

ACADEMIC SENATE  
February 16, 2011, 3:30 P.M.  
COLLINS CONFERENCE CENTER

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Corny Rodriguez (EB); John Gerhold (EB); Natalie Bursztyn (EB); Bill Moseley (EB); Phil Whitney; Christian Zoller; Diana Jackson; Kathy Rosellini; Klint Rigby; Nancy Guidry; Kimberly Hurd; Maria Perrone; Matthew Morgan; Rick Brantley; Debbie Kennedy; Marsha Eggman; Jason Stratton;; Michael Korcok; Gayla Anderson; Reggie Bolton; Wesley Sims; Adel Shafik;

**ABSENT:** Kate Pluta (EB); Rachel Vickrey; (EB); Janet Fulks (EB); Diana Kelly (EB); Luis Guajardo; Sue Granger-Dickson; Kathy Freeman; Bill Kelly; Jeannie Parent; Terry Meier; Richard Marquez

**GUESTS:** Jack Hernandez, Joe Saldivar, Nick Strobel

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:38

**REVIEW OF THE MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve the minutes. M/S/C: Gerhold/Korcok

**REPORTS**

President's Report (Rodriguez)

- Corny announced two appointments to the Executive Board: Leah Carter as the member at large and Michael Korcok as Vice President.
- The Participatory Governance workshop was a great success. Corny plans to meet with Sandra Serrano to continue discussing effective participatory governance between the Senate and administration.
- Michael McNellis will attend an upcoming Senate meeting to briefly review the Decision Making document.
- In response to concerns related to the bookstore, Sean James and Tom Burke are willing to address the Senate.
- ASCCC is awarding scholarships for part time faculty who would like to attend the Spring Plenary.

Co-Chair Reports

ISIT: Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg is working with PC and CC Vice Presidents to address faculty concerns related to Luminis and Moodle implementation.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report.

Treasurer

There was no Treasurer's report.

CCA Report

CCA elections will be held soon. There will be several openings including President. Senators were asked to encourage faculty in their areas to step up for a leadership role.

SGA (Student Government Association)

SGA, Vice President, Brian Rathfelder, announced the next SGA meeting will be March 4 at 8:15 a.m.

Budget Committee (status update)

This group continues to work on developing criteria for budget decisions.

## **OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE SENATE**

### Jack Hernandez: Faculty Summer Grant Program

Jack distributed a flyer that explains the application process. Although Bakersfield College is primarily a teaching college, it is important also for faculty to get reenergized in their disciplines. This grant program allows faculty to investigate new areas that are related to the discipline that can translate into more enthusiasm in the classroom. Senators were asked to remind faculty in their areas about the summer grant program. The grants are available to all disciplines, not just those in the Humanities. The committee will look for some sort of product as a result of the work, in the form of a painting, campus presentation, conference attendance or other travel for example. The deadline for submitting an application is April 1, 2011

## **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: Bursztyn/Stratton

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### Class Size Determination (task force)

No update

### Grading Policy (task force)

No update

### General Education (SB 1440)

Senators were reminded about statewide DIG (discipline input group) meetings on February 25 in San Jose and again on March 11 in Irvine. ASCCC is paying for a one-night hotel stay for those traveling more than 100 miles.

### Academic Dishonesty Form

The version reviewed by the Senate excludes the student comment section as was requested at a previous Senate meeting. There was a motion to approve the form as presented. M/S/C: Gerhold/Bursztyn. There is no requirement to use the form, but it will be used to track multiple incidents.

### Registration Priority Proposal

At the last meeting, there was a request to know about the potential impact to open seats. Joe Saldivar spoke with Lisa Fitzgerald and Ann Morgan. They were not able to produce concrete data but indicated that 900 additional seats may have been available if the proposal had been in affect for spring. A motion was made to approve the proposal with the suggested changes. M/S/C: Gerhold/Bursztyn. The implementation date will depend on the capacity of the Information Technology department.

### Curriculum Committee Restructure

Voting on this proposal will be postponed until March 2 to allow for more thorough discussion. It was reported that the Curriculum Committee supports delaying the vote at this time.

Nick Strobel made comments on behalf of the General Education (GE) Committee and distributed a document with comments. It seems that the major assumption is that this change would speed up approval process for GE courses, however the GE Committee does not see how this restructure will do that. The same process must be used to approve the requests whether by the existing GE Committee or by another subcommittee of Curriculum. The GE Committee believes it is working in line with the CSU and IGETC approval criteria. Although a course may have been previously approved, CSU and UC requirements have changed which may mean some courses will not be approved for Bakersfield College GE during a future review. In response to the issue of a lack of broad representation: GE does have representatives from different areas and makes an effort to maintain representation from all of the GE categories. Moving this process to the Curriculum Committee would not broaden the representation if a subcommittee of Curriculum will ultimately do the work.

A motion was made to table the voting on this agenda item to allow for further discussion. M/S/C: Stratton/Gerhold. It was suggested that Nick attend the next Senate meeting to participate in the discussion at that time. It was also suggested that the GE and Curriculum Committees prepare a bulleted list of the primary issues and concerns for the Senate to review.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Board Policy: 4B8, Independent Instruction

Senators were asked to share this language revision with faculty in their area. This policy would be used for existing curriculum but for study done outside of the classroom. The Curriculum Committee has reviewed the policy and will discuss at their March 10 meeting. Examples were given on how independent study is used: Biology does offer Biology 21, which is used for students wanting to gain lab experience, the student functions as a teaching assistant and completes a project during the term; Geology 21 is a field course that includes a 10-day field trip, research, report and presentation. CCA is concerned with faculty working without compensation. Senators should be prepared to vote on this item at the March 2 meeting.

### Board Policy: 4C4C, Grade Changes

Current law and board policy stipulate that the college administrator can change a grade for specific reasons which seems to adequately safeguard the student and does not need to be changed. Timelines were discussed and an example was given that went beyond 10 days that was a faculty error, not a student error. It was suggested that FCDC also review the language.

## **GOOD AND WELFARE AND CONCERNS**

Natalie Bursztyn commented that the Levan summer grant program helped to fund the writing of her book: Geology of Kern County. She invited Senators to attend her book party on March 1.

## **ADJOURNMENT at 4:50**