

- On May 28th, Jim Mahler (AFT) plans to have a meeting at the AFT offices with department chairs from Mesa, City, and Miramar to continue discussions on various concerns raised by the chairs from its April 9th meeting.
 - Naomi Grisham (Coordinator, Transfer Center) was also invited as a guest speaker to the May 14th Chairs Meeting to clarify the Transfer Agreement Guarantee (TAG) agreement. It still exists but the criteria used have changed with UCSD.
 - Ivonne Alvarez (Admissions, Supervisor) requested that faculty contact the Attendance Office to have a student's name removed from the roster when they have not attended class. The Records Office would also like to be contacted for any errors found on their report on a student's attendance.
- C. **Curriculum Review Committee Chair.** Paula Gustin reported the "Associate Degree with General Education (GE) Requirements" was approved at the May 8th Curriculum and Instructional Council (CIC) regarding new patterns for 1) SDCCD GE and District Requirement; 2) CSU GE Breadth (CSU GE pattern); and 3) Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern. The 4th pattern "SDCCD GE and additional courses needed to meet all lower division GE requirements of an accredited U.S. postsecondary institution which awards the baccalaureate degree, as detailed in an inter-institutional articulation or transfer agreement and certified by a City, Mesa, or Miramar College counselor" approval is pending. It was not yet approved because the changes would overwhelm counselors. The CRC decided to wait for the awarding of degrees before the 4th GE option will be offered.
- D. **Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment Coordinator (SLOAC).** Joe Safdie indicated at the last SLO Committee Meeting that they discussed possible software systems to document SLO's but they ran out of time. A new meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 20th at 10:30 A.M. in Room A-102. He mentioned attending a District meeting where all SLOAC's were present. A decision was made at that meeting to form a subcommittee led by Dean Ray Ramirez (CE) and Vice President Lynn Neault to research and recommend a software system for tracking SLO's. Cost is still an issue.
- E. **Vice President.** Cynthia Rico-Bravo reported on the following items:
- An email reminder was sent by San Filippo asking departments to send names of their senators and chairs for 2008-09.
 - Rico-Bravo thanked faculty who served on committees this past year. She also urged faculty to ask new instructors in their departments to help serve on committees.
 - A bouquet of tulips was presented to Gustin and to Laris from Rico-Bravo who thanked them for serving on the Senate Executive Committee. Shirley Flor will be taking Gustin's place as the faculty co-chair of CRC, and Paul Sykes will be taking Laris' place as the Chair, Committee of Chairs.
- F. **President.** Rico-Bravo reported on behalf of President Teegarden on the following items:
- 1) **President's Cabinet -**
- Council member Donna Frye declared May 3rd Canyon Day in San Diego. Rico-Bravo thanked Student Affairs and others who volunteered to make the event a success.
 - The "ESL/Basic Skills Action Plan for 2008-09" written by Tracey Walker (BSI Coordinator) was approved by the Board and delivered to the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC).
 - Concerns were raised by organizations that put on events. Facilities had removed some flyers before the events had happened or had been completed. As a result, campus posting policies were reviewed. Rico-Bravo also asked that Dean Ashanti Hands post the rules online.
 - There are issues regarding equivalency. It is HR's responsibility to determine minimum quals, and prescreened applicant deadlines are not being met. This concern may be brought up again in the fall.

2) District Governance Committee (DGC) -

- ASCCC agreed with Title 5 that a student is allowed to challenge a grade. The situation involved a student who challenged a grade based on alleged discriminatory treatment. When Gustin was asked about her thoughts on this topic, she agreed that it can be done based on what Vice Chancellor Lynn Neault had said about it. Gustin also mentioned that this constituted an alleged discrimination. Guillermo Marrujo (Counselor) provided additional information to Rico-Bravo for her to announce regarding the grade challenge but no deadline was indicated.

3) District Committee –

- The Budget Committee met but they discovered there are many issues with the budget situation. Several advocacy groups hope to raise their concerns with state legislators. Jonathan McLeod along with his advocacy group has planned to meet with Assemblywoman Shirley Horton (District 78) and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration of A.S. degree categories from the Statewide Associate Degree Task Force. This information was provided as information to share with your departments. It will be reviewed again in the fall.

B. Resolution 08.4.1 – Summer Responsibilities (C. Rico-Bravo).
M/S/U Ontell/ZoBell Unanimous

C. Resolution 08.4.2 – Sabbatical Leaves Determined by Merit Alone (B. ZoBell).
ZoBell mentioned that faculty can still turn in professional development paperwork until Friday, May 16th since the Professional Development Committee (PDC) will be meeting on Wednesday, May 21st. Otherwise, it is best to wait until Fall. Faculty were also reminded if they plan to mail the paperwork to her, it should be addressed to the *Professional Development Committee, Mailbox: A109.*

Before she read the resolution, ZoBell pointed out the sections that were revised; the first whereas was reworded and the last resolved statement was changed into 2 resolved statements. The first resolved stated that sabbatical leaves should only be based on merit and the second resolved stated that faculty should not be denied if work is related to the sabbatical, even if faculty are getting paid for it. One issue raised by ZoBell and Dawes is that every person interprets the AFT contract language differently.

A motion was made to approve it and it passed unanimously.

D. Resolution 08.4.3 – Accreditation should not be withheld for insufficient incorporation of SLO's – (R. Ryno). Ryno asked that the word "The" be removed from the first, three Whereas statements and to insert the word "of" "...indispensable part of community...". Safdie recommended that his senate colleagues abstain from supporting it because he felt that it was vague and inaccurate, and it wasn't clear which audience Ryno was trying to address. Discussions followed with Crivello who read information on SLO's from the WASC handbook ("Faculty and others directly responsible for student progress toward achieving stated SLO's have, as a component of their evaluation, effectiveness in producing those SLO's", page 26) and McLeod who referenced a 2007 publication from AAJC which had 5 extensive references to SLO's and how "SLO's will be used for accreditation purposes." Holton raised a concern that the AFT won't negotiate SLO's. A question was raised to get clarification on WASC's interpretation of what they mean by SLO's but they haven't responded. Specht felt that she could not support Ryno's resolution because it would not be appropriate for Mesa to tell the Accreditation Committee what to do. Holton added that the Senate can voice a stance on anything and that it is their role to take a stance on this matter.

A vote was taken to approve the resolution and it received 7 Ayes, 14 Opposed; thus it failed to pass.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 08.5.1 – Support for the continuation of the Curriculum

Coordinator (B. Brothers – Academic Affairs). Gustin gave a brief summary of how Mesa has benefited from having Elizabeth Castaneda, Curriculum Coordinator, help integrate and push courses through for the CRC. Brothers asked the Senate to vote on a resolution drafted by Academic Affairs to support the continuation of the Curriculum Coordinator for next year. After it was read by Brothers, he asked to suspend the rules so that the Senate could proceed to vote on it. He emphasized how the position is vital to the college to maintain it. It was moved by Brothers, seconded by Specht. Ontell moved to suspend the rules. Gustin mentioned that Castaneda helped shorten the list of 130 courses to be integrated down to 90 and she's hopeful that the project will be finished by next year. Fickess agreed that Castaneda helped the Allied Health Program integrate courses in less than 6 months. Specht called the question to vote and it was approved unanimously.

B. MOU between Webster University San Diego and Mesa College for B.A. in Management and Partnership Agreement for College Transfer (PACT) for Webster University and Community Colleges in San Diego County.

Laris mentioned how the chairs did not agree with the MOU and could not support it because it discouraged Mesa students from taking courses here so that they could transfer to Webster University San Diego. Holton asked about Cox Communication's role, and it was explained that Cox partnered with Webster to offer a B.A in Management in 2008; however, Webster is seeking to have a non-binding PACT with Community Colleges to help students obtain an Associate's degree. Rico-Bravo responded that Naomi Grisham mentioned to her that the chairs concerns are a moot point and further discussions are to take place in the fall.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Specht mentioned Tutor Appreciation Day is on May 15th (Thursday) from 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. in H117.
- B. McLeod announced an upcoming FLEX workshop on August 22nd (Friday) from 10:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. in LRC 435 – "Defending Academic Freedom and the First Amendment". Hear crucial issues on the first amendment and perspectives from Marti Himmelman, Judy Michaels, Chancellor Constance Carroll, and Senate Majority Leader Gloria Romero.
- C. Schenk invited faculty to attend the English 56 project, May 14th (Wednesday) from 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. in LRC 435. She and Nancee Kessinger's class will give presentations on issues with illegal immigration. Refreshments will be served.
- D. Academic Senate and the Senate Executive Committee's Meeting Schedule for 2008-09 has been approved and is available online at <http://www.sdmesa.edu/academic-senate/meetings/pdf/meetings-schedule.pdf>
- E. Jaye Van Kirk was given an award by Asia Media, Inc. on May 10th for her work in Education.
- F. Ontell attended Mesa's Scholarship Banquet and announced the recipient of the Jack Kemp Award (\$30,000 scholarship) was given to Bahawa Nimaga.

IX. ADJOURNMENT was made by Rico-Bravo at 3:29 P.M.

Next meeting will be on September 15, 2008, in Room H117/118 at 2:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by
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