



For Approval: September 27, 2010

MESA ACADEMIC SENATE
September 13, 2010: H117/H118 (2:15PM-4:00PM)
Minutes

PRESENT:

Mark Abajian, Becca Arnold, Anar Brahmabhatt, Kris Clark, Leslie Cloud, Jennifer Cost, Nelly Dougherty, Jill Jansen, Rob Fremland, Martina Hesser, Erika Higginbotham, Madeleine Hinkes, Holly Hodnick, Bill Hoefler, Katie Holton, Sharon Hughes, Peter Jacoby, Jill Jansen, Leroy Johnson, Ken Kuniyuki, Georgia Laris, Danielle Lauria, Susan Lazear, Cesar Lopez, Laurie Mackenzie, Guillermo Marrujo, Thekima Mayasa, Jonathan McLeod, Phyllis Meckstroth, Devin Milner, Shahzeb Naqi, Michelle "Toni" Parsons, Francisca Rascon, Cynthia Rico-Bravo, Angela Romeo, Ron Ryno, Mike Sanchez, Marilyn Schenk, Barbara Sexton, Shannon Shi, George Svoboda

ABSENT:

Aulani Chun, Laura Collins (excused), Michael Crivello, Dwight Furrow, Kevin Krown (proxy to Anar Brahmabhatt), Joe "Mac" McKenzie (proxy to Shannon Shi), Anita Plagge (excused), Michelle Tucker (excused), Walter "Duane" Wesley, Farshid Zand

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME by Cynthia Rico-Bravo @ 2:15 PM.

II. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

A. ASB Representative: (Shahzeb Naqi, ASG President)

The ASB will hold elections next week. This is the first time the ASB will have a full cabinet in five years.

The ASB has funding available for the instructional departments on campus. Please refer to the handout "Associated Students' Departmental Funding Assistance Policy".

B. Accreditation Update: (Deans Jill Baker and Yvonne Bergland)

Dean Baker provided additional information regarding the Accreditation section of the Mesa College website. Dean Baker encourages faculty to read the status of the Self-Identified Action Plan, the 5 page abstract, and the self-study responses to recommendations.

Dean Bergland reported that Dr. Brice Harris (the Accreditation Team Leader) will meet with Interim President Armstrong and Vice President McGrath on September 20th. Cathy Palestine (ext. 2509) and Mila Zagyskiy (ext. 2755) will be the point people. The Logistics Team is preparing to meet with each department to assist with their preparations for the October Accreditation visit. Notifications for classroom visits during Accreditation week will be at least a couple of hours in advance. (However, VPI McGrath provided an Accreditation update at the September 27th and informed Academic Affairs that the Accreditation team is not willing to provide advance notice prior to classroom visits.) Interim President Armstrong also informed the senate that faculty will be able to ask for meetings with the Accreditation team.

III. GUEST:

A. Accreditation Team & Strategic Planning: (Interim President Armstrong)

1. Accreditation Team:

Interim President Armstrong informed the senate that the Accreditation team is comprised of members that are part of other community colleges.

2. Strategic Planning Committee:

Interim President Armstrong informed the senate that our Strategic Planning Document is based on our prior works and the outcomes of our last Accreditation visit. The Strategic Planning Committee is charged with the challenge of aligning and integrating Instruction, Student Services, Administrative Services, Budget Planning, Facilities Planning, and Program Review. A summary of the committee's accomplishments will be presented at the September 14th President's Cabinet. Donald Abbott, Madeleine Hinkes, and Cynthia Rico-Bravo are the three faculty members on the Strategic Planning Committee. Interim President Armstrong also discussed the role of the 50% Rule in the district's budget planning and some of the factors that affect our ability to meet the 50% Rule. We will continue to add class sections in order to meet the 50% Rule. Interim President Armstrong also reported our enrollment has increased by 10% and Mesa may hit a head count of 25,000 students by the end of fall 2010.

IV. APPROVAL OF SENATE MINUTES: The Minutes of May 10, 2010 were unanimously approved.

M/S

McLeod/Jansen

Unanimous

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. **Academic Affairs:** Peter Jacoby is the new Interim Chair.

B. **Professional Development:** Report E-Mailed.

C. **Committee of Chairs:** Introducing Resolution 10.09.02 under New Business.

D. **Curriculum Chair:** Toni Parsons encouraged faculty to secure support from their departments and deans prior to the introduction of new courses. It is also necessary to ensure course alignment with City and Miramar Colleges. Please contact Elizabeth Norvell if you need assistance with CurricUNET. Please contact Juliette Parker for assistance regarding Articulation and Transferability. Over half of our classes (approx. 1200) are not in compliance with the state's Title V requirements. The next Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) meeting is scheduled for September 16th.

E. **Basic Skills:** Terry Teegarden gave a Basic Skills presentation to the senate. She also announced a new book club that starts on September 17th. The first book will be "College Fear Factor". The book researches the expectations of students and how they differ from those of instructors and vice versa.

F. **Textbook Affordability:** No Report.

D. Program Review Recommendations: Adjustments to the review of short and long-term goals.

M/S

Fremland/Clark

Unanimous

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A.** Cynthia Rico-Bravo announced that SDCCD and the Grossmont/Cuyamaca Community College District (GCCCD) will sponsor an event for new innovations called "Innovations 2011 Conference Planning" to be held at the San Diego Hilton Bayfront Hotel in 2011 from February 27th to March 2nd.

- B.** Cynthia Rico-Bravo also announced that the Statewide Academic Senate has the following awards available: The Exemplary Program Award, The Hayward awards for "Excellence in Education", the Diversity Award, and the Jonnah Laroche Memorial Scholarship for students. Please go to asccc.org for more information.

- C.** Cynthia Rico-Bravo also wanted to remind current and new senators that the passage of AB 1725 in 1988 gave many new responsibilities to local and state Academic Senates and led to the codification of Title 5 and created Educational Code changes. Cynthia also provided a handout to remind the senators of the 10+1 Rule for which the Academic Senate is responsible for making recommendations.

X. ADJOURNMENT @ 3:55 PM

Submitted by Erika Higginbotham