



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE

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MESA ACADEMIC SENATE

November 9, 2009 – 2:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – LRC 435

Approved Minutes

PRESENT: Bill Brothers, Leslie Cloud, Laura Collins, Jennifer Cost, Shirley Flor, Dwight Furrow, Martina Hesser, Erika Higginbotham, Bill Hoefler, Katie Holton, Jill Jansen, Inna Kanevsky, Margaret Karnyski, Kevin Krown, Ken Kuniyuki, Georgia Laris, Danielle Lauria, Susan Lazear, JoeMac McKenzie, Marichu Magana, Guillermo Marrujo, Jonathan McLeod, Phyllis Meckstroth, Mimi Moore, Val Ontell, Francisca Rascon, Cynthia Rico-Bravo, Joseph Safdie, Mike Sanchez, Marilynn Schenk, Barbara Sexton, Shannon Shi, George Svoboda, Terrie Teegarden, Farshid Zand, Bonnie ZoBell, Jim Wales (for L. Johnson), Chris Dawes, Rob Fremland

Absent: Mark Abajian, Becca Arnold, Anar Brahmhatt, Aulani, Chu, Michael Crivello, Michael Fitzgerald, Laleh Howard, Thekima Mayasa, , Tricia Mendoza, Pedro Olvera, Ron Ryno (Proxy to I. Kanevsky), Manuel Velez, Duane Wesley, Madeleine Hinkes (Proxy to B. Brothers), Michelle Tucker (excused)

I. **CALL TO ORDER & WELCOMES** were made by President C. Rico-Bravo at 2:18 pm

II. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A. **ASB Representative:** Mason Walker – Student Body has been brainstorming on different ways to offset any further cuts within the Community Colleges. The students also attended a conference 2 wks ago and the General Assembly voted on Resolutions to help advocate on behalf of the faculty. Packet of Resolutions that were voted on when student representative was present will be forwarded to Senator Holton. On November 20th, San Diego and Imperial Valley Counties are planning a rally at Balboa Park (off President's Way) from 11-1pm. They are expecting about 2,000 attendees. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

B. **Public:** No Public Presentation

III. **Guests:** No Guest

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of October 26, 2009 were approved with changes.

M/S

Brothers/Jansen

Unanimous

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **Academic Affairs** – B. Brothers reported on RAC guidelines. The committee met last week. It's composed of 4 faculty members, 3 administrators, 1 classified; Dean Bergland and Bill Brothers attended as observers only. A rubric with four questions was composed from the guidelines that were

approved during the last Academic Senate meeting; it is currently in Dean Bergland's office. A point was made that this was a faculty driven committee and that the committee members were all very pleased with the outcome. The faculty members volunteered to be part of this pilot. The expectations are that in the future a variety of departments will be represented on the committee.

- i. A concern was brought up of the transparency of this process and outcomes should be shared with faculty.
- ii. Some faculty also expressed that they would not like to be video taped during the presentations.
- iii. I think this was a statement of whether this committee should meet The Brown Act guidelines by publishing their agendas and minutes.
- iv. If this a workload issue, faculty have the option to opt out when approached to participate.
- v. Although the Senate voted on proceeding with this committee; several members felt that voting happened under pressure due to rushed timelines and there was a lack of information.

B. Professional Development Comm. – B. ZoBell informed the Senate that past successful sabbatical applications will be in the VPI's office. Email with information will be sent out to all faculty.

C. Committee of Chairs – R. Fremland, next Chairs meeting will be Wednesday November 11th. They are currently discussing the online book ordering system. Carol Rohe will be present for brief session of Q & A.

D. Curriculum Chair – S. Flor is strongly recommending faculty who will be submitting any proposals for curriculum review, to attend meetings and get the proper information to help make the process faster. The meetings take place 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at 2:00pm. An agenda is also sent out via email. You can get more information on the website at: <http://www.sdmesa.edu/instruction/crc/index.cfm>

E. Student Learning Outcomes – J. Safdie reported that during their last meeting on October 30th it was determined that there is a need for SLO committee to continue. However; no release time is available for SLO coordinator; therefore the coordinator duties will be disbursed among the committee members. Their next meeting will be on November 20th. There has been no discussion about re-instating release time for a coordinator in the future if the budget gets better. TaskStream is currently live, everybody has access to it.

F. Basic Skills – T. Teegarden, BSI met last week, it has been concluded that Reading is currently the forgotten Basic Skill. College students are reading at 5th and 6th grade level. There will be a workshop on Reading conducted by Marylinn Schenk on December 3rd from 3:00-4:30pm in G-105. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

- i. Alternate media is available for students thru DSPS; more students are using it this semester.
- ii. A concern was brought up whether this information is given to high schools; HS are now giving certificates of completion for students who are not passing CAHSEE testing or able to successfully pass their classes.
- iii. Suggestion to attach reading class to other courses was made to help students. Prerequisites?

VI. SENATE EXEC REPORTS

A. Vice President – No report.

B. Treasurer – No report.

C. State Senate Representative: K. Holton, Districts are currently looking for relieve for mandates. There are 3 resolutions on 50% Law, which states that 50% of the budget must be spent on salaries for classroom faculty. Three possibilities:

i. Abolish 50% Law

ii. Counselors and Librarians out of both sides of the equation

iii. 54% Law (would incorporate Counselors and Librarians on the Instructional side)

D. Senator at Large – J. Jansen handed out maps to the new Modular Village, where all the services that were formerly in I-400 building will now be residing during construction. A proposal has been made recommending that test proctoring will no longer will be part of DSPS. It would be campus and faculty responsibility starting in January 2010.

E. Secretary-No report.

F. President – C. Rico-Bravo

1. **President's Cabinet** met on October 27th. VPI, Tim McGrath provided update on FTEF for summer. Rollover has already taken place, there will be approximately 400 sections offered during the summer semester 2010 (that's a 27% reduction from summer 2009). Courses will be offered within 8 wk window, starting date TBD.

2. **District Governance** met on November 4th. An update on H1N1 vaccinations for faculty on students was provided; of the 16,000 vaccinations that Mesa College ordered only 100 were received. They were given to campus childcare workers, children and health services. H1N1 postcards and posters were distributed to senators.

3. **Board of Trustees** met on October 29th at Mesa College attended. Kudos to the Music Department for their music ensemble, to the students, and faculty from Geography and GIS program, Board Policy on Accreditation was given to senators, feedback was requested. No changes at this time.

4. **Student Services**

5. **Other** City College Academic Senate President asked for feedback on revising wording on faculty evaluation form to replace the word "measurement" with "assessment". Discussion took place, no final consensus.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Resolution 9.10.02-Recognition of the Academic Senate Responsibilities in regard to development and writing of any proposals which involve curriculum or certification.

It was open for discussion, introduced by S.Flor on October 26th. Friendly amendments were accepted by the author. There was a motion by B. Brothers to vote. Resolution 9.10.02 passed unanimously with friendly amendments.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i. Susan Lazear - Thom's Shoes Wednesday, November 18, 2009, email with info to follow.
- ii. Martina Hesser was chosen as the VP of Art History Association of Southern California
- iii. Chris Dawes informed the Senate that the term "Faculty Driven" has been used a lot lately. The term should not be used lightly.
- iv. Val Ontell – Walk in workshops still taking place. Remind your students to pick up form from her if they need extra credit. Schedule for workshops is in circulation desks.
- v. Joe Safdie has been appointed to the California State Academic Senate Committee - SLO Committee.
- vi. Michelle Parsons has been appointed to the California State Academic Senate Committee - Basic Skills.

X. ADJOURNMENT 3:45 p.m.