college consultation, in light of the earlier discussion. Mr. Marcoux seconded the motion. Dr. Nishime said that in her opinion the BP/AP is not ready to move on and will need further work. Dr. Nishime cited 2 instances; first noting that the new language in the last paragraph of pg. 74 is not exact – the word “enrolled” is misleading and will need to be changed, and also policies and procedures are at this stage supposed to apply equally to ECC and the CEC and the interventions are supposed to be the same as well, and Dr. Nishime would like to verify this.

Mr. Wells withdrew his motion. Dr. Nishime noted that Dean S. Rodriguez is the Dean assigned to this project and she will confer with her.

Mr. Widman had a question about the word “attempted”, asking about a possible situation in which a student enrolled and then dropped after 2 weeks. Dr. Nishime said that enrolled did not mean attempted – attempted meant there would be a notation. CG said this would be tabled until we had received all the revisions.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT

CG reminded the Senate that the position of Academic Senate Secretary was open and she was looking for volunteers. Please contact CG if interested.

PM reminded all that the campus publication "The Myriad" was having its 50th anniversary, and that the annual reading would take place on Thursday at 1:00pm in the Distance Education classroom. All are welcome.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.

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