



**For Approval: November 29, 2010**

**MESA ACADEMIC SENATE  
November 8, 2010: LRC 435 (2:15PM-4:00PM)  
Minutes**

**PRESENT:**

Anar Brahmhatt, Jennifer Cost, Chris Dawes, Nelly Dougherty, Joel Espinoza, Rob Fremland, Martina Hesser, Erika Higginbotham, Holly Hodnick, Bill Hoefler, Katie Holton, Sharon Hughes, Peter Jacoby, Jill Jansen, Geoff Johnson, Leroy Johnson, Danielle Lauria, Ken Kuniyuki, Georgia Laris, Susan Lazear, Laurie Mackenzie, Guillermo Marrujo, Thekima Mayasa, Joe "Mac" McKenzie, Jonathan McLeod, Phyllis Meckstroth, Devin Milner, Francesca Rascon, Cynthia Rico-Bravo, Angela Romeo, Ron Ryno, Mike Sanchez, Marilynn Schenk, Barbara Sexton, Shannon Shi, and Duane Wesley

**ABSENT:**

Mark Abajian, Becca Arnold, Aulani Chun, Kris Clark (Proxy to Georgia Laris), Leslie Cloud, Michael Crivello, Dwight Furrow (Proxy to Jonathan McLeod), Madeleine Hinkes (Proxy to Rob Fremland), Tricia Mendoza, Toni Parsons (Proxy to Phyllis Meckstroth), Sabrina Santiago, George Svoboda (Excused), Michelle Tucker (Proxy to Marilynn Schenk), Manuel Velez, 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 honor veterans on November 11<sup>th</sup> in front of the cafeteria.
2. The City College ASB and the Logan Heights Neighborhood Counsel will host the "Big Clean-Up" on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Cynthia Rico-Bravo asked how students can sign up if they want to volunteer. Please send an email to Joel if you would like to volunteer.
3. The ASB will also host the "Cultural Awareness Day" on December 2<sup>th</sup> in the picnic table area between the Associated Students (AS), bookstore, cafeteria, and Student Affairs. There will be performances on the AS stage.

**B. Classified Senate Representative:** (Angela Romeo)

No Report.

**III. GUESTS:**

**A. External Exams:** (Juliette Parker)

1. Articulation/Process for Reviewing Standardized Test Scores for Advance Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and Assigning Course Credits:
  - a. The California State University System (CSU) has partnered with the College Level Examination Program (CLEP).
  - b. The CSU has sent out a memo asking for system-wide standardization between all CSU campuses and all community colleges in applying credit for

test scores to general education credit for an area of discipline as opposed to specific courses. The list of applicable courses will expand as the CSU adopts CLEP tests for additional areas of discipline.

- c. Mesa has been working with the California Community College (CCCs) since SPRING 2009 to standardize credits for AP test scores.
- d. Juliette encouraged Katie Holton, our delegate to the senate academic senate, to vote in favor of the resolution at the November 2010 Plenary Session.

**IV. APPROVAL OF SENATE MINUTES:** The Minutes of October 25, 2010 were unanimously approved.

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**Unanimous**

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Academic Affairs:** Academic Affairs is currently reviewing the position papers.
- B. Professional Development:** Report E-Mailed.
- C. Committee of Chairs:** Rob Fremland reported on the Chairs meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup> regarding the Accreditation visit. Several deans were also in attendance. Interim President Armstrong discussed the Accreditation team's commendations and recommendations. She informed the chairs that we will only be able to meet our goals through shared governance. She is asking the Mesa community for their assistance.
- D. Curriculum Chair:** Toni Parsons is absent today. Cynthia Rico-Bravo provided a handout listing the discipline deans in the district.
- E. Basic Skills:** Terrie Teegarden reported the Basic Skills Committee (BSC) met on November 5<sup>th</sup>. She asked the senate to view the video "Why Students Drop". Students were interviewed and asked why they dropped classes. Their responses were compared to the responses of their instructors. Terrie reported that we need to come up with a one page list of ideas on how we can increase our student retention numbers. Although the number of basic skills students has increased, their proportion to the total number of students has decreased. (We are currently experiencing an increase in total student enrollment for the college.) There is a gap between the success rate of African-American and Latino students in comparison to the success rate of Caucasian students. Terrie will work on creating FLEX workshops that will that will help reduce the gap.
- F. Textbook Affordability:** No Report.

**VI. SENATE EXEC REPORTS:**

- A. President-Elect:** Madeleine is absent today.
- B. Treasurer:** No Report.
- C. State Senate Representative:**

The California Community College League is asking the state chancellor to delay the implementation of changes until his office consults with the academic senates of the individual community colleges. The State Academic Senate will vote on aligning California Community Colleges (CCC) courses with the California State University (CSU) system at the November 13<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session at the Anaheim Sheraton Park Hotel. We need to review the state academic senate's resolutions to see if Mesa's senate wants to accept the resolutions. Katie reported that there are two contentious issues that are arising. One is SB 1440 and the use of an associate's degree in Biology as a transfer degree. Mesa will need to research and find out how much we are in agreement with the state academic senate. The other is "double dipping". The California State Universities (CSU) wants to allow students to receive multiple credits for taking only one course.
- D. Senator at Large:** No Report.
- E. Secretary:** No Report.

**F. President:** (Cynthia Rico-Bravo)

**1. Faculty Obligation Number (FON):**

The FON for full-time faculty is being discussed today by the Board of Governor. The formula requires that 75% of classes are taught by full-time faculty. However, the FON obligation has been suspended for the past few years. FON is not part of the 50% rule. The district self-reports our FON to the state. The senate needs to know what is being written and reported regarding FON, especially if any inaccurate information is being reported to the state.

**2. Prop S & N Projects:**

The Prop S & N projects are current \$90,000 over budget. A fairly small percentage of the over \$500 million total budget.

**3. President's Cabinet:** President Cynthia Rico-Bravo emailed her report; there were no further questions or discussion.

**4. District Governance:** President Cynthia Rico-Bravo emailed her report; there were no further questions or discussion.

**5. Board of Trustees:** President Cynthia Rico-Bravo emailed her report; there were no further questions or discussion.

**6. Student Services:** President Cynthia Rico-Bravo emailed her report; there were no further questions or discussion.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. 10.09.04 Resolution to Establish Compensation and/or Reassigned Time for Lead Writers of Program Review Documents:** Introduced by the Mesa College English department. It was moved by Marilyn Schenk and seconded by Katie Holton with the addition of lead writers for student services to the resolution.

**Approved**

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**B. Accreditation:**

We will need to develop a time line and a mid-term assessment date in order to meet the SLO deadline of FALL 2012. The Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) wants to create a home grown plan for meeting our planning goals. The senate also discussed the need to find allies at the local, state, and federal level to advocate for us and create incremental changes that will advance the educational goals of our students and the needs of our institution.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT @ 3:59 PM**

Submitted by Erika Higginbotham