



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE

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ACADEMIC SENATE
November 28, 2005 – 2:00 p.m., H117/H118
Minutes

PRESENT: Becca Arnold, Bill Brothers, Donna Budzynski, Leslie Cloud, Gail Conrad, Ailene Crakes, Michael Crivello, Margaret Fickess, Shirley Flor, Edith Flourie, Madeleine Hinkes, Gary Holton, Ken Kuniyuki, Mario Lara, Cesar Lopez, Carl Luna, Guillermo Marrujo, Andrea Marx, Jonathan McLeod, Michael Reese, Erin Rempala-Kim, Cynthia Rico-Bravo, James Romeo, Ron Ryno, Jeremy Sanders, Marilyn Schenk, Jean Smith, Erica Specht, Paul Sykes, Will Tappen, Terrie Teegarden, Tracy Tuttle, Bonnie ZoBell, Chris Dawes (Mesa AFT Faculty Vice President).

ABSENT: Barbara Buchanan, Karl Engstrom, Dwight Furrow, Bill Hoefler, Terry Kohlenberg, Starla Lewis, Joe Mac McKenzie, Trish Mendoza, Sally Murdock, Kevin Murphy, Pedro Olvera, Dickson Phiri, Michelle Tucker.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** was made by President Carl Luna at 2:03 P.M.
- II. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS** – Jeremy Sanders reported that the Associated Students (A.S.) at Mesa College is working to improve efficiency of the A.S. Senate by creating areas of specialty for A.S. Senators and to appoint A.S. Senators to related Mesa College Committees. He indicated that some A.S. members are involved in the process of revising the Constitution and By-Laws for The Inter-Club Council in hopes that it will be more efficient once the Council becomes active again. In addition, he noted that many A.S. positions have been filled for the fall semester. There are plans to have more events on campus for the coming weeks and spring semester.
- III. **GUESTS: Bruce Kauffman, Interim Public Information Officer (PIO)** – Kauffman gave a brief introduction on his background and noted that he is not serving as an interim but as the acting PIO.

Professor Eadie Richards, San Diego Mesa College Learning Community Committee discussed the Mission Statement, criteria for membership on the Learning Community Committee, Short and Long Term Goals with Strategic Relationships, a list of successes and a plan of action. She indicated that currently there are five learning communities. Crakes added that the Learning Community Committee is an official subcommittee of Academic Affairs. Richards described the high retention rates when students take a learning community personal growth course and a basic skills course. Teegarden moved that the Senate support the Learning Community Committee.

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Teegarden will provide the Senate with a resolution supporting the Learning Community Committee.

Dean Jodi Corliss, School of Social Behavioral Sciences and Multi-cultural Studies mentioned that she is the San Diego and Imperial Counties Community Colleges Association (SDICCA) site coordinator at Mesa College. She provided a handout on "SDICCCA Regional Faculty Internship Program."

Dr. Bill Piland, Regional SDICCCA Coordinator, is also a researcher on community colleges. He provided some background on the SDICCA internship program and noted that the program has been in existence for twelve years. He described the four phases that occur in the program. Teaching interns are matched with professors who act as their mentors. On the back of the handout provided by Dean Corliss were statistics of California Community College Full-time Faculty Profile, SDICCCA Program Intern Profiles, Mesa College Participation in SDICCCA Program 1994-2005, and SDICCCA Interns Employment outcomes. She also identified what the next steps are if anyone is interested in becoming a mentor for the SDICCCA internship program.

Professor Dina Miyoshi spoke about her experience being a mentor for the internship program at Mesa College. The experience helped her grow as an instructor and provided her with unique insights when developing her courses and lectures. One bonus of being a mentor is that you can get Flex credit. She was able to visit different campuses twice a month for SDICCCA internship program meetings.

IV. APPROVAL OF SENATE MINUTES OF 11/14/05 as amended.
M/S/U Conrad/Specht

V. REPORTS

A. Treasurer Terrie Teegarden reported that the Senate donated \$200 to the Mesa Poetry and Short Fiction Contests and renewed a subscription to *The Chronicle of Higher Education* for the Academic Senate office.

She attended an Auxiliary Business Services Organization (ABSOS) meeting, where it was indicated how difficult it is to fill positions in the Mesa cafeteria. Food Services mentioned that they raised prices in the cafeteria in August and may need to raise prices again because increased gas prices are causing vendors to raise prices. To avoid raising prices, Food Services is trying to consolidate deliveries. An interest was expressed on campus to install a sound system in the cafeteria, which Food Services said was okay with them, but it was not known what department would pay for it. Teegarden announced that bottled water with the Mesa logo is being sold on campus.

Also at the ABSOS meeting, the bookstore stated that beginning in September, it offered online purchasing of textbooks for students taking online courses. Books are delivered within 3-4 days of purchase. For Intersession, instructors will be able to order textbooks online; however, Teegarden noted that some department chairs may be required to sign off on book orders before they can be ordered.

B. Academic Affairs Co-Chair Ailene Crakes reiterated that the Learning Community Committee is a subcommittee of Academic Affairs.

The latest draft of the Mission Statement will be reviewed by Academic Affairs. After it is approved, Crakes plans to present this to the Senate, then to President's Cabinet for their support and approval.

- C. **State Representative Gary Holton** reported the State Senate is updating its paper on equivalencies. To help assist him with this, Holton is looking for real-world examples of how the process works at Mesa. Contact Holton at gholton@sdccd.edu.

The Statewide Senate has taken the position that the advisor for student governments should be a tenured faculty member because faculty members, unlike administrative or classified staff, are protected by tenure. Holton asked the Senate to consider whether the Mesa Academic Senate should take a position on this issue. It is time-sensitive because the current advisor (Dean Damon Bell) is an interim appointment, and the college will be searching for a permanent replacement.

- D. **President Luna** reported:

1. President's Cabinet

- State-wide efforts by the Community College League of California (CCLC), Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC) and other groups trying to qualify and pass a ballot initiative affecting CCC organization and funding received substantial attention at both Mesa President's Cabinet and the District Governance Council. The initiative would roll back student tuitions and change the CCC funding formula under Prop 98 to recognize increasing CC enrollments even as K-12 enrollments are leveling off.
- District College Police Chief David Worden gave a presentation on "Safe & Sound," which is a Federal requirement for crime reportage on District properties. Although the presentation did not directly address Mesa faculty concerns over issues of student and visitor behavior and classroom/campus disruptions, the presentation allowed the opportunity to continue the campus dialogue on these matters. Luna reported that President Rita M. Cepeda is committed to developing a campus-wide process and putting together a task force to address these concerns.

2. District Governance Council (DGC)

- Chancellor Constance M. Carroll, continues to spearhead state-wide efforts to push for full equalization funding. Luna indicated that, according to a survey of just twelve colleges, the recent equalization funding allowed them to open up over ten thousand additional class sections and hire 400 additional faculty. Luna pointed out that these additional students served and faculty hired amounted to having built and staffed an entire new college for the CCC without incurring any of the associated construction costs. CCC Equalization, therefore, is proving to be a highly cost-effective way to address the higher educational needs of California.
- LACCD adopted a policy of a smoke-free workplace. Should Mesa consider following this policy? Luna reported he would carry the issue to Senate Exec.
- The District Budget Committee met on November 16 to discuss plans for marketing intersession and spring courses and highlighting the fact that Mesa, Miramar and City Colleges are sister institutions under the SDCCD.
- The District Strategic Planning Committee also met and is looking at refocusing and contracting its mission.
- A 5% cost-of-living-allowance (COLA) might be approved for this year.
- No state-wide consensus on the issue was reached as to whether or not student health fees should be increased.

3. District Committees

- Vice Chancellor Terry Davis is exploring the possibility of the District joining a state-wide Community College Joint Powers Authority to deal with accounting issues involving the costs of funding retired employee benefit costs.

- Luna reported that the President's Cabinet Hiring Priority sub-committee has completed reviewing the 38 departmental hiring proposals and was sending its ranked priority list to the full Cabinet for review and approval.
- Vice Chancellor Lynn Neault, Student Services, and American Federation of Teachers (AFT) President Jim Mahler, will be invited to the December 12, 2005 Senate meeting to address the issue of grades, pre-requisites, and the intersession calendar. Faculty members who are currently teaching pre-requisite courses for classes offered in the intersession will receive an e-mail from Vice Chancellor Neault's office encouraging them to submit grades early to assist in clearing prerequisites for students.

4. Other

- The Faculty Hiring Ad hoc Committee met on November 22. It was recommended by the committee that the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) representatives have subject matter expertise to have a voting right on hiring committees.
- Dean Bill Craft, Learning Resources and Information Technology requested feedback on Turnitin.com. The renewal is up in December 2005, and he is not sure if the annual site license fee of \$8200 is cost effective. There are 62 faculty who have signed up for accounts, but only 12 faculty are using it. Librarian Jean Smith added that it may be cheaper to get a department license instead of a campus site license. President Luna plans to suggest to Dean Craft that a memo to all faculty be sent out to see which departments are interested in using turnitin.com. Several English department professors and a Biology professor reported that it is crucial for grading written papers.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Student Health Fee and Laird Bill** – Discussion continues on Health Fee considerations. President Luna would like a resolution to be written on how to address this. He plans to take it back to the Senate Executive Committee for further discussion.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Faculty recognition and awards ad hoc committee** – Different colleges were surveyed to see if they have a committee devoted to faculty recognition and awards. Mesa College does not. If anyone is interested in developing such a committee, please contact Vice President Erica Specht at especht@sdccd.edu. If there is a lack in interest, this committee will not be formed.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jean Smith announced that anyone can bid on Silent Auction items for a Habitat for Humanity fundraiser. A drawing will be held on December 1.
- The 2005 Mesa Poetry and Short Fiction Award Ceremony will be on November 29 at 6:30 P.M. in Room 435 of the Learning Resource Center (LRC).

- IX. **ADJOURNMENT** was made by President Luna at 3:52 P.M.
M/S **Teegarden/Tuttle**

Next meeting will be on December 12, 2005, in Room H117/H118 at 2:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by
Cynthia Rico-Bravo, Senate Secretary and
Ruth San Filippo, Recording Secretary.