



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE

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SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

October 26, 2015: Room H117/H118 (2:15PM – 4:00PM)
MINUTES

Present:

Bill Brothers, Leslie Cloud, Peggy Fischer, Bill Clary, Amanda Fusco, Veronica Gerace, Lou Ann Gibson, Guadalupe "Lupe" Gonzalez, Helen Greenbergs, Martina Hesser, Erika Higginbotham, Laleh Howard, Sharon Hughes, Inna Kanevsky, Ken Kuniyuki, Terry Kohlenberg, Guillermo Marrujo, Jonathan McLeod, Phyllis Meckstroth, Tricia Mendoza, Devin Milner, Dina Miyoshi, Uriel Ornelas, Michelle "Toni" Parson, Olga Pillipets, Jim Romeo, Robert Sanchez, Shannon Shi, Steven Siegel, Judy Sundayo, Gwen Ulrich-Schlumbohm, Tracey Walker and George Ye

Absent:

Mark Abajian, John Crocitti, Nellie Dougherty, Bill Hoefer, Thekima Mayasa, Cesar Lopez, Kim Perigo (Excused).
Walter "Duane" Wesley and Akunna Winston

- I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME** by Academic Senate President Rob Fremland @ 2:22PM.
Parliamentarian – Jonathan McLeod/Timekeeper – Becca Arnold/Speaker Coordinator – Becca Arnold

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve:

M/S

McLeod/Higginbotham

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III. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

A. Associated Student Government (ASG) Representative: Senator Miriam Ahmed (No Report)

B. Classified Senate Representative: President Trina Larson (No Report)

IV. GUEST: President Pamela Luster

1. We celebrated Homecoming and held Sustainability Week events last week!
2. The Prop. S & N Bond funds are coming to an end.
 - a. We still do not have homes for the Honors Program and a Student Veterans Center.
3. The Learning Resources Center (LRC):
 - a. Former Dean Jenny Vargas-Wright proposed that we create a Welcome Center on the LRC first floor.
 - b. Should the Center for Independent Learning (CIL) be relocated from the fourth floor to the first floor?
 - There is not enough bandwidth currently available on the LRC first floor to support the CIL.
 - There are currently no plans to relocate the CIL from the LRC fourth floor to the first floor.
 - * President Luster told the Senators that she would update the campus if any plans develop.
 - Bill Brothers said Audio Visual (Previously on the LRC Fourth Floor.) and Information Technology also want homes.
4. Bill Brothers expressed concern that he did not receive notification that the Anatomy Room in the Math & Science Building would be relocated over the summer.
 - a. Bill reported that he had to reprint course materials for over 300 students.
5. Study Areas for Students:
 - a. Becca Arnold asked if there is a baseline square footage that needs to be available for study areas.
 - President Luster said the new buildings will have large study areas for students.
 - b. Devin Milner expressed concerns about the loss of student study areas if the CIL moves to the LRC first floor.
 - Devin reported that our students feel comfortable studying in the LRC at night and the LRC is now open for our students on Saturdays after being closed on Saturdays for several years.
 - Devin also reported that the Audio Visual Department and the CIL now report to Vice President Rachelle Agatha and Acting Director of Technology David Fierro.
6. Recruitment Activities:
 - a. We are currently conducting 24 Faculty searches.
 - b. We are going back out this week for the Dean of Learning Resources Center position.
 - c. We will also fill two Librarian vacancies and an Instructional Technologist position.

7. Accreditation:
 - a. Toni Parsons asked President Luster what is the institution's greatest concern for accreditation.
 - President Luster said our assessment is going well.
 - The Tri-Chairs will hold a retreat in December.
 - * We will find out which issues we need address during the retreat.
 - The Academic Senate will need to work on Standard II.
 - We need to look at meaningful assessment of Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs).
 - President Luster said that she thinks Mesa is in great shape.
8. New Bookstore/Cafeteria/Printing Services/Stock Room Complex: (Former H200 & H300 Buildings)
 - a. The complex will open in March 2016.
 - The original date was January 2016, but there are equipment and material issues.
9. Center for Independent Learning (CIL) Student Computer Access:
 - a. Students now need to enter their CSID in order to log on to the computers.
 - There will still be a few computers available on campus for guests.
10. Academic Skill Center & Tutoring:
 - a. The ASG is reporting that students are frustrated that they are only given a few minutes to work with tutors when they need at least one hour.
 - b. Phyllis Meckstroth said we need a Tutoring Center in the Math and Science Building.
 - c. President Luster said we want to access Title 5 Grants, Hispanic Serving Institution funding and other funding sources in order to holistically fund and manage the Academic Skill Center, the Languages Lab, the Writing Center and any other needed tutoring services our students need such as a Tutoring Center in the Math & Science Building.
11. Facilities Services:
 - a. Inna Kanevsky asked if any steps are being taken to improve facilities coverage at Mesa College.
 - President Luster reported Vice Chancellor of Facilities Services Christopher Manis is requesting 12 positions for the district and the district is working on funding the positions with revenue from leasing district buildings.
12. President Luster said that she is amazed at what our Faculty members do above and beyond teaching in the classroom to passionately plan activities that benefit our students.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 12, 2015

Motion to approve:

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McLeod/Marrujo

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VI. ROUND TABLE TOPIC: None

VII. OLD BUSINESS: None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Mesa College Student Equity Plan: Dean Larry Maxey (The Academic Senate needs to sign off on the plan.)

1. What activities can Mesa implement to help support our students?
2. There are opportunities for departments to apply for Mini Grants to fund proposals to develop activities that support our students.
3. There are no expectations for Faculty to lower their standards.
4. This is an opportunity to implement innovative practices for which funding was previously not available.

IX. SENATE EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

A. Vice President: Erika Higginbotham (No Report)

B. Secretary: Becca Arnold (No Report)

C. Treasurer: Ken Kuniyuki

1. Please help support the Academic Senate Student Scholarships.
 - a. Please contact Ken if you need a "Dues Card".

D. Senator at Large (1): Inna Kanevsky

1. Inna reported that she has had conversations with Faculty who feel uncomfortable about speaking out.
 - a. Inna asked the Senators to let Faculty in their departments know that they can bring their concerns to her.
 - The Senators at Large represents all Mesa College Faculty.

E. Senator at Large (2): Joe Safdie (On Sabbatical)

F. President: Rob Fremland

1. Proposed Resolution for CA Community Colleges Baccalaureate General Education Pattern:
 - a. Some of the 15 California community colleges with pilot baccalaureate programs do not want to adopt the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the University of California General Education Breadth.
 - This will be a big issue during the Fall 2015 Academic Senate for CA Community Colleges (ASCCC) Plenary Session.
2. "Canvas" Selected by the Online Education Initiative (OEI) as the Common Management System:
 - a. We still have a contract with "BlackBoard" as our platform for two years.
 - b. Individual colleges are not required to use "Canvas".
 - c. Becca Arnolds reported there are a lot of commonality throughout the state for online courses.
 - d. Lou Ann Gibson reported that online Faculty in her department are impressed by "Canvas" and find that tedious steps are eliminated.
 - They also reported that "Canvas" is much easier for the students.
 - e. Gwen Ulrich-Schlumbohm reported colleges are running courses on "Canvas" without having to pay a fee and we would only have to pay for upgrades.
 - Devin Milner reported "Canvas" is being funded by a state grant for two years.
3. PeopleSoft Issues/Problems:
 - a. Please reports any problems you are experiencing with PeopleSoft to Rob.
4. Academic Senate for CA Community Colleges (ASCCC) Fall 2015 Plenary Session:
 - a. Please let Rob know if you have a position regarding any of the proposed fall 2015 resolutions.
Link: <http://www.asccc.org/events/2015-11-05-153000-2015-11-08-000000/2015-fall-plenary-session>

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Senate Executive Committees:

1. Academic Affairs Committee: Chair Tina Recalde
 - a. Tina reported the committee is continuing its research on expanding the definition of Student Success and methods for measuring Student Success.
 - How can we capture more areas of Student Success that does not create more work for Faculty?
 - * Academic Affairs will develop a Position/Research Paper on Student Success.
2. Professional Dvlpmnt. Com. (PDC)/Professional Advancement Com. (PAC): Chair Lupe Gonzalez (No Report)
3. Committee of Chairs (COC): Chair of Chairs Kim Perigo (No Report)
4. Curriculum Review Committee (CRC): Co-Chair Toni Parsons
 - a. Pilot Baccalaureate Degree – Health Information Management:
 - Only one upper division course has not been reviewed by the CRC and the Curriculum Instructional Council (CIC).
 - * It is the upper division Communication Studies course.
 - b. The Career Technical Education (CTE) members of the State Senate met this month.
 - The recommendations developed by Work Force Task Force will be put forth.
 - * Our district's CTE Faculty should try to be part of the conversation.
 - c. Chris Kinney will replace Paula Gustin as Curriculum Coordinator on the CRC during spring 2016.
5. Program Review Committee (PRC): Co-Chair Dina Miyoshi
 - a. The next fall 2015 training is scheduled for next Friday in the SB216 (Social/Behavioral Sciences Building) Computer Lab from 11:00AM to 12:30PM.

B. Other Committees:

1. Basic Skills Committee (BSC): Senate President Rob Fremland
 - a. A District Basic Skills Committee is forming.
 - The committee will determine which Basic Skills courses should be for credit.
 - * How many levels below transfer level?
 - Donna Duchow, Toni Parsons and Chris Sullivan will serve on the committee.
 - We also need a Mesa College Counselor to serve on the committee – Erika Higginbotham has sent out a request.
2. The Committee for Diversity Action, Inclusion & Equity (CDAIE): Chair Judy Sundayo
 - a. Proposal for a Student "Meditation/Reflection" Room: Will be presented to President's Cabinet
 - The rationale for providing a "Meditation/Reflection" Room for our students:
 - * Support our diverse student body.
 - * Help our students develop a capacity for self-understanding.

- * Demonstrate Mesa College's Global Awareness.
 - The plan is to have a 400 square foot room that is sparsely decorated/furnish with a neutral name for students to study quietly, meditate, pray, reflect or practice yoga.
 - SDSU has a "Meditation Room" and UCSD has a "Contemplation Room"
 - Guillermo Marrujo suggested also creating a "Meditation/Reflection Garden since we usually have nice weather.
 - Inna Kanevsky, Tony Parson and Shannon Shi expressed concerns regarding designating the room for prayer.
 - Uriel Ornelas said there should not be only one room available where students are allowed to pray.
 - * Others Senators agreed that students should know they are free to pray in other locations.
 - Helen Greenbergs asked if the room could become a magnet for people who want to make a statement.
 - Bill Clary and other Senators asked about time limits to use the room and who would monitor and maintain the room.
 - Laleh Howard and Toni Parsons said the room should be designated as the "Quiet Room".
 - Jim Romeo said the room should be funded through donations.
3. Faculty/Staff Advisory Committee on Threats (FACT): Becca Arnold
 - a. FACT meets once a month.
 - b. FACT will be vetting a survey soon.
 4. Mesa College Facilities Committee/District Review of Services Committee: Kim Perigo (No Report)
 5. Proyecto Exito: Leticia Lopez (No Report)
 6. Other Committee Reports: (None)

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- A.** Veronica Gerace reported the next "Common Grounds" event is Thursday, November 5th in H117/H118 from 12:00PM – 1:00PM.
 1. Faculty attendance at the event lets our students know that Faculty wants to spend time with our students and engage with our students.
- B.** The next Academic Senate meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2015 in H117/H118 @ 2:15PM.
- C.** The next Joint Chairs & Deans meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2015 in H117/H118 @ 2:15PM.

XII. ADJOURNMENT @ 4:02PM.

Motion to adjourn:

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Milner/McLeod

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Submitted by Sue Saetia
Approved November 9, 2015