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Regular Meeting  
Thursday, September 14, 2006

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** C. Branton, E. Cline, D. Detwiler, G. Differding, B. Elliott, J. Ford, S. Haber, D. Hajj, P. Haro, J. Hider, K. Nette, J. Resto, P. Thiss, M. Wangler, B. Viersen, K. Wergeland, T. Zambelli

**OTHERS:** Nancy Jennings, Geraldine Perri

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Senate President Jan called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**M/S/P (Zambelli/Thiss) to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 11, 2006.**

**II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**A. *Welcome & Orientation to the Senate***

Senate information folders were distributed. Senate President Jan Ford provided a brief review of the role of the Academic Senate including the role of senators, constituency groups, and Title V academic and professional matters. Jan solicited feedback on ways to provide information from the state Academic Senate to the senators through the senate website and for exploring ways for campus faculty to be able to review working documents being discussed in the senate electronically.

**B. *College Update***

College President Dr. Gerri Perri provided an update on the 2006 fall semester and the college's priorities for 2006-07. Dr. Perri reported that while there has been a significant increase in the student head count, there was a small decline in continuing students, for which an in-depth analysis will be conducted. Providing highlights of the budget, Dr. Perri announced the release of five frozen positions and three new positions which include two instructional faculty, one counselor and classified positions to staff the new campus buildings. The GCCCD District and the GCCCD Foundation are continuing to focus on enrollment by considering new strategies to bring in new students as well as retain enrolled students. Dr. Perri explained the college priorities: meeting enrollment goals, promoting the college, supporting innovation across the institution, expanding facilities (excitement with completion of new buildings), and focusing on the Accreditation Self-Study, the Annual Implementation Plan, and resource development (grants, foundation efforts, state resources).

**III. INFORMATION**

**A. *Accreditation & the District and College Mission Statements***

Dr. Perri presented the latest version of the District and college mission statements for review, explaining how work on the accreditation study led to decisions to revise the mission statements for the District, Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges.

Michael Wangler, faculty co-chair of the Accreditation Self-Study, gave an update on the progress of the college in developing its self-study and highlighted the changes in the latest SLO (Student Learning Outcomes) process, criteria and procedures. Progress on the college self-study with a focus on SLO's, an important component of the accreditation process, will be highlighted in a presentation to the Board at the next District Governing Board meeting.

**B. *Program Review***

Nancy Jennings, faculty co-chair of Program Review Committee, reviewed the process and highlighted some of the commendations and recommendations for the departments reviewed in 2005-06: Environmental Health & Safety Technology, Business & Professional Studies, Business Office Technology, Computer Aided Drafting & Design Technology, Computer & Information Science, and Graphic Design. She suggested examination of the statistics sheets in the summary reports, as they reveal a great deal of information. Programs to be reviewed this year will be Child Development and all the sciences. A new request that the library be included in the program review process has been addressed. Jan Ford stated that Cuyamaca's Program Review Committee is to be commended for its dedication and thoroughness because program review is not only a statutory requirement but also a critical part in maintaining the college accreditation. The committee has one vacancy that needs to be filled by a faculty member.

**IV. ADDITIONAL REPORTS**

**A. *Vice President's Report***

Vice President Michael Wangler provided a list of the committees with faculty members serving on the committees and reported that staffing the committees continues to be a challenge since there are approximately 30 faculty positions on committees that still need to be filled. The importance of faculty taking part in the shared governance process was emphasized. Senators were strongly urged to communicate with their constituencies to serve on committees and fill the vacancies. A concern was expressed about class meeting times conflicting with committee meeting times, making it difficult for many faculty members to serve on committees. Jan Ford briefly brought up the vacancies on the Academic Rank Committee that need filling so that the assignment of professor rank can be finalized.

**B. *Staff Development Coordinator's Report***

Coordinator David Detwiler reported that the title "Staff Development" has been proposed to be changed to "Professional Development." There were many successful workshops in the recent Staff Development week on campus, especially considering that it is produced with no college budgeted money. He asked the senators to encourage faculty members in their departments to develop in-house presentations. The committee has received compliments for having put the professional development information on the Internet so it is current and readily available online. One goal is to make the entire process totally digital. David also reported on the Joint Summit with Grossmont College during professional development week, which went well with team building and discussion about topics of shared interest.

**C. *Officer-at-Large***

Kari Wergeland solicited input from the senators in planning a faculty get-together. It was decided that the gathering will be Friday, October 13 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the home of Tony Zambelli. Kari will send an e-mail to recruit faculty members to help out with the event. Funding options for the faculty get-together intended to build *esprit de corps* and to honor the new faculty members are being explored.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Senate President Jan Ford adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Reported by Nancy Perry