



**San Diego Mesa College
Academic Senate
December 2, 2013: H117/H118 (2:15PM-4:00PM)
Minutes**

PRESENT:

Becca Arnold, Leslie Cloud, Jennifer Cost, John Crocitti, Chris Dawes, Donna Duchow, Michael Fitzgerald, Lupe Gonzalez, Kimberly Hart, Martina Hesser, Erika Higginbotham, Bill Hoefer, Laleh Howard, Inna Kanevsky, Terry Kohlenberg, Ken Kuniyuki, Guillermo Marrujo, Thekima Mayasa, Joe "Mac" McKenzie, Jonathan McLeod, Phyllis Meckstroth, Dina Miyoshi, Michelle "Toni" Parsons, Mayra Preciado, Francisca Rascon, Robert Sanchez, Marilyn Schenk, Steven Siegel, Leslie Styles, Chris Sullivan, Judy Sundayo, Manuel Velez, Lois Wittner and Guests Articulation Officer Juliette Parker and Barbara Sexton

ABSENT:

Mark Abajian, Anar Brahmabhatt, Aulani Chun (Proxy to Trish Mendoza), Kris Clark, Nellie Dougherty, Madeleine Hinkes (Excused), Katie Holton, Georgia Laris, Danielle Lauria, Angela Liewen, Leticia Lopez, Devin Milner, Susheela Narayanan, Val Ontell, Ron Ryno (Proxy to Jonathan McLeod), Kirsten Pogue-Cely, Jim Romeo, Chris Sullivan, Walter "Duane" Wesley and Farshid Zand

I. CALL TO ORDER and WELCOME by Academic Senate President Terry Kohlenberg @ 2:20PM.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved without changes.

III. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

A. Associated Student Government (ASG) Representative: Mayra Preciado and the ASG Env. Officer.

1. The ASG representatives reported on the following ASG projects:
 - a. Reserved Books Program:
 - The ASG is working with Librarian Devin Milner on an ASG Reserved Books Program.
 - The ASG has purchased 23 textbooks that students can check out for 72 hours.
 - The ASG would like to find out which textbooks are on the Faculty's courses textbook lists.
 - b. Thanksgiving dinner for the Mesa College Community and sponsoring Family Thanksgiving Dinners.
 - The ASG held a dinner in H117/H118 on November 27th for 50-60 people and were able to use food donated by the Academic Senate.
 - President Luster made the dessert.

B. Classified Senate Representative: (President Angela Liewen) No Report

IV. GUESTS: None

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 4, 2013

Motion to approve with changes from John Crocitti, Judy Sundayo and Manuel Velez:
M/S McLeod/Cost

UNANIMOUS

VI. ROUND TABLE TOPIC:

A. Baccalaureate Degrees at Community Colleges: Currently available in 22 States.

1. Chris Dawes posed the following questions:
 - a. The role of Faculty in the community colleges that offer baccalaureate degrees?
 - b. What competition has been created with four-year institutions?
 - c. What are the Articulation issues?
 - d. What are the Accreditation issues?

- e. Has it required the community colleges offering baccalaureate degrees to hire new Faculty?
 - f. What funding issues have offering baccalaureate degrees at community colleges create?
 - g. Will Faculty and Students be well represented on the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) Chancellor's Task Force that will look into the possibility of the SDCCD offering baccalaureate degrees?
2. Michael Fitzgerald does not support charging our students tens of thousands of dollars to receive a Bachelor's Degree in Culinary Arts at Mesa College.
 3. Toni Parsons said Nursing and Radiologic Technology require an associate degree to enter and students only receive a second associate degree.
 4. Guillermo Marrujo said the Associates Program for Nursing drains other programs and the students are not as competitive.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Current Curriculum and Instructional Council (CIC) Guidelines for Assigning Courses to Disciplines: (Toni Parsons)

1. Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) Faculty Co-Chair Toni Parsons reported that she met with the State Curriculum Chairs and the Academic Senate for CA Community College (ASCCC) Executive Committee regarding our district's current guidelines.
 - a. Toni can accept suggestions for changes until the January 2014 CIC meeting.
2. Manuel Velez put forth a motion to reject the current document in its entirety and Thekima Mayasa seconded.
 - a. The proposed guidelines have held up the approval on Black and Chicano Studies courses for the past three years.
 - Jennifer Cost asked if this was part of the Six-Year Review Process and Manuel said yes.
3. Juliette Parker reported the current guidelines were not reviewed and approved by the any Mesa College Shared Governance Body including the Academic Senate.
 - a. The document was only approved by the CIC, which is a violation of Title V.
 - b. The San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) does have a policy regarding Minimum Qualifications and the SDCCD is not out of compliance with the law.
 - SDCCD Board Policy does not say the CRC has authority to assign courses to disciplines.
 - c. We need to collectively develop guidelines and procedures.
 - d. The Academic Senate needs to review the document and verify that it includes accurate Title V and Board Policy Information.
 - e. The proposed guidelines create specific concerns for the Department Chairs in assigning courses based on a general education pattern.
4. Toni Parsons said Title V requires every course to be assigned to a discipline.
5. Chair of Chairs (COC) Jennifer Cost said she is not aware that City College rejected the CIC Guidelines.
 - a. Jennifer also said we need to develop the guidelines in a way that respects everyone.
 - b. People are worried about their programs coming under fire.
 - c. We need to work with the other discipline experts from City and Miramar Colleges.
 - d. We want to be able to offer diverse programs at Mesa College.
6. Academic Affairs Faculty Co-Chair Inna Kanevsky said the approved guidelines are Faculty-driven and the CRC is the repository for course assignments.
 - a. The current document only has "recommended" guidelines.
7. Social Sciences Department Chair John Crocitti asked about the urgency of approving a guideline/procedure.
 - a. Jonathan McLeod said who ultimately has the responsibility for assigning courses to disciplines ends up affecting our students.
8. Thekima Mayasa said we can start at the department level with discipline experts assigning courses to disciplines and all Mesa College courses can be articulated under more than one discipline not just Black and Chicano Studies courses.
 - a. Academic Senate President Terry Kohlenberg said Faculty are currently the originators who assign courses to disciplines.

9. Chris Dawes said the Senate is the best forum to resolve this and other contentious issues and we can make incremental changes to the guidelines.
10. Lois Wittner would like to be able to ask the Vice President of Instruction (VPI) and the Deans questions regarding assigning courses to disciplines.
11. Toni Parsons said she and the VPI do not have votes as Co-Chairs on the CRC.
 - a. Everyone is bringing up issues that the Guidelines for Assigning Courses to Disciplines would resolve.
 - Right now the deans can assign courses to disciplines.
 - Faculty has the opportunity to determine minimum qualifications for who is qualified to teach courses.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: None

IX. SENATE EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

- A. Vice President:** (Donna Duchow) No Report
- B. Secretary:** (Becca Arnold) No Report
- C. Treasurer:** (Ken Kuniyuki) No Report
- D. Senator at Large #1:** (Vacant)
- E. Senator at Large #2:** (Katie Holton) No Report
- F. President:** (Terry Kohlenberg)

1. Terry thanked Vice President Donna Duchow for casting votes on behalf of the Mesa College Academic Senate at the Fall 2013 Academic Senate for CA Community Colleges (ASCCC) Fall 2013 Plenary.
2. Faculty Hiring Prioritization Committee Membership Expansion:
 - a. There are currently two Deans and four Faculty representatives.
 - Terry Kohlenberg, Jennifer Cost, Inna Kanevsky and Madeleine Hinkes are the Faculty Representatives by virtue of their positions on the Academic Senate Exec Committee.
 - b. Terry Kohlenberg said the current process works well and he would like to have one Faculty Representative from each school.
 - Jonathan McLeod said it may be possible to have a Faculty Representative from each school once all the Contract Faculty Vacancies are filled.
 - c. Inna Kanevsky reported Faculty cannot cast a vote on behalf of their own schools.
 - d. Jennifer Cost said the committee members work from a rubric and a Liaison is needed from each school to provide expertise.
 - e. Chris Sullivan said the committee needs to be a committee of the Academic Senate and not a President's Cabinet Committee.
 - f. John Crocitti said Administrative and Faculty membership needs to be on a rotation.
 - Every school needs to be equally represented.
 - g. Phyllis Meckstroth asked why changes were made to the list.
 - Terry said President Luster makes the final decision and she made changes.
 - Chris Dawes said departments need to be able to have an appeals process through the Budget Allocation/Resource Committee (BARC).

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Academic Affairs Committee: (Co-Chair Inna Kanevsky)

1. Inna reported the committee held its first Fall 2013 meeting on November 18th.
2. The Learning Communities Work Group has begun its work by researching colleges that offer Learning Community Courses.
3. The committee still need Faculty Representatives from the following schools:
 - a. Business, Computer Studies and Technology
 - b. Matriculation and Student Developing

B. Professional Development Committee (PDC): (Chair Lupe Gonzalez)

1. The committee has a new procedure in place.
 - a. All proposals and reports of completions that do not have all the necessary supporting documents as of the last committee meeting for the semester will be denied.
 - The proposals and reports of completions can be resubmitted to the PCD during the following semester.

- C. Committee of Chairs (COC):** (Chair of Chairs Jennifer Cost)
1. Jennifer has sent out an email asking the Chairs if they would like to hold the December 11th meeting.
 2. Training on the Enrollment Management System (EMS):
 - a. Jeff Mills from District Offices will schedule training for FLEX week.
 3. Please let Jennifer know what is happening in your departments.
- D. Curriculum Review Committee (CRC):** (Co-Chair Toni Parsons)
1. Assembly Bill 86:
 - a. Placing the followings Basic Skills Courses under Continuing Education:
 - English
 - English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
 - Math
 2. Senate Bill 440: Follow-Up to Senate Bill 1440
 - a. There are currently ugly conversations occurring at the state level regarding Course Identification Numbers (CI-D) and Transfer Model Curriculums (TMCs).
- E. Program Review Committee (PRC):** (Co-Chair Dina Miyoshi)
1. The deadline for Lead Writers to submit their Program Review Documents is Tuesday, December 3, 2014 @ 11:59PM.
 2. Senate President Terry Kohlenberg asked about available training sessions.
 - a. Dina said a variety of training is available.
 - b. Jonathan McLeod said training can be tailored.
 3. The committee will meet this Friday.
- F. Basic Skills Committee:** (Coordinator Chris Sullivan) No Report

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A.** The next Academic Senate meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2014 in H117/H118 @ 2:15PM.
- B.** The next Committee of Chairs meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2014 in H117/H118 @ 2:15PM.
- C.** Chris Dawes and Toni Parsons reported the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) will introduce New Accreditation Guidelines in January 2014.
 1. Chris Sullivan said this is the first opportunity to participate in the dialogue.
- D.** Jennifer Cost reported Mesa Vision will hold its award ceremony on Monday, December 9, 2013 in LRC 435 @ 6:30PM.

XII. ADJOURNMENT @ 4:04PM.

Submitted by Sue Saetia

Approved by the Senate: February 10, 2014