

ACADEMIC SENATE
November 17, 2010, 3:30 P.M.
COLLINS CONFERENCE CENTER

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

PRESENT: Corny Rodriguez (EB); Kate Pluta (EB); Bill Moseley (EB); Janet Fulks (EB); Phil Whitney; Christian Zoller; Diana Jackson; Kathy Rosellini; Klint Rigby; Jeannie Parent; Kimberly Hurd; Maria Perrone; Debbie Kennedy; Marsha Eggman; Jason Stratton; Terry Meier; Pam Kelly; Richard Marquez; Michael Korcok; Nancy Guidry; Kathy Freeman; Adel Shafik; Anna Poetker (as proxy for Matthew Morgan); Gayla Anderson;

ABSENT: Natalie Bursztyn (EB); Rachel Vickrey; (EB); Michael McNellis (EB); Diana Kelly (EB); John Gerhold (EB); Luis Guajardo; Jack Pierce; Sue Granger-Dickson; Bill Kelly; Matthew Morgan; Rick Brantley;

GUESTS: Jorge Barrientos, The Bakersfield Californian

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:38

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

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

REPORTS

President's Report (Rodriguez)

- Attended Fall Plenary, but will let ASCCC Representative, John Gerhold, provide a report on the resolutions. Corny would like the Senate to consider forming a districtwide Academic Senate. The Executive Board will develop a list of pros and cons for the Senate to review.
- West Hills College, along with KCCD and other central valley colleges, has applied for a Gates Foundation grant called Completion by Design. This is a planning grant, related to SB1440 that will look at student success.
- Rick Brantley has been researching why the list of Emeriti were removed from the college catalog last summer. It seems that new board policy was written that outlines how Emeriti will be identified, but the concern is whether those previously listed should be grandfathered in rather than starting a new list.
- Human Resources will be sending out information very soon about the classified employees with teaching assignments. The Chancellor and Abe Ali shared at DCC that a review FLSA language revealed limitations for classified having teaching assignments and the compensation they receive. Once the information is sent from the district the Senate can determine how to proceed.
- Greg Chamberlain reported at College Council that there will be approximately 13 faculty hires for next year. It is unclear whether the hiring will be based on the priorities set by FCDC.
- Four faculty are needed to serve on the Budget Committee.

Co-Chair Reports

Accreditation: Kate Pluta asked that faculty consider interviewing for the Self Evaluation Committee Co-chair position. The position will have .400 reassigned time for three semesters beginning spring 2011. Anyone interested should contact Kate or the Senate office by noon on Thursday, November 18.

Curriculum: Janet Fulks reported that approximately 100 pieces of curriculum have been entered into Curricunet. It has been an arduous process, but the number of submissions clearly show the dedication and professionalism of faculty at Bakersfield College. Janet is negotiating to extend the submission deadline so that all faculty who have curriculum to submit have time to do so. There continue to be small glitches with Curricunet. The three Curriculum chairs have been meeting every week for the past two months and are committed to working with Curricunet staff to ensure the glitches are worked out. Issues with the approval process and entering curriculum more than once have been corrected.

ISIT: Bill Moseley reported that there is a plan to restructure Information Technology districtwide. It appears there still will be a campus IT Manager, but that there will be other shifts to consolidate services related to security. There will be no net changes to classified staff and faculty should not anticipate any major differences in the level of campus service.

There are issues with the implementation of Luminis and Moodle. Initially, the decisions impacting implementation were to start at the district level and then were to be approved by the Vice President at the campus; however, the implementation affects instruction which then becomes a faculty issue. Bill Moseley and Bonnie Suderman met with Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg who has agreed that faculty input is needed. A districtwide committee of faculty and technical staff will gather to address the remaining concerns. Given that Luminis will launch sometime in the spring, Moodle will most likely be available for all faculty next fall. It was noted that every course with a CRN will have a Moodle shell but faculty will not be required to use it.

Correspondence

There was not correspondence report.

Treasurer

There was no treasurer report.

CCA Report

CCA is preparing the second newsletter that is expected to be ready the first week of December. CCA members should have also received an appreciation letter. Negotiations will begin on Friday, November 19. Although administration has expressed an interest in meeting as few times as possible, CCA does not plan to let the meeting schedule reduce the number of issues addressed. Issues such as SLO compensations, online course evaluations, RIF procedures and part-time seniority procedures will be among the first to be addressed.

Tom Burke announced at the Board of Trustees meeting that the district has added \$6 million to the reserves, which puts KCCD third in the state. Andrea Garrison expressed concern with this increase given the staffing and service reductions being made at the colleges. CCA has asked that the Senate also address this issue through appropriate channels.

SGA (Student Government Association)

Sean Hill reported that SGA representatives recently attended a student government conference in Florida. In response to students questioning why SGA representatives attend conferences, SGA will be forming a speakers bureau. SGA representatives will share ideas and topics they learned about at the conference with students. SGA also will be holding a town hall meeting to answer student questions in an effort to improve the connection between students and SGA. Sean also reported that Homecoming was a success. Many students have complimented SGA on the activities and expressed how much they enjoyed the event. Sean also made note of the new tables and benches that have been installed in the Campus Center.

Budget Committee (status update)

A call for faculty representatives will go out soon.

OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE SENATE

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

There were no additions to the agenda.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Class Size Determination (task force)

Janet Fulks reported that minimum and maximum limits have been listed on the curriculum submissions to Curricunet. The limits were established by the department faculty.

Grading Policy (task force)

The Behavioral Science department will be meeting on November 23, but it seems the Senate's position is that the language should be status quo. It was noted that there are differences in the language among the college catalog, student handbook and the website. Nancy Guidry volunteered to work on aligning the language.

General Education (SB 1440)

Janet Fulks reported that this topic was heavily discussed at Plenary. This legislation gives authority to the community colleges to define which lower division courses must be accepted as transfer courses by the CSUs. Legislation related to UC transfers has been proposed but has not been passed.

Currently there are six statewide degrees being reviewed by the C-ID group and each needs faculty input. Faculty can participate by signing up through the C-ID website. Janet will send out information about how faculty can give other input. Bakersfield College will need to offer at least two compliant degrees by fall 2011. It was suggested that faculty collaborate in early spring to determine which degrees would be best to offer our students. It should be noted that all courses within the degree need to be taught within the district. If the degrees are approved then all courses within the degree will be articulated. Stand alone courses are not encouraged, so it will be important for faculty to identify stand alone courses that can be attached to a degree. Curriculum committee will be assisting departments with that effort in the spring.

Waitlist Issues

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Academic Calendars

Senators expressed support of the schedule as presented but were concerned that a start date for summer had not been identified. A motion was made to approve the proposed calendar pending the suggestion of an identified summer start date. M/S/C: Stratton/Kennedy

NEW BUSINESS

Academic Dishonesty Form

Faculty expressed support and concern with the form. Having a paper trail would be good since students could be cheating in six courses in one semester. There was concern with faculty being obligated to report, when faculty should report and what sanctions would be imposed. Specifically, the form is unclear whether the faculty member or the Dean of Students imposes sanctions. There was a suggestion for faculty to communicate with each other about students in question rather than using the form. It was decided to invite the Dean of Students, Joyce Coleman, to the Senate to discuss the use of the form.

Faculty Hiring at Delano (Resolution)

The resolution is in response to the right of assignment and faculty hiring, specifically in Delano. It was prompted by a department being allowed to hire an additional position but only for classes taught in Delano. The concern is that when faculty teach at a remote location they are isolated and are not integrated into the department well—it is a disservice to the faculty member. It was suggested that the Delano Center may need to become its own college. It was decided to postpone approval of the resolution until Corny can discuss the issue with Greg Chamberlain.

GOOD AND WELFARE AND CONCERNS

ADJOURNMENT at 5:09