

# ACADEMIC SENATE

### **MINUTES**

Thursday, March 12, 2015 2:00-3:45 Room I 207

**Present:** Alicia Muñoz (President), Jesus Miranda (Vice President), Michael Aubrey, Lindy Brazil, Daniel Curtis, Guillermo Colls, Ian Duckles, Raad Jerjis, Sarah Martin, Kristin McGregor, Angela Nesta, Kathryn Nette, David Raney, Seth Slater, Asma Yassi, Joe Young

Absent: Courtney Hammond, Patrick Thiss, Donna Riley, Mary Asher-Fitzpatrick

Others: Patricia Santana, Nicole Jones, Kerry Kilber-Rebman

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." In accordance to the Ralph M. Brown Act guidelines, Senators voting "nay" or abstaining will be identified. All other present members will be assumed to have voted "aye.

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Approval of Minutes: Senators expressed "serious" concern regarding the placement of the new building. February 26, 2015 approved—passed unanimously. (Nette/Curtis)

## **President's Report**

#### A. Announcements

- President Mark Zacovic announced his retirement as of June 30th; Chancellor Miles proposes an interim
  president for one year, starting fall 2016 to address staffing analysis, enrollment management, and issues
  of structural organization before installation of permanent president. Senate discussed the merits of
  proceeding for one year with an interim president versus hiring a permanent president before the 20152016 school year. Discussion included consideration of time lime for presidential search at Grossmont
  College and the possibility of streamlining the presidential search processes within the district by
  combining applicant search pools.
- New building concerns shared with Chancellor Miles. The Grand Lawn will be marked to identify where the proposed building will be located. Chancellor has put building on hold to make an informed decision about its location.

## **B.** District and College Council Updates

- According to DSPBC, combined state budget recalculation for the fiscal years 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 resulted in \$3.2 million in additional funding to the district; the colleges will receive their percentages, and Cuyamaca's funds will cover structural deficit for this academic year.
- BAT (Budget Allocation Taskforce) discussed budget balancing strategies and the allocation of growth funds. A demographic study completed by Hanover Research has determined Cuyamaca will grow by 1% by 2020. The current resource allocation formula provides 70% of district funds for Grossmont and 30% for Cuyamaca, with additional economy of scale funds. The Chancellor now proposes eliminating the economy of scale and assigning the 1% growth moneys to Cuyamaca, which, she believes, will be beneficial for relations between Grossmont and Cuyamaca.

#### C. Spring Elections for Senate

 Paul Carmona was elected as Vice President, Lindy Brazil for Full-Time Officer at Large, and Seth Slater for Part-Time Officer at Large. All were elected by simple majority.

## D. BP/AP 4110 Honorary Degrees

- A Board Policy for Honorary Degrees exists to recognize extraordinary achievement without a procedure
  in place to award such a degree; the procedure has recently been created and will be available to faculty
  for review.
- Dan Curtis attended a ceremony in Boston to receive the John and Suzanne Rouche Excellence Award.

### E. Achieving the Dream

Cuyamaca has been offered a grant for Achieving the Dream National Reform Network. If selected, a
team of coaches and advisors is to be sent to help college focus on the achievement gap regarding
acceleration, embedded tutoring, etc. The application fee would be waived if the college application is
accepted.

## F. 2015-2016 College Hour

• The proposed College Hours follow the traditional schedule. The new schedule will be sent out to Senators to share with constituents.

#### III. Vice President's Report

No report.

### IV. Part-Time Faculty Report

- The Union/Tribune has expressed interest in publishing a column focusing on adjunct issues and is interested in interviewing adjuncts. Colleagues with information to share should contact Seth Slater or Ian Duckles
- Seth Slater, Part-Time Senator at Large, proposed a resolution for support for increased activities regarding salary inequalities for part-time faculty. This resolution will come forward as an action item at the next Senate meeting. The board will vote on a part-time resolution on Tuesday, March 17th.

## V. Committee Reports

#### A. Institutional Research:

The Institutional Research and Planning Committee plans to administer CCSSEE and CCFSE surveys in early April as part of an effort to increase institutional and instructional effectiveness. Students are to be surveyed and their instructors notified for participation in a 50-minute survey to be conducted during class time. Randomly selected faculty will be asked to participate in a related survey.

## **B.** Accreditation Steering Committee

Kerry Kilber Redman, Dean of Instructional Resources, shared the Report on Substantive Change to ACCJC for approval of 19 degrees and 3 certificates that are already in place; the report will be sent to the board for approval. Faculty have been asked to look for errors or omissions and report back to Dean of Instructional Resources by 3/19.

## VI. Action

### A. Equity Plan

Moved to approve (Curtis/Nesta)

A motion was made (Nette/Colls) to amend the Equity Plan to allow funding from State to be spent as follows: \$50,000 on tutoring and \$50,000 on professional development. Tutoring money will be spent on general tutoring and professional development money will be allocated for workshops and conferences. (Nette/Colls). Original motion (Curtis/Nesta) approved with amendment, No abstentions.

### B. Academic Rank Committee

The Senate moved to approve recommendation to award Patricia Santana the rank of full professor (Raney/Nette) motion approved, no abstentions.

## C. Curriculum Board Packet

The Senate moved to approve the curriculum packet for presentation at the March Governing Board Meeting. (Curtis/Colls) Motion approved, no abstentions.

## VI. Information

## A. Student Services Technology Initiatives

Nicole Jones, Chair of Counseling, provided information on technology to encourage success for students. Grad Guru enables students to receive messages through an app. This would be paid for by SSSP funds. The app does not require IS support. IntelliResponse is a service to provide instant responses 24 hours per day to student questions regarding campus services and academic procedures.

### B. Area D Academic Senate Meeting

• This meeting will be hosted at Cuyamaca College on March 28<sup>th</sup>, the Saturday of spring break.

Senate President Muñoz adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.