

Committee Reports

February/March 2011

Mesa Curriculum Review Committee (reported by Arlis Svedberg, date of meetings: Feb 17, 2011 and Mar 3, 2011)

- Action Items
 - Numerous curriculum items were approved in preparation of having the changes included in the 2011-2012 College Catalog. The SPEE (Speech) program was approved to be changed to COMS (Communication Studies) as well as all of the SPEE courses being adjusted to COMS. This change was approved by District CIC on March 10. The three SB1440 Transfer Degrees (COMS, PSYC and MATH) were tabled until the March 17 meeting and SDSU confirmed they will not honor TMC degrees as a guarantee for a student's enrollment.
 - CRC agendas and minutes are posted at <http://www.sdmesa.edu/instruction/crc/index.cfm>

- Information Items
 - No Items

Academic Affairs Committee (reported by Arlis Svedberg, date of meetings: Feb 28, 2011 & Mar 14, 2011)

- Action Items
 - No Items
- Information Items
 - The Academic Affairs Committee continues to work on updating the Academic Senate Position Papers.

Mesa Student Services Council (reported by Cindy Hess, date of meeting: Mar 16, 2011)

- Action Items
 - No items
- Information Items
 - The date for Summer schedules to be available has been pushed back to April 15th for online, and April 25th for hard copy.
 - There will be some reduction in classes for the summer, and definitely reduction in classes for Fall 2011. We have to wait and see how this will affect the 50% rule. Adjunct faculty will probably be affected the most.
 - Building update: Completion of new I400 building is on schedule for May 2012. It is 40% completed at this time. There is some concern from staff over design of new building (i.e. privacy of counter area), however, since it has now gone out for bid, the infrastructure cannot be changed.

- There is an opening for a counselor which can be filled with a transfer within the district. The vacant SSA position in Financial Aid is nearing completion. Other critical positions are still trying to be filled. Melanie Cordero in EOPS will be leaving on March 24th.
- Administration is working on a contingency plan to evacuate employees in I300 building due to multiple problems in multiple areas of the infrastructure of that building.
- Summer student services schedule of hours will remain the same as last summer.
- The District sent out a “letter of concern” to the 15 Japanese students at Mesa, and one at City, regarding the disaster in Japan.
- It was announced that Charlotta Robertson will be the new interim Dean of Social/Behavioral Sciences and Multicultural Studies, to replace Charles Zappia. She will begin her new position on March 28th.

Commencement Committee Meeting (reported by Cathy Bruce, date of meeting: Mar 3, 2011)

- Action Items
 - No Items
- Information Items
 - Plans are so far same as last year with no changes or snags.

MIT Meeting (reported by Chris Horvath, date not given for meeting)

- Action Items
 - No items
- Information Items
 - Completed accreditation documents for President’s Cabinet
 - Will be working on updating the Mesa IT Strategic Plan next meeting (3.18.11)

Academic Senate Meeting (reported by Angela Liewen, date of meeting: Feb. 28, 2011)

- Action Items
 - No items reported
- Information Items
 - Public Presentations
 - AS student rep
 - Guests
 - President Armstrong presented regarding accreditation follow-up.
 - Committee Reports
 - Professional Development – faculty sabbatical deadline
 - Senate Exec Reports
 - President-Elect (Hinkes): Global Awareness Committee approved; Curricunet Steering Committee forming at District.
 - President’s Report (Rico-Bravo): Board presentation coming up regarding students and mental health issues

- Old Business
 - Strategic Planning Model Framework: voted and approved
 - MOU University of Redlands (Parker): voted and approved
 - Freedom of Speech Draft Policy 2935: tabled per concerns raised, i.e. making sure instruction is not impacted (Laris)
- New Business
 - Resolution 11.02.01: Inclusion of communications department in new Social and Behavioral Sciences building
- Announcements
 - AFT liaisons in office for each department (Dawes)
 - March 10-11: Prop S & N presentation
 - March 17: Chancellor open office hour at Mesa, A104aaa

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 - Public Presentations
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 - Guests
 - None
 - Committee Reports
 - Curriculum Chair (Parsons): BOG approved Title 5 for prerequisites
 - Updating minimum qualifications for teaching
 - Senate Exec Reports
 - President-Elect (Hinkes): faculty rep's needed for VPSS hiring committee
 - President's Report (Rico-Bravo): Budget: no news; 3.5 GPA for UCSD; TAG; Summer schedule: remain as is for now
 - Old Business
 - Freedom of Speech Draft Policy 2935: tabled - waiting for more info from Neault.
 - RESCINDED: Resolution 11.02.01: Inclusion of communications department in new Social and Behavioral Sciences building. Already approved and square footage will be added to accommodate communications department.
 - New Business
 - Financial inducements for adoption of course materials/textbooks should be appropriate with ethics introduced (McLeod). Send forward to Academic Affairs for review.
 - Announcements
 - Mast Plan Prop S&N Update: April 6, 2:00 in G101 and April 7, 9:00 in H117/118
 - Chancellor open office hours: March 17, 2:00 in A104a

- Vote online: Academic Senate positions
- ACCJC call for applications for faculty commissioner
- Repeat Boutique raised \$2,500 (Lazear)
- Golden Scissors held Friday, May 13 (Lazear)
- April 12 & 13: Festival of Colors
- May 19 & 20: Design Center grand opening
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- Next Meeting: March 28, 2011

Classified Staff Development Subcommittee (reported by Robin Watkins, date of meeting: Feb 9, 2011)

- Action Items
 - No items
- Information Items
 - Lunch will be held in the LRC first floor
 - Conference task list was divided up amongst the members
 - Unsung Hero will be presented on May 25th at lunch
 - Discussed sessions