

Academic Senate Meeting Minutes

Date 26 January 2012

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Location: LRC 604, MESCC 206, BESCC 122, KRV 2

Type of Meeting: Academic Senate Regular Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Matt Crow, Academic Senate President

I. Call to Order Matt called to order the regular meeting of the Academic Senate at 12:38 on Thursday 26 January 2012 in LRC 604.

II. Open Forum: None

III. Roll Call: Christine Abbott, Shannon Bliss, Scott Cameron, Deanna Campbell, Julie Cornett, Matt Crow, Lisa Darty, Cliff Davis, Lucila Gonzalez-Cirle, Pam Godfrey, Jon Heaton, Tom Heck, Annette Hodgins, Dennis Jensen, Matt Jones, Sarah King, Greg Kost, Jan Moline, Mary O’Neal, Mary Peoples, Bonita Robison, Debbie Rundell, Claudia Sellers, Joe Slovacek, Christine Swiridoff, Penny Talley, Laura Vasquez

IV. Adding Agenda Items: none

Approval of Minutes: 17 November 2011, (approved as submitted) 8 December 2011 (approved as submitted)

V. Closed Session: none

VI. Discussion Items:

Board Policy: 6H(revisited), 4AC (Matriculation) approval

6H –Review of policy only, not procedure. There is one important change 6H6 – “Human Resources office” changed to “Human Resource office at each College.”

Discussion: Mary O’Neal suggested that the policy of item 6H5 – should include the wording “an emergency appointment may only be for one academic semester” as per Title V. Matt will write in the change and bring it back to District Consultation Council.

Claudia Sellers asked if adjunct hiring pool would go away. Matt stated that this is a procedure decision.

Vote to accept the policy change as amended – approved

4AC (Matriculation) –

Motion made and second to adopt – approved.

General Education

Discussion:

Cliff Davis reported that the task force was represented by several faculty members and looked at several possibilities. The task force revised some of the statements based on changes made in CIC following Title V.

Learning Outcomes:

Mary O'Neal asked if "or" should be changed to "and" under the "Diversity" section. She said that or sounded like only one of those aspects needed to be met rather than all of them.

Mary asked if a diversity class should cover every aspect listed under diversity.

Christine Swirdorff stated that we have classes that do meet all of these, some classes that meet most of these, and some classes that focus on only one, such as disability.

Jan Moline said this is for a GE so every class in the discipline does not need to meet every aspect. Jon Heaton stated it would be good if most classes covered most issues, but it's probably too late to change to meet all aspects.

Lucila suggested changing the wording to "and/or." Another suggestion was to change the word to "such as" and use the and/or so it could be all inclusive or cover a selected number of aspects.

Shannon Bliss asked how many of these aspects are not required by CIC certs and how many are Cerro Coso requirements. Jan stated that most State Universities require diversity courses at the upper division levels so students could take a diversity class at Cerro Coso and still be required to take another upon transfer. There is no state requirement for diversity.

Originally diversity classes were designed to meet a specific need at Cerro Coso. Christine Swirdorff stated that because so many of our students do not transfer, it is important to have diversity classes.

Matt asked for a vote to the following questions: How many people would prefer to change the "or" to "and/or" – (majority approval)

Basic Skills/Matriculation

Because there is so much crossover between basic skills and matriculation, the two committees are asking to be combined under a Student Success Committee. The request was approved. It will now go to College Council.

Member at Large – There is an open position for Member-at-Large on the Senate Executive Committee. Lucila Gonzalez-Cirle volunteered. Matt would like to suspend the two meeting rules and approve Lucila today. Senate approved to suspend the two meeting wait time to vote. Vote to approve Lucila - approved

VII. Reports

a) President's Report:

There is one more faculty hire in administration of justice to replace a retirement. There is also the possibility of future hires in the district to meet FAN.

b) **Calendar:** work on finalizing 2013-14 then the committee will work on 2014-15 calendar to comply with the districts two-year calendar request.

Calendar deadline for District Consultation Council meeting is in March. There will be a meeting next week with Mary O'Neal and all three Senate Presidents to review calendars.

Matt brought up issue of Thanksgiving attendance. He asked if this was an issue the Senate wanted Mary and the presidents to revisit. Matt stated he wasn't sure it was a wish/dish issue. The Senate shared support for Thanksgiving week off. If we add days to the calendar it would not change the numbers of teaching days. He will up the holiday at the meeting.

Columbus Day was changed to Native American Day.

A question was raised about moving flex inside the teaching days of calendar. Matt stated we get funding based on the way it currently stands.

Porterville College very strongly does not want the Saturday after Thanksgiving to be a day of instruction.

c) **Professional Development:** Bonita stated the committee must have faculty driven input. The activities also need to be assessed yearly by faculty

Because we do not yet have this in place, the committee is relying on unit plans.

The committee has drafted a mission statement, is considering adding a charge stated and have three tentative goals. – add charge statement.

The committee needs to address staff development as well as faculty training/development. The president has set aside funds for professional development. The committee is hoping to have a plan to Senate by March. Once this is approved, a flex calendar will be available.

d) Union Report – Due to extreme slothfulness, Kern District has yet to provide us with a final signed copy of the contract. The board approved the contract on Dec 15.

VIII. Future Meeting Dates

b) Executive Council Meetings: ~~25 August, 15 September, 4 October, 20 October, 8 November, 1 December~~, 19 January, 2 February, 23 February, 15 March, 5 April, 26 April, 17 May.

c) Senate of the Whole: ~~1 September, 29 September, 13 October, 27 October, 17 November~~, 8 December, 26 January, 16 February, 1 March, 29 March, 19 April, 10 May.

IX. Future Agenda Items none

X. Announcements: none

XI. Adjournment 1:45