

ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Present: Dan Curtis, Gregg Differding, Donna Hajj, Nancy Jennings, Jesus Miranda,

Brad Monroe, Alicia Munoz, Barbara Pescar, Jodi Reed, Patricia Santana, Pat Setzer, Patrick Thiss, Glenn Thurman, Michael Wangler, Elisabeth Wiering

Absent: Angela Nesta, Donna Riley

Guests: Scott Eckert, Co-chair of the Instructional Technology Council

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

President Michael Wangler called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. He announced that Patrick Thiss would be the note taker for the meeting.

I. Approval of Minutes – Meetings of September 24 and October 8, 2009

M/S/U (Thiss/Reed) to approve the Minutes of September 24, 2009.

The Minutes for October 8, 2009 will be presented at a future meeting.

II. President's Report

A. Announcements

M. Wangler provided information about upcoming events and activities. He reminded everyone that the presidential candidate public forums will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 on the following dates:

- Thursday, October 29, 2009 Dr. L. Joy Gates Black
- Tuesday, November 3, 2009 Dr. Stuart Savin
- Wednesday, November 4, 2009 Dr. Mildred Lovato

He reported that the candidates will have the opportunity to tour the campus before their respective forums, and that he and Interim President Ron Manzoni will moderate the forums. He also encouraged Senators to send emails with questions and asked that they get the word out to others.

M. Wangler reminded the Senators that the next meeting on November 12 will focus on the Class Initiative. The topic of the first ½ hour of the meeting will be general Senate business. During the remainder of the meeting, Dr. Kay McClenney will lead a discussion about student success.

B. Conserving Resources – Learning Environments

An update was provided on the development of the "Learning Environments" section of the "Conserving Resources" document that the Senate endorsed on Sept 24th.

M. Wangler reported to the Senators that the Grossmont Senate reviewed it and came up with a list of items to be included. He encouraged Senators to review the list and let him know if there are any additional items to be added to the list.

C. Hayward Award

M. Wangler presented information about the nomination & application process for the 2010 ASCCC Hayward Award. He said that past practice has been for the Senate to nominate the most recent full-time faculty recipient of the Award for Teaching Excellence. Once the application process is announced, this topic will return to the Senate for the nomination to be made.

D. Governing Board Update

M. Wangler provided an update on actions taken at the October 20th Governing Board meeting. He said there was a pre-board workshop in Griffin Gate highlighting Cal-PASS and the Class Initiative. The pre-board workshops will continue next month at Cuyamaca with further discussions about using data to improve student success.

M. Wangler also reported that BP 4045- Affordable Educational Materials, was approved by the Governing Board.

E. Calendar Committee Follow-Up

M. Wangler followed up on a previous Senate discussion regarding the final drop deadline for the Spring 2011 semester. He reported that the normal drop deadline is the 12th week of the semester, which results in a final drop date for Spring 2011 of Friday, April 15, which is the Friday before Spring break.

III. Vice President's Report

A. SOC Committee Appointments

Nancy Jennings reported on new faculty appointments to Committees:

- Laurie LeBlanc and Jeri Resto Basic Skills Committee
- Kathy Kotowski Online Teaching and Learning Committee
- Jessica Posey Enrollment Management and Marketing Committee

IV. Committee Reports

A. Instructional Technology Council

Scott Eckert, Co-Chair of the Instructional Technology Council provided an update on recent committee work, including recent discussions about conserving technological resources. He reported that the Online Teaching & Learning Committee has several goals, including staff development and improving online instruction. The committee is looking into ways to educate instructors on effective communication with students. The committee is also working with the Curriculum Committee to review the approval process for on-line classes.

The District is also creating an emergency notification system that will give them the capability to send out text messages, emails, phone calls, etc in case of an emergency.

A discussion is currently taking place in the committee regarding a proposed automated system that shuts down all campus computers at 11pm to save money and energy. A

question was raised about faculty staff office computers and a suggestion was made that some computers be exempt from the shut down. S. Eckert reported that no decision has been made and suggested that this issue be discussed at department meetings in addition to the Senate.

S. Eckert finished by encouraging that Senators contact him or other members of the committee with further questions or concerns.

V. Action

A. AMP Faculty Slate

M/S/U (Setzer/Santana) to table action on the revised AMP Faculty Hiring Slate for 2010, and request that AMP discuss the issues surrounding the slate and make a recommendation to the Academic Senate during the Spring 2010 semester.

B. Facilities Use Recommendations

M/S/U (Hajj/Thiss) to endorse the Facilities Use Task Force's recommendations for internal and external use of college facilities.

C. Instructional Program Review

M/S/U (Thiss/Setzer) to endorse the Instructional Program Review reports completed during the 2008-09 academic year: Humanities, Philosophy & Religious Studies; Performing Arts; History, Social & Behavioral Sciences; Ornamental Horticulture; Water/Wastewater Technology.

VI. Information

A. College Mission Statement

A proposal was presented to revise the College Mission Statement to align with the College Strategic Plan 2010-2016. M. Wangler reviewed the college mission and vision statements currently in place. He noted that the mission statement will be reviewed by the new college president and any additional changes would be made at that time.

The college also developed key performance indicators for each area of focus, which will be used to measure success as the college moves through its strategic plan. Draft copies of the key performance indicators and how they are integrated into the strategic plan will be emailed to all Senators in order to collect feedback before the next Senate meeting.

B. Environmental Sustainability Committee

M. Wangler presented a proposal to revise the charge and membership of the Environmental Sustainability Committee. The changes reflect the evolution of the committee since its inception as the Waste Management Ad-hoc Committee. The committee's charge is being changed to reflect the committee's responsibility as the lead group on campus overseeing the writing and implementation of the College Sustainability Plan.

There was also a suggestion that the committee report to the Academic Senate in addition to the Innovation & Planning Council. This proposal will come for action at the next Academic Senate meeting.

C.Fall Plenary Resolutions

M. Wangler led a discussion of the proposed Statewide Academic Senate resolutions currently under development for the Fall 2009 Plenary. He said the resolutions were in an early stage of development and he would provide more information as it becomes available.

VII. Announcements/Public Comment

No announcements or comments were made.

Adjournment - President Michael Wangler adjourned meeting at 3:47 p.m.

Recorded by: Joy Tapscott