

ACADEMIC SENATE of BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

November 28, 2012, 3:30 P.M.

Collins Conference Center

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

PRESENT: Corny Rodriguez (EB); Nick Strobel (EB); Kate Pluta (EB); Rick Brantley(EB); Michael Korcok(EB); Bill Kelly; Gayla Anderson; Christian Zoller; Kris Stallworth; Susan Pinza; Nancy Guidry; Maria Perrone; Patrick Fulks; Valerie Robinson; Julie Lowe; Brian Hirayama; Robert Martinez; Ron Grays; DeAnn Sampley; Brent Damron; Alex Henderson; Danitza Romo; Bernadette Towns; Leah Carter(EB); John Gerhold (EB); Lisa Harding; Anna Poetker; Jason Stratton; Kathleen Rush; Terry Meier; Marsha Eggman;

ABSENT: Billie Jo Rice (EB); Bill Barnes (EB); Kimberly Hurd (EB); Ron Kean (EB); Wesley Sims (EB); John Carpenter (EB); Shane Jett; Jeannie Parent; Kathy Freeman; Clint Rigby; Cindy Hubble

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of October 24, 2012. M/S/C: Carter/Anderson

A motion was made to approve the minutes of November 7, 2012. M/S/C: B.Kelly/Anderson

REPORTS

President (Rodriguez)

- The Executive Board arranged for refreshments at this meeting in recognition of the hard work and accomplishments of the Academic Senate this semester.
- Senators should have received electronically the memo from Interim President, Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg in response to the Program Viability Task Force. The Program Viability Task Force meeting with administration was full of courageous conversation.
- The spring 2013 term will begin on January 14 which is the Monday prior to the Martin Luther King Jr. It was also noted that the 12-13 academic calendar shows four flex days for the year. Bakersfield College typically has three flex days. Corny will ask about that change.
- There was new information shared at District Consultation Council related to the budget shortfall for the current year for 2013-14. Corny will ask Sean James to address the Senate regarding this information at the January 30 meeting.
- The Faculty Obligation Number (FON) is connected to the Full Time Equivalent Students (FTES) target that the college is given. The current districtwide FON is 365.8 and it is anticipated nine full-time faculty will be hired districtwide, six at Bakersfield College, for the 2013-14 academic year. This number may change for a variety of reasons such as additional retirements.
- The Executive Board has expressed a desire to create a districtwide faculty Equivalency Council as a way to address the varying methods of awarding equivalency at the three colleges. These differences can be problematic when faculty layoffs come into play. The other campus Academic Senate's are not in support of the idea.
- Degree Works is available for faculty and staff to use. Training will be available on Thursday, January 10 from 9:30am – 11:00am. Once training is complete, Sue Vaughn will be able obtain access for campus users. The software will help students in meeting their goals, but is not be available for students at this time.
- A new version of CurricUNET will be implemented after approval from the Board of Trustees. Training will be available for users at that time.

- The Academic Senate Catalog Task Force met and has made recommendations for improvements that will need Senate approval. Corny will send the recommendations electronically.
- A Special College Council meeting has been called for November 30. Incoming President, Sonya Christian will be attending. The primary topic of this meeting will be to discuss administrative reorganization and the new reporting structure.
- A new form has been developed for those seeking grant funding. The Grant Intention Form will need to be complete prior to finalizing any grant application. John Means will announce when this form goes into effect.
- Ratification on the Constitution & Bylaws revisions will end Thursday, November 29 at 5:00p.m.

Enrollment Management

Michael Korcok reported on four items discussed at the Enrollment Management meeting.

- Bakersfield College enrollments —as well as those at the Delano Center—are on target for the year.
- One hundred ghosted classes have been put back on the schedule. The remaining 65 ghosted courses will be put back in phases as the budget allows.
- The committee is moving ahead with delaying registration for the following term until final grades are input for the current term. The next step for the committee is to get input from the Academic Senates at all three colleges. It was noted that if the registration period falls during a time when the campus is closed, it may be difficult for students who rely on campus computers to register. Also of concern is how these students will fall into priority registration. Michael explained that a pilot may be run first where Admissions and Records and Counseling staff will use paper waivers to admit students into classes.
- Committee would like feedback on whether students should be allowed to repeat a course from the same instructor. It was noted that implementing a policy of this sort would be problematic in certain disciplines where only one instructor teaches the course.

ASCCC

John Gerhold will prepare a summary report of the Fall Plenary action and final resolutions.

Treasurer

Rick Brantley encouraged faculty to submit the Senate dues form and indicate a one-time contribution or a monthly contribution through a payroll deduction. These donations provide funding for faculty awards and student scholarships.

CCA Update

Nancy Guidry reported that faculty should have received an email message from Mary O’Neal announcing nominations for CCA positions of Vice President, Bakersfield College Representative and Cerro Coso College Representative. Nominations will be accepted through Friday, November 30.

SGA (Romo)

Danitza noted the BC Renegades football game on December 8 at 2:00p.m. SGA has coordinated a special cheering section for students called the Renegade Lair. Danitza encouraged everyone to attend the game and asked Senators to encourage their students to attend as well. Danitza also congratulated the Humanities area for winning the “City of Lights” decorating contest.

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*)

A motion was made to add as New Business Item A, Program Viability Update. M/S/C: Pinza/Anderson

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

There were no committee appointments to approve.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no unfinished business items on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Program Viability Update

There was a request that the Program Viability Task Force (PVTf) provide a report to the Academic Senate based on the letter of response related to Program Viability Criteria received by Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg. Further, there was a request to include a criterion specifically related to basic skills. Leaving out basic skills has long term ramifications for meeting our FTES target given the local demographics. Corny reassured the Senators that there was no purposeful intent from PVTf to omit specific basic skills criteria. Corny also reminded the Senators that the criteria had been approved by the Senate at a previous meeting and that any additions needed to be done immediately since the criteria have already been submitted to administration. The Senate can make further recommendations to the Program Viability Criteria without reconvening PVTf.

Separately, there was a concern about Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg adding criteria to the Senate's list of program viability criteria. If this matter falls within the Senate's 10+1 purview, it seems problematic that administration would not honor that list of criteria as it is written. There was a comment that it seemed reasonable for the college president to have an opinion on how program viability will be evaluated and that administration would make decisions that include the Senate's Program Viability Criteria.

A motion was made that the Academic Senate recommend that basic skills be identified as a significant component in achieving student success and it be included as such in the Program Viability Criteria document. M/S: Stratton/B.Kelly. A friendly amendment was made by Gerhold and accepted to clarify what should be identified is basic skills instruction. A friendly amendment was made by Pinza and accepted to include this criterion under a separate heading for Basic Skills on the document. Gerhold called the question and the motion carried without objection.

The final resolution will read as follows:

A motion was made that the Academic Senate recommend that basic skills instruction be identified as a significant component in achieving student success and it be included as such in the Program Viability Criteria document under a separate Basic Skills heading.

GOOD AND WELFARE AND CONCERNS

ADJOURNMENT, 4:25p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Marden