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Regular Meeting Thursday, October 11, 2007 MINUTES

PRESENT: J. Campbell, J. Custeau, G. Differding, J. Ford, Greg Gomez, L. Halsted, C. Hammond, J. Hider, N. Keeley, T. Nichols, T. Pagaard, P. Setzer (Proxy for S. Haber), P. Thiss, G. Thurman, M. Wangler, K. Wergeland, T. Zambelli ABSENT: S. Haber, B.Viersen,

OTHERS: P. Carmona, D. Quittner

The senate minutes are recorded and published in summary form. Readers of these minutes must understand that recorded comments in these minutes do not represent the official position of the Academic Senate. The Academic Senate expresses its official positions only through votes noted under "Action."

CALL TO ORDER

Senate President Jan Ford called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/P (Zambelli/Thiss) to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 27, 2007.

II. PRESIDENTS' REPORT

A. Update from Academic Senate for California Community College

Jan Ford distributed the August, 2007 newsletter from The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges and pointed out the following: \$33.1 million has been approved by the Governor to fund the Basic Skills Initiative; Title 5 Curriculum Regulation Changes include an 18 unit major consisting of "an area of emphasis," rather than 18 units in one particular major, standalone course approval, and all courses containing an online component must undergo a separate review by the Curriculum Committee. The entire newsletter can be viewed on the Academic Senate for Community Colleges website.

B. Accreditation Visiting Team Information

The Accreditation Visiting Team Schedule was handed out for review. The Academic Senate will be meeting with team members on Wednesday, October 24, 2007 from 2:30-3:30 pm in I-104.

C. New Meeting Room for Senate Meetings

The Academic Senate Meeting will begin meeting in the New Student Center November 8, 2007 in I-107.

D. The Jonah LaRoche Scholarship

Jan reported that the Senate nominated Almira Hensen for the \$1000 Jonah LaRocke Transfer Scholarship.

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. AP 3518 Child Abuse Reporting

M/S/P (Pagaard/Hider) to approve the following motion:

Since California penal Code 11165.7 identifies virtually all adult employees of educational institutions as mandatory reporters of child abuse, the Cuyamaca College Academic Senate recommends that the district adopt this definition and provide training as directed by shared governance.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. AD 3720 Computer and Network Use

There was much discussion before the motion came to the floor for a vote. Senators were in agreement that faculty should have a reasonable expectation of privacy in their email accounts unless the District has reasonable cause to investigate. It was expressed that anything less than a reasonable expectation of privacy is a violation of academic freedom and a professional work environment.

M/S (Wangler/Hider) to recommend to IPC and DEC approval of AP3720.

MOTION FAILED. Vote was unanimous.

IV. INFORMATION

A. GCCCD Legislative Program 2007 – 2010

Dana Quittner, Associate Vice Chancellor for Intergovernmental Relations, Economic Development and Public Information, presented a draft of the proposed GCCCD Legislative Program 2007 – 2010. The proposed program recommends positions for the District and Board to support that address state and federal issues. The state issues are focused around access, fiscal stability, career technical education, and accountability. Federal issues include support of the Higher Education Act Reauthorization and the Workforce Investment Act. Dana also provided information explaining the pros and cons of Proposition 92 – The Community College Initiative.

B. Student Learning Outcomes Committee Proposal

Jan Ford presented a proposal initiated by the College Policy and Procedure Committee and presented at Innovation and Planning Council to create a new committee called the Student Learning Outcomes Steering Committee. Michael Wangler answered questions raised by senators. Recommended changes to the title, charge, and wording on the composition were suggested. Senators requested the new committee proposal with suggested revisions be brought back for action at the next meeting.

C. Faculty Handbook – Course Syllabi

No discussion due to time constraints. This topic will be discussed at the October 25, 2007 meeting.

V. ADDITIONAL REPORTS

A. Vice President's Report - no report made due to time constraints.

B. Professional Development Committee Report

Dr. Paul Carmona, Professional Development Coordinator, reported on professional development funds and the tentative spring professional development week proposed schedule for 2008. Much discussion focused on how the professional development funds would be used. Senators were interested in information related to availability of funds to support professional travel. The proposed theme for Spring, 2008 Professional Development Week is Student Learning Outcomes. A grid with proposed planned activities was distributed. The scheduled activities are meant to provide time for departments to continue to develop course SLO's. The grid of proposed activities will be brought back to the senate for endorsement at its next meeting.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Concern was expressed by a senator regarding an item that appeared on a list of current UF bargaining items. The issue has to do with possibly counting two masters degrees as equivalent to an earned doctorate for placement on the pay scale. It was felt that making such a determination of this equivalency is an academic and professional matter and asked if the senate should be consulted by UF before moving forward on this item.

ADJOURNMENT – Senate President Jan Ford adjourned the meeting at 4:10 PM

Reported by Andrea Joerden