



For Approval: 04/13/09

MESA ACADEMIC SENATE
March 23, 2009 – 2:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – H117/H118
Draft Minutes

PRESENT: Anar Brahmbhatt, Bill Brothers, Aulani Chun, Leslie Cloud, Laura Collins, Michael Crivello, Chris Dawes, Margaret Fickess, Shirley Flor, Dwight Furrow, Martina Hesser, Madeleine Hinkes, Bill Hoefler, Gary Holton, Jill Jansen, Leroy Johnson, Margaret Karnyski, Wendell Kling, Ken Kuniyuki, Marichu Magana, Guillermo Marrujo, Andrea Marx, Joe McKenzie, Jonathan McLeod, Val Ontell, Cynthia Rico-Bravo, Ron Ryno, Joseph Safdie, Mike Sanchez, Marilynn Schenk, Shannon Shi, Paul Sykes, George Svoboda, Terrie Teegarden, Manuel Velez, Bonnie ZoBell, Mason Walker (Student Representative)

Absent: Mark Abajian, Becca Arnold, Nathan Betschart, Ida Cross, Adrienne Dawes, Bob Gordon, Teresa Higuera, Laleh Howard, Geoffery Johnson, Andrea Luoma, Tricia Mendoza, Dina Miyoshi, Francisca Rascon, Barbara Sexton, Chris Sullivan, Tracy Tuttle, Somiyah Waleh, Duane Wesley, Farshid Zand

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOMES were made by President Teegarden at 2:16p.m.

II. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- Associated Student Body (ASB) Representative-Mason Walker reported;
- The remainder of money to cover Hermes Castro's trip was covered by ASG. Hermes started his expedition on March 14, 2009.
 - Mesa students are in Washington, D.C. this week advocating for increase in Pell Grants.
 - Last week they were in Sacramento to voice their concerns regarding the schedule and the impact on their educational goals.

III. GUESTS Susan Mun and Yvonne Bergland gave a presentation on Accountability Reporting for the Community Colleges (ARCC) 2009 San Diego Mesa College. For further information visit the ARCC web site

<http://www.cccco.edu/SystemOffice/Divisions/TechResearchInfo/ResearchandPlanning/ARCC/tabid/292/Default.aspx> or

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- Questions were raised about the population size, statistical error and what we need to focus on as a college.

IV. APPROVAL OF SENATE MINUTES OF March 9, 2009 the minutes were approved with amendments.

M/S

Ontell/Johnson

Unanimous

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Academic Affairs – B. Brothers reported on a presentation from the Honors Program

During Fall 2008 there were 126 Honors Contracts, 8 Honors Courses. In Spring 2009 there were 107 Honors Contracts, 9 Honors Courses. The report included:

- A list of sponsored events
- Transfer information
- Faculty outreach and support
- Student outreach and involvement
- Budget for Honors Program
- Goals for this year have been met
- Goals set for next year

B. Professional Development Committee – B. Brothers for B. ZoBell informed the Senate that Sabbatical Applications have been reviewed by the committee. Nine sabbaticals have been allotted for Mesa faculty. City did not use two of their sabbaticals, which will go to Mesa for a total of 11 sabbatical leaves for Mesa during the 2009-2010 academic year. Announcements will be made by President Cepeda in the coming weeks.

C. Committee of Chairs – P. Sykes reported that the committee met via email due to schedule conflict. There was discussion about the changes in Reprographics.

D. Student Learning Outcomes – J. Safdie reported the following:

- SLO Regional Conference held at Mesa last Friday, March 20th was a success. There was a gourmet meal prepared by our Culinary Department.
- After reviewing the list of colleges that have been placed on probation, his findings were that this was not due to SLO issues.
- April 16th (2-4pm Rm. G-105) will be the Mesa SLO Fair where departments will share their SLOs. Flex credit has been approved for this event. It will also be video taped and faculty may receive Flex credit by watching this event on video.
- Software (TaskStream) implementation is currently taking place; Lynn Neault would like this software to remain secure. Limited access is a concern.

VI. SENATE EXEC REPORTS

A. President Elect – C. Rico-Bravo reminded everyone that Academic Senate Election is now online. Voting is March 23, 2009 thru March 27, 2009. The correct spelling of the website is <https://faculty.sdccd.edu/mesavote> (**make sure there is an 's' at the end of http**). After voting you will receive an email confirmation. Contact Randall Kottel for any questions.

B. State Senate Representative – G. Holton reported:

- There will be an Area D meeting this weekend.
- There is a packet of resolutions, available on the Statewide Academic website. <http://www.asccc.org/>
- There are several proposed changes to the disciplines list as well as other minimum qualifications proposals such as proposals to eliminate eminence as part of equivalency, no equivalency to Associate degrees

C. President – T. Teegarden (15 mins.)

1. President's Cabinet

- Order your regalia for commencement ASAP as the cost for late orders is high.
 - The program review year one report was accepted by the cabinet.
 - The reassigned time paper was presented and accepted. You will be seeing requests for application to a number of positions from the VPI's office.
 - You should have received a notice about the year end closing dates for budgets. If you plan to travel or anticipate a need for supplies between now and the end of June, please put in for the money ASAP.
 - The district statement of cultural competency was discussed as well as the issue of how this will be reflected in the hiring process
2. District Governance
 - The District strategic plan is now in the final stages. If you have any suggestions, please forward them to the senate office and they will be forwarded to the District.
 - The change in hours for services has been accepted. Please note that except for specific people, the college will be closed for both Spring break and Thanksgiving. Those who have 12 month contracts will be able to take the time as vacation or decide to work. If they choose to work, there will be designated areas of the campus open. This will allow for security.
 - STRS/PERS have indicated a decrease in their portfolio which may result in an increase to the district of about \$1.5 – 3 million in contributions.
 3. Board of Trustees
 - A presentation of the accreditation process was given to the board.
 4. Other
 - The district affordable textbook committee has been working on an online ordering system for textbooks and materials. In addition, together with our campus committee, an informational flyer has been developed to help educate faculty on the ways they can help lower the cost of textbooks to students.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Academic Freedom Statement** - currently the catalog has Faculty Rights & Responsibilities; there was discussion about including the Academic Freedom Statement which has recently been revised by Jonathan McLeod for the catalog for more clarity. A motion to suspend the rules was approved and motion to accept the wording was approved (M/S Velez/Ontell). It will now go to President's Cabinet. A motion was made to urge the district to use similar wording in the development of District Policy on Academic Freedom. A motion to suspend the rules was approved and the wording will be sent on to District (M/S Furrow/Jansen)

VIII. New BUSINESS

- A. **Student satisfaction surveys** – since the on-line return rate was low, surveys will be administered in selected classes
- B. **Faculty email address on the class schedule**, there is a concern on whether faculty emails should be linked to class schedule. Senators have been asked to go back to their departments and ask contract and adjunct faculty their input on this concern and bring a consensus back to next meeting. Also there is no current list of adjunct phone numbers or accurate contact information. What is the best way to contact adjuncts?
- C. **LRC Evening Hours** – A concern was expressed that we will not be offering services during the summer for evening students. There is a State Ed Code which should be followed. Terrie Teegarden to follow up in this matter.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- B. Donation to the Hermes fund**, Faculty donated over \$1,000 towards Hermes' Expedition. He has arrived at his destination. A blog will be emailed by President Cepeda so anyone can follow along in his journey.
- C. Canyon Day – Saturday, April 18th**
- D. Planting of Three Sisters at Mesa's Organic Garden –Saturday, March 28th - P-100/200 (9-12)**

X. ADJOURNMENT 3:50pm