



For Approval: November 7, 2011

**San Diego Mesa College
Academic Senate
October 24, 2011: H117/H118 (2:15PM-4:00PM)
Minutes**

PRESENT:

Anar Brahmabhatt, Bill Brothers, Kris Clark, Leslie Cloud, Jennifer Cost, John Crocitti, Nellie Dougherty, Linda Farnan, Rob Fender, Dwight Farrow, Martina Hesser, Erika Higginbotham, Madeleine Hinkes, Bill Hoefer, Katie Holton, Sharon Hughes, Leroy Johnson, Ken Kuniyuki, Georgia Laris, Danielle Lauria, Susan Lazear, Laurie Mackenzie, Joe "Mac" McKenzie, Jonathan McLeod, Phyllis Meckstroth, Tricia Mendoza, Claude Mona, Michelle "Toni" Parsons, Francisca Rascon, Cynthia Rico-Bravo, Angela Romeo, Ron Ryno, Marilyn Schenk, Shannon Shi, George Svoboda, Duane "Walt" Wesley, and Farshid Zand

ABSENT:

Mark Abajian, Becca Arnold, Aulani Chun (Proxy to Tricia Mendoza), Lupe Gonzales, Geoff Johnson, Thekima Mayasa, Devin Milner, Sabrina Santiago, Barbara Sexton, Terrie Teegarden (Proxy to Phyllis Meckstroth), Michelle Tucker, and Manuel Velez

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME by Academic Senate President Madeleine Hinkes @ 2:24PM.

II. Approval of Today's Agenda:

- A. Shannon Shi asked if flying the flag at half staff for deceased Faculty/Staff can be added to the agenda. Madeleine reported the matter is settled because there is a Board Policy in place that allows our colleges to adjust the flag.

III. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

A. Associate Student Government (ASG) Representative: Position is Currently Vacant

B. Classified Senate Representative: (Classified Senate President Angela Romeo)

1. The Classified Senate has approved Senate Resolution 11.09.01 regarding Facilities Services. The Classified Senate will back the Academic Senate when the resolution reaches the Board.
2. Please support the Classified Senate's Dudley's Bread Fundraiser through November 10th.
3. Classified Staff member Joyce Skaryak passed away after 36 years of service to Mesa College. President Luster's request to honor Joyce by flying our flag at half staff created controversy.

IV. Approval of the Senate Minutes for October 10, 2011:

Motion to approve the minutes with changes from Madeleine and Georgia Laris:

M/S

Rico-Bravo/McLeod

Unanimous

V. Senate Exec Committee Reports:

A. Vice-President: (Rob Fender) - No Report

B. Treasurer: (Ken Kuniyuki)

1. Ken asked the Senators to let him know if they would like to change one of our meeting drink orders from iced-tea to hot tea. (We will change our order to one hot tea and one iced tea.)

C. State Senate Representative: (Delegate Katie Holton)

1. Academic Senate for CA Community Colleges (ASCCC):
 - a. ASCCC Area D Meeting: Katie reported she was very happy to have Madeleine's support at the October 22nd Area D meeting.
 - b. ASCCC fall 2011 Plenary: November 3rd – November 5th (San Diego Sheraton Hotel & Marina).
 - The ASCCC will address the California Community Colleges (CCC) Task Force on Student Success' Draft Recommendations. There will be resolutions on the issue.

- Repeatability will also be an important issue at the plenary. There will be breakout sessions and resolutions on the issue. Dean Dave Evans will attend. Repeatability really affects Physical Education courses.
 - You can review all the ASCCC resolutions at <http://www.asccc.org/session/materials>.
2. California Community Colleges (CCC) Task Force on Student Success Draft Recommendations:
 - a. Meetings will be held throughout the state to present and discuss the recommendations.
 - b. The task force will meet on November 9th to review the feedback.
 - c. The task force will submit a final report to the Board of Governors in January 2012.
 - d. The recommendations show the disconnection between educators and those whose expertise lie outside of education.
 - e. The recommendations of educators on the task force were ignored and the task force is introducing recommendations that will make things even more difficult for educators.
 - f. The recommendations are connected to "No Child Left Behind" and President Obama's "Education for the 21st Century".
 - g. Although California has the largest community college system in the world, we are facing the challenges of continually dwindling resources due to the unwillingness of the wealthy to pay their fair share to support public education and the additions of new mandates such as the ones the task force wants to put forth.
- D. Senator at Large:** (Georgia Laris) - No Report
- E. Secretary:** (Jennifer Cost) - No Report
- F. Past President:** (Cynthia Rico-Bravo)
1. CA Community Colleges (CCC) Task Force on Student Success Draft Recommendations (SB1143):
 - a. Cynthia reviewed the PowerPoint presentation the task force will present throughout the state. http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/Portals/0/StudentSuccessTaskForce/Student_Success_Presentation_5.pdf.
 - b. The draft recommendation document is also available on the task force's website: http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/Portals/0/DocDownloads/PressReleases/SEP2011/PDF_%20Student_Success_Task_Force_Draft_Recommendations_Sept_2011.pdf.
 - c. Cynthia said the task force was only given a year to complete its work as stated in SB1143.
 - d. Rob read the entire 73 page document and said the recommendations will make CCCs 13th & 14th grade high schools that are required to teach students the skills that high schools are currently responsible for teaching their students.
 - e. The task force is not recommending Performance Based Funding at this time.
 - f. The task force is asking that all 22 recommendations be looked at as a package and not picked apart.
 - g. Madeleine asked the Senators to discuss the draft recommendations with their departments and programs.
- G. President:** (Madeleine Hinkes) – Madeleine will email her report to the Senators.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Academic Affairs: (Co-Chair John Crocitti)

1. Position Papers: The committee will continue to review the positions papers this semester.
2. The Role of the Academic Affairs Committee: The committee will also review its duties and role.
3. The committee still needs Faculty members from Counseling, the LRC, and one other department.

B. Professional Development Committee (PDC): (Chair Sharon Hughes)

1. The next professional development application deadline is this Wednesday, October 26th.
2. The Online Faculty training discussed at the last Senate meeting does not count for Professional Development (PD) credit. This has been reviewed by Jim Mahler. The training is not allowable under the contract for PD credit. No school (City, Mesa, or Miramar) is counting the training for PD credit despite rumors to the contrary.
3. The committee still needs a Faculty member from the Sciences.

C. Committee of Chairs (COC): (Chair Laurie Mackenzie)

1. Mandatory Online Training:
 - a. Blackboard users must complete training by May 2012 in order to have access in fall 2012.
 - b. Faculty using Blackboard to supplement their on campus classes must go through a shorter training.
2. Committee Reports: Chairs serving on committees will begin reporting on the activities of their committees to the COC in order to keep the Chairs informed of committee activities that may affect their departments and programs.

D. Curriculum Review Committee (CRC): (Co-Chair Toni Parsons)

1. Six-Year Review:
 - a. The CRC has scheduled another training session in LRC 229 for Friday, November 4th, from 11:00AM - 3:00PM. Toni would like to start holding monthly workshops.
 - b. Please schedule appointments with Elizabeth Norvell (enorvell@sdccd.edu) or Toni (mparsons@sdccd.edu) if you need assistance.
2. Repetition: Cynthia reported Assistant Chancellor Lynne Neault said we will only count the courses that students have taken three times at our district (City, Mesa, or Miramar Colleges).
3. Transfer Model Curriculum (TMCs):
 - a. San Diego State University (SDSU) has agreed to accept TMCs for History, Math, and Theatre Studio Art.
 - b. Math will accept alignment with SDSU. Our Math transfer students will receive priority registration and will only need to take 60 units at SDSU to receive their Bachelors degree.
 - c. Theatre Studio Art will most likely not accept the TMC since very few students in our program transfer to SDSU.
4. Course Alignment:
 - a. The CRC needs to set up appointments with the various departments on campus in order to create course alignment.
 - b. Programs should look at the colleges that the majority of their students transfer to.

E. Basic Skills: (Coordinator Terrie Teegarden) – No Report

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. The Importance of Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs): Fall 2012 Completion Deadline

1. Madeleine reported President Luster has indicated that she is willing discuss alternatives to "Taskstream". CurricUNET or an Excel spreadsheet may be possible options.

B. Resolution 11.09.01 "Resolution on Facilities Services":

1. Madeleine reported the Academic Senate Presidents for City and Miramar will bring the resolution to their Senates for votes.
2. Madeleine said there seems to be an unending list of problems with facilities.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Issues for the Upcoming Contract Negotiations: We have the following items so far.

2. Addressing and improving on the appalling current Student/Counselor ratio of 1400/1.
3. Class CAPs decided using pedagogy.
4. Post Tenure Evaluations

B. 4 Questions from President Luster: Please pose these questions at your department meetings.

1. What does Mesa do well, what must we preserve as we plan ahead?
2. Where could we improve, where have we stumbled?
3. Where should we be headed in the future?
4. What role do you want to play in getting there?

IX. Announcements:

- A.** Jennifer Cost asked the Senators to announce a new student club to their classes. Bringing Education and Activism Together (BEAT). The club meets this Friday, October 28th, in room B108 from 12:00PM-1:30PM.
- B.** The Board of Trustees (BOT) will hold their meeting at the Mesa College Design Center in room Z102 on October 27th from 4:00PM-6:00PM. The Trustees will be available in Z103 from 3:30PM-4:00PM.
- C.** The Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC) Retreat on Assessment in Practice: October 27th – October 29th (Berkeley)
- D.** ASCCC Fall Plenary: Nov. 3rd - Nov. 5th (Sheraton Hotel & Marina - Harbor Island - San Diego)
- E.** The next Committee of Chairs (COC) meeting is November 9th in H117/H118 @ 2:15PM.
- F.** The next Academic Senate meeting is scheduled for November 7th in H117/H118 @ 2:15PM.

X. ADJOURNMENT @ 4:01PM.

Submitted by Jennifer Cost

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