



San Diego Mesa College
Academic Affairs Committee
September 10, 2012: LRC 208 (4:00PM-5:00PM)
Minutes

Present: Co-Chair John Crocitti, Dean Charlie Zappia, Jack Forman and Mike Sanchez

Absent: Co-Chair VPI McGrath (Proxy to Charlie Zappia), Peter Jacoby, Inna Kanevsky and Arlis Svedberg

I. Call to Order by Co-Chair Crocitti @ 4:12PM.

II. Review and approval of today's agenda: Approved with changes.

III. Review and approval of April 30, 2012 Draft Minutes:
M/S

Forman/Sanchez

UNANIMOUS

IV. Guests: None

V. Report from the Academic Senate: (Co-Chair Crocitti)

- A. VPI McGrath presented an update of the Prop S & N construction projects and their impact on the campus.
- B. Curriculum Chair Toni Parsons updated the Senate on the Transfer Model Curriculums (TMCs).
- C. Cynthia Rico updated the Senate on the Enrollment Priority changes that are being recommended by the Student Success Task Force.

VI. Old Business:

A. Curriculum Balance: (Co-Chair Crocitti)

- 1. Charlie said our college's determination of curriculum balance should be Faculty driven.
- 2. *Six-Year Review:*
 - a. John said Academic Affairs should be tasked with reviewing curriculum balance every six years.
- 3. *Scheduling Balance:*
 - b. John said Jennifer Cost reported that 70% of Mesa College's students test at Basic Skills level.
 - 30% - 40% of students at the CA State University (CSU) system test at Basic Skills level.
 - Placing an English prerequisite for general education courses such as Communication Studies 101 may allow more of our students to complete the English requirement.
 - c. John said the trend seems to be shifting to Basic Skills.
 - A shift to more Basic Skills level English courses will reduce enrollment because the class cap for some English courses are about half of most courses in other disciplines.
 - d. John said the Public Policy Institute reported that California's 110 plus community colleges all focus on Curriculum Balance differently.
 - e. Charlie reported the California State Chancellor's office always prioritizes the mission of the state's community colleges as follows.
 - Transfer to four-year institutions (1st)
 - Vocational Education (2nd)
 - Basic Skills (3rd)
 - f. John reported a San Diego Area Jobs Needs Report for 2018 conducted by Grossmont & Cuyamaca Colleges found that only 40+ positions will be available for holders of Associates degrees in the fields of Allied Health, Engineering Technology and Paralegal, while far more positions will be available for holders of Bachelor degrees.

B. Review Committee Web Posting: Committee Membership, Role, and Responsibilities: Tabled
<http://www.sdmesa.edu/governance/committees/academic-affairs.cfm>

VII. New Business:

A. Setting Academic Affairs Agenda for Fall 2012:

1. *Curriculum Balance:*

- Request written reports from experts on the Mesa College on campus at the district.
 - * Assistant Chancellor Lynne Neault & Dean Shelly Hess (San Diego Job Market)
 - * Juliette Parker – Mesa College Articulation Officer (SB1440/Transfer Model Curriculum - TMCs)
 - * Toni Parson – Chair of the Curriculum Review Com. (SB1440/Transfer Model Curriculum - TMCs)
 - * Cynthia Rico – Counselor (CA Student Success Task Force/Continuing Education/Counseling)
 - * Chris Sullivan/Terrie Teegarden/Jennifer Cost – Basic Skills
- Research material from outside the campus and district in order to gain a broader perspective.

B. Update Academic Affairs Information listed in the Academic Senate Constitution: Tabled

1. Update Committee Responsibilities
2. Update Subcommittee List

VIII. Round Table:

IX. Adjournment by Co-Chair Crocitti @ 4:59PM.

Submitted by Sue Saetia

Approved by Academic Affairs: September 24, 2012