

**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
March 22, 2010**

PRESENT: Donald Abbott, Manny Bautista, Bill Brothers, Dave Evans, Guadalupe Gonzalez, Peter Jacoby, Robert Sanchez, Alison Steinberg, Arlis Svedberg

ABSENT: Yvonne Bergland (excused, proxy to D. Evans), Paula Gustin, Tim McGrath (excused)

I. CALL TO ORDER was made by Co-Chair Abbott at 4:04 PM

II. CHANGES TO TODAY'S AGENDA: None

III. VISIT FROM ACADEMIC SENATE PRESIDENT: As per a request from ACAF, the President of the Academic Senate, Professor C. Rico-Bravo, and the Past-President, Professor T. Teegarden, were present to address issues resulting from actions of the Committee of Chairs and Academic Senate earlier this semester. Members of the ACAF expressed two principal concerns: (1) that the work they had done on RAC Stage 1 was rejected by the Committee of Chairs without due consideration, and (2) that the work of the ACAF is jeopardized by the No Confidence vote in one of our Co-Chairs. Rico-Bravo and Teegarden addressed both concerns. They reassured the Committee that its work was highly valued by the Academic Senate and that it was the intention of the Senate leadership to work on shared governance as a process in need of on-going review and re-evaluation. All present acknowledged that this will be a long-term process, but that the ACAF and Senate leadership are committed to work in good-faith with all members of the College involved in shared governance.

IV. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT ON KEARNEY FAST TRACK

Professor L. Gonzalez reported on the current status of the Kearney Fast Track Program. She reported that enrollments were down in Spring from Fall (78 from 219) and explained the reasons for the decline. She indicated that rules regarding enrollment that had been in place but not carefully enforced were now being more strictly enforced, resulting in the decline. She also reported that Mission Bay, Pt. Loma, and Twain have announced that they will not participate in the program next year. M/S Brothers/Sanchez to accept; approved.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S Brothers/Svedberg to approve the minutes of March 8, 2010 with changes; approved.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Position Paper #2: Abbott suggested that ACAF delay the re-write of Position Paper

#2 until the campus had reviewed and defined more clearly shared governance procedures (as proposed by an e-mail from President Cepeda and by recent actions of the Faculty Senate). He recommended that for now, the ACAF should gather the necessary information to report on the curriculum balance over the past few years, review such information, and report to the Faculty Senate.

B. Update on Posting ACAF minutes: Abbott reported that he had finalized arrangements for posting ACAF minutes to the Academic Senate website. He will forward recent minutes for posting in the near future.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- Abbott reported that Professor M. Hinkes resigned from ACAF, citing time constraints. Abbott regretfully accepted her resignation and thanked her for her past service.
- Abbott announced that elections for ACAF Chair will be held at the next meeting. He announced that he will not be standing for the position and asked for interested persons to contact him to put their names forward for the election.

VIII. REPORT FROM ACADEMIC SENATE

Abbott reported on actions at the Academic Senate (see Academic Senate minutes); there was no discussion.

IX. Adjournment was made by Abbott at 5:29 PM

Submitted by D. Abbott
Approved 12 April 2010