

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
April 12, 2010

PRESENT: Donald Abbott, Manny Bautista, Bill Brothers, Dave Evans, Paula Gustin, Peter Jacoby, Tim McGrath, Robert Sanchez, Alison Steinberg, Arlis Svedberg

ABSENT: Yvonne Bergland (excused, proxy to D. Evans), Guadalupe Gonzalez (excused)

I. CALL TO ORDER was made by Co-Chair Abbott at 4:05 PM

II. CHANGES TO TODAY'S AGENDA: None

III. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT ON MESA HUMANITIES INSTITUTE

Professor C. López reported on the current status of the Mesa Humanities Institute. He submitted a lengthy written report (attached) that detailed the many programs conducted by MHI over the past year and described the theme and major programs planned for the coming academic year. The report made three recommendations:

- Hire a full-time MHI coordinator;
- Increase funding for MHI to expand the depth of programs/events;
- Work with campus grants coordinator to seek outside additional funding.

Several ACAF members expressed admiration for the MHI programs as well as the work done by its committee and chair. M/S Evans/Brothers to accept the report and support the recommendations; unanimously approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S McGrath/Jacoby to approve the minutes of March 22, 2010 with changes; unanimously approved.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Curriculum Balance (Position Paper #2): Abbott reported that he had worked with the VPI's office to gather the data for the ACAF to review curriculum balance over the previous four years; he is processing the data and will present it at the 26 Apr meeting.

B. ACAF Co-Chair Election: Brothers nominated Paula Gustin for the position. No other nominations were submitted. Gustin elected unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- Abbott reported that Professor Inna Kanevsky has expressed interest in joining ACAF starting in the fall; unanimously approved.

VII. REPORT FROM ACADEMIC SENATE

Abbott reported on actions at the Academic Senate (see Academic Senate minutes); there was discussion on the plan to limit the number of printed class schedules during the

summer session. In particular, there was concern that several offices and the library will have inadequate copies in order to provide students with information at the start of each session. Abbott will bring these concerns to President's Cabinet and the Academic Senate.

VIII. Adjournment was made by Abbott at 5:01 PM

Submitted by D. Abbott
Approved 26 April 2010