

ACADEMIC SENATE
May 5, 2010, 3:30 P.M.
COLLINS CONFERENCE CENTER

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

PRESENT: John Gerhold (EB); Corny Rodriguez (EB); Rachel Vickrey; (EB); Nick Strobel (EB); Bill Moseley; Christian Zoller; Diana Jackson; Kathy Rosellini; Klint Rigby; Luis Guajardo; Reggie Bolton; Maria Perrone; Debbie Kennedy; Skip Hill; Nancy Guidry; Michael Korcok; Bill Kelly; Jeannie Parent; Marsha Eggman; Jason Stratton; Gayla Anderson; Ann Tatum; Terry Meier; Richard Marquez Student Representative Assma Ali

ABSENT: Diana Kelly (EB); Tom Moran (EB); Natalie Bursztyn (EB); Karen Kettner (EB); Susan McQuerrey (EB); Michael McNellis (EB); Adel Shafik; Kimberly Chin; Kris Toler; Kimberly Hurd;

GUESTS:

Presentation from Eboard, Greg Chamberlain, Corny Rodriguez, and John made comments thanking the Senate for their efforts in advocating for faculty and saying that he really liked this place.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 pm

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. M/S/C: Moran/Stratton

REPORTS

President's Report (Gerhold)

- John confirmed the following results of the Co-Chair interviews: Accreditation Co-Chair, Kate Pluta; EODAC Co-Chair, Ron Kean; Curriculum Co-Chair, Janet Fulks; ISIT, Bill Moseley. Continuing on next year are Staff Development/Flex Coordinator, Karen Kettner and IEC Co-Chair, Diana Kelly.
- The Senate began the year with five goals and has successfully completed two of those goals. John described the status of each goal, adding that although the Senate has not taken time to acknowledge and gauge the progress but they each have been addressed in some manner.
 1. Faculty involvement in the budget process has begun and that effort will continue.
 2. There has been some effort toward ensuring the college demonstrates its value of diversity in its planning and public statements, but John suggested continuing these efforts next year.
 3. Changes in Title 5 will require using statistical analysis in establishing guidelines but process will be controlled locally.
 4. CB21 is reportedly up to date and accurate.
 5. The Executive Board has discussed additional activities to promote campus wide involvement in the Senate and suggest carrying this goal forward next year.
- The most recent letter from Tom Burke related to the budgeting process was sent by email. John is hopeful the Senate discussion today will provide guidance on how to proceed.
- John attended the Retiree Reception and pointed out the importance of acknowledging those that helped make BC a great institution.

Co-Chair Reports

Co-Chair reports are provided in writing and posted to public folders

Faculty were reminded to update class or individual websites immediately. IT will be eliminating those websites that have not been updated within the last year.

Correspondence

Natalie Bursztyn reported the Senate had received thank you cards from Paige Tucker for a scholarship she received and from SGA for their support.

Treasurer

Rachel Vickrey reported that the Senate will be awarding two \$1000 scholarships to transfer students and two \$750 scholarships to returning students. The Senate was also able to donate \$500 to the Margaret Levinson Faculty Leadership Award. The remaining balance will go to the endowment account.

CCA Report

CCA finished the year by completing three MOUs pertaining to the Reduction in Force negotiations. Issues affecting part-time faculty related to sick leave accrual, benefits for domestic partners and bereavement leave have also been resolved.

SGA (Student Government Association)

Assma Ali reported that the SGA Blood drive was very successful with 140 donations. Student representatives will be traveling to Atlanta and are also planning a retreat with sister colleges. This meeting elicited an email from Chancellor Serrano congratulating SGA for modeling best practices of effective leadership. Ms. Ali also commented that she has enjoyed attending Senate meetings and finds them interesting. She suggested that more faculty participate in making motions to make the meeting even more interesting.

DMTF (Decision-Making Task Force)

BC employees should have received a survey about the decision making process. Preliminary results are positive with 125 responses, 2/3 of which were faculty. This is baseline data with the hope of improving the results with the next survey. The committee is close to producing a comprehensive document outlining the current decision making process. The group will meet once more after graduation to wrap up the document. The intention is to distribute over the summer and make part of Opening Day.

BDPTF (Budget Development and Planning Task Force)

The faculty group has met separately to work on the faculty perspective on the budget development process, in particular, priorities and criteria important to faculty. The President has proposed a Standing Budget Committee, possibly as a subcommittee of College Council that will be charged with developing the budget process using models from other colleges. Any proposals that come out of the budget group will come to the Senate for approval.

Facilities

It was reported that three faculty representatives are needed for the Facilities Committee. Currently Natalie Bursztyn and Adie Geiser serve but a third is needed, hopefully who can also report to College Council.

OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE SENATE

There were no requests to address the Senate.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA (*must be added with a 2/3 vote of members present*)

It was decided to add as New Business Item B, Resolution of Acclamation and Condemnation of KCCD. M/S/C: Moran/Stratton

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made to approve the committee appointments with as presented. M/S/C: Bursztyn/Rosellini

***** At this time a motion was made to suspend the agenda to discuss and vote on New Business Item B, Resolution of Acclamation and Condemnation of KCCD. M/S/C: Moran/McNellis.**

It was noted that the reference to "trade visa" should read "temporary one-year visa" and also that Natalie Bursztyn is currently working on an employer-sponsored visa. The corrections were made and a motion was made to accept these changes. M/S/C: Moran/Rosellini. Natalie was asked for an update on the situation. She indicated that the situation had not changed in recent days. Moran called for the question. The motion carried unanimously.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Curriculum Resolution

The resolution has evolved into what is a reminder to the Board of Trustees to "rely primarily upon" the Senate in a number of categories. The intent is to educate the Board of Trustees. The Senate should lead that effort and may best be coordinated with Senates from all three colleges. Perhaps a work study session for the Board presented by the Academic Senate is needed. If the Board rejects the idea of a work study session then the Senate call request Technical Assistance from ASCCC and CCLC. A motion was made to approve the resolution as presented. M/S/C: Bursztyn/McNellis.

Class Size for Pedagogical Purposes

This agenda item was not addressed and will be moved forward to the fall agenda.

ASCCC Report

Michael McNellis distributed information on the action taken at Plenary. There were no questions from the Senators. Michael encouraged faculty to forward any questions or concerns directly to him.

Equivalency Process

Senators were asked to share the feedback they had received from their respective departments. Comments included concern about lowering standards or losing local control but also support for a district-wide process, support for a process similar among the colleges that would include seeking discipline advice or a process where requests would go to each campus equivalency approval group for discussion and ultimately consensus among the groups. It was noted that interviews are not required for involuntary transfer but interviews are conducted prior to other candidates for voluntary transfers. The screening committee must explicitly reject that candidate who can then reapply with the candidate pool. It was determined to carry this topic forward to next year, possibly as a Senate goal.

Budget Process Action

John Gerhold requested from the Senate feedback on how to respond to Tom Burke. Tom did not answer an earlier question of what he believes the process to be and to identify when the Senate participated. It was suggested to discuss the matter directly with Chancellor Serrano. It should be clear that faculty are not against zero-based budgeting but do expect to be involved in the discussion. A motion was made directing John Gerhold to communicate in writing directly with Chancellor Serrano and to copy Tom Burke. M/S: Bursztyn/Hill. A friendly amendment was made to the motion asking a request for information also go to Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg, EVPAASS, to clarify what is expected from departments regarding budget forms.

***** At this time, John Gerhold passed the gavel to incoming Senate President, Corny Rodriguez.** Corny commented how it was appropriate his term begin on Cinco de Mayo given he is the first Chicano to serve as Senate President. He explained that he wore the formal white in the spirit of serving as a role model. He also commented how he is looking forward to serving and being accountable collectively.

NEW BUSINESS

2010-11 Academic Senate and Executive Board Meeting Schedule

A motion was made to approve the meeting schedule as presented. M/S/C: Stratton/Bursztyn

GOOD AND WELFARE AND CONCERNS

Faculty need to submit their flex reports next week. If the reports are not turned in on time, Human Resources will deduct the hours from sick leave.

ADJOURNMENT at 4:52