



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE

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MESA ACADEMIC SENATE

November 29, 2010: H117/H118 (2:15PM-4:00PM)

Minutes

PRESENT:

Kris Clark, Jennifer Cost, Chris Dawes, Joel Espinoza, Rob Fremland, Martina Hesser, Erika Higginbotham, Madeleine Hinkes, Holly Hodnick, Bill Hoefler, Katie Holton, Sharon Hughes, Jill Jansen, Leroy Johnson, Ken Kuniyuki, Susan Lazear, Laurie Mackenzie, Joe "Mac" McKenzie, Phyllis Meckstroth, Toni Parsons, Cynthia Rico-Bravo, Angela Romeo, Ron Ryno, Mike Sanchez and Shannon Shi

ABSENT:

Mark Abajian, Becca Arnold, Anar Brahmabhatt (Proxy to Chris Dawes), Aulani Chun, Leslie Cloud, Michael Crivello, Nelly Dougherty, Dwight Furrow, Peter Jacoby (Excused), Geoff Johnson, Georgia Laris, Danielle Lauria (Excused), Guillermo Marrujo, Thekima Mayasa, Jonathan McLeod, Tricia Mendoza, Devin Milner, Francesca Rascon, Sabrina Santiago, Marilyn Schenk, Barbara Sexton, George Svoboda (Excused), Michelle Tucker, Manuel Velez, Duane Wesley and Farshid Zand

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME by President Cynthia Rico-Bravo @ 2:16 P.M.

II. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

A. ASB Representative: (Joel Espinoza)

1. The ASB will host a "Cultural Awareness Day" on December 2nd in the picnic table area between Associated Students (AS), bookstore, cafeteria, and Student Affairs. There will be performances on the AS stage.
2. The ASB will also host a Transfer Workshop with representatives from SDSU and UCSD on December 7th from 11:10AM-12:45PM in room K210b.

B. Classified Senate Representative: (Angela Romeo)

No Report.

III. GUESTS:

A. Accreditation Visit Recommendations: (Interim President Armstrong)

Interim President Armstrong discussed the issues she will address in the December 2010 San Diego Mesa College (SDMC) President's Report.

a. Preliminary Accreditation Report:

Interim President Armstrong received the preliminary report from the accreditation team approximately one and a half week ago. The report was also reviewed by Vice Presidents Kavalier, McGrath, and Perez and Academic Senate President Cynthia Rico-Bravo. Liz has submitted a five page response which includes corrections to factual inaccuracies and notations of contradictory statements made by the team. The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) will not respond to Liz's letter. The

ACCJC will not meet until January 2011 to review the accreditation team's report for Mesa College.

Liz noted that she has received a campus-wide consensus that we are all willing to do the work that is necessary to maintain Mesa College's outstanding reputation.

b. Planning:

Interim President Armstrong reiterated that the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) has been meeting weekly after President's Cabinet this semester. The SPC also held a six hour retreat on November 5th during which the committee was able to reach common ground on their understanding of what defines the planning process. Interim President Armstrong has been reviewing the planning documents for six California community colleges including San Diego's City and Grossmont colleges. Liz reported that the SPC has been able to make progress in planning during the month of November. We must be able to link planning for the entire college to planning within every dean's school and planning within every department within the schools. She also reported that the Educational Master Plan needs to be expanded. The SPC has developed goals and objectives that we can measure for this year. The SPC also developed a draft of annual priorities. We need to determine benchmarks for our performance indicator data. Liz is still working on linking basic skills and the transfer center's data to the planning process. We also need to look at external and internal factors that affect our planning process. The SPC will present their planning summary at the January 2011 classified and faculty forums. The SPC will review comments and recommendations from the Mesa College community and present a revised summary at the March 2011 faculty forum. We also need to have a parallel committee responsible for reviewing resource allocation requests that occur one year after the completion of a department's program review. The committee will make recommendations to President's Cabinet and Mesa College's President. Liz thanked the faculty for their assistance in the planning process. Cynthia Rico-Bravo reported that faculty ideas have been the basis for the work that has been completed by the SPC.

c. Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs):

Interim President Armstrong feels that SLOs are beneficial if they are completed appropriately. The SLOs for Mesa College are currently not centrally located. Katie Holton asked about the issue of tying SLOs to faculty evaluations. Liz told the senate that any future discussions regarding tying SLOs to faculty evaluations will need to be addressed during the union bargaining/negotiation process. There will be .4 to .6 Equivalent Student Units (EDUs) available at least for spring 2011 earmarked for facilitating our accreditation efforts that may possibly be used to assist departments with the completion of their SLOs. Liz has asked the deans to convene departmental meetings to assist in the completion of SLOs. Rob Fremland asked if there is the possibility of using tools other "Taskstream" to complete SLOs, since some departments are having difficulties completing SLOs in "Taskstream". Liz said "Taskstream" is the preference, but she is willing to review SLOs that the departments cannot document in "Taskstream". She also noted that SLOs will need to be included on the course syllabus in addition to the course objectives.

IV. APPROVAL OF SENATE MINUTES: The Minutes of November 8, 2010 were unanimously approved.

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Unanimous

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Academic Affairs: No Report

B. Professional Development: Professional Development Committee (PDC) Chair Sharon Hughes reminded the senate that the January 28, 2011 deadline for spring 2011 salary advancement applications is rapidly approaching. The February 28, 2011 deadline for sabbatical applications is also drawing near.

C. Committee of Chairs: Rob Fremland shared the chairs' response to the accreditation team's recommendations. The chairs are working on two related resolutions for spring 2011. Cynthia Rico-Bravo reported that the ACCJC is taking a much more punitive stance than the other accrediting bodies. Cynthia reiterated that SLOs must be faculty-driven. Cynthia encouraged the senate to read the Academe Online article titled "Making Faculty Count in Higher Education Assessment".

D. Curriculum Chair: Toni Parsons reported on SB 1440. SB 1440 is an unfunded mandate that grants priority admission for California Community College (CCC) students with 60 units to the CSU and guarantees associate degree transfers to the CSU. Miramar College Articulation Officer and associate professor, Duane Styles, created a Transfer Model Curriculum (TMC), nicknamed "Duane's Brain" with other articulation officers throughout the state to assess the outcome of various levels of CCC guideline adoption and integration with the CSU and the possible outcomes for our students. TMCs represent a move towards state-wide universal curriculum. TMCs have been completed for six associate degrees. At least two must be completed by fall 2011 and must meet the March 2011 college catalog deadline.

SB 1440 is using the Course Identification Numbering System (CID) to assign universal course numbers to CCC and CSU courses in order to create course alignment. A great deal of discrepancies currently exists within the various CCC campuses, within the CSU system, and between CCCs and the CSU. Toni Parsons noted that discrepancies also exist regarding the number of units that are credited for some courses. Katie Holton noted that UCSD is not part of SB 1440 and no guarantee for acceptance to the CSU currently exists. The CSU currently uses the issue of impaction to deny entry to CCC students. Cynthia Rico-Bravo reported that SB 1440 was written in response to the CSU's denial of CCC student transfer applications. Increasing the grade point average (GPA) requirements may help reduce the number of instances where the issue of impaction is cited.

Kris Clark reported that the CSU does not seem to be accepting of SB 1440. Kris also reported that significant differences exist between curriculum for the northern and southern regions of the state.

E. Basic Skills: No Report

F. Textbook Affordability: No Report

VI. SENATE EXEC REPORTS:

A. President-Elect: No Report

B. Treasurer: No Report

C. State Senate Representative: Katie Holton reported the State Chancellor has changed the wording for SB 1143 from implementation to study. SB 1143 would establish a framework for allocating funds to CCCs based on the rate of student course completion and transfers to four-year colleges or universities, also known as

Performance Based Funding, if implementation occurs. A task force is being formed to evaluate the features of the bill. Faculty will play a significant role on the task force and have the opportunity to design meaningful indicators of student success and ensure that faculty continues to be evaluated through peer reviews and not by legislators and taxpayers.

Katie reported that SB 1440 will require a great deal of work on the part of everyone from the school departments on up to the State Chancellor's office.

Katie also reported that there are currently two caucuses that are part of the state academic senate. Historically, the caucuses have worked to increase representation for underrepresented groups and increase student diversity. One caucus is working on ensuring that the needs of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered (LGBT) students are being met. The other caucus represents adjunct faculty. Two caucuses that may go through the approval process this spring would represent art history students and rural colleges.

D. Senator at Large: No Report

E. Secretary: Erika Higginbotham reported Accessibility Policy 3108 has been approved by the district to ensure compliance with state and federal laws regarding the accessibility of audio visual and web-based resources for disabled students.

F. President: (Cynthia Rico-Bravo)

1. **President's Cabinet:** President Cynthia Rico-Bravo emailed her report; there were no further questions or discussion.
2. **District Governance:** President Cynthia Rico-Bravo emailed her report; there were no further questions or discussion.
3. **Board of Trustees:** President Cynthia Rico-Bravo emailed her report; there were no further questions or discussion.
4. **Student Services:** President Cynthia Rico-Bravo emailed her report; there were no further questions or discussion.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Academic Senate Secretary: (Cynthia Rico-Bravo)

Academic Senate Secretary Erika Higginbotham will be on sabbatical in spring 2011 during the last semester of her term. President-Elect Madeleine Hinkes has graciously agreed to fill in until a new secretary is elected.

VIII. Announcements:

- A. The December 13, 2010 Academic Senate meeting has been cancelled.
- B. The next Academic Senate meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2010 in H117/H118.

IX. ADJOURNMENT @ 3:58 PM

Submitted by Erika Higginbotham