



For Approval: 10/12/09

MESA ACADEMIC SENATE  
September 28, 2009 – 2:15 PM – 4:00 PM – H117/H118  
Minutes

**PRESENT:** Anar Brahmhatt, Bill Brothers, Leslie Cloud, Laura Collins, Jennifer Cost, Chris Dawes, Shirley Flor, Rob Fremland, Dwight Furrow, Martina Hesser, Erika Higginbotham, Madeleine Hinkes, Bill Hoefler, Gary Holton, Laleh Howard, Jill Jansen, Inna Kanevsky, Margaret Karnyski, Ken Kuniyuki, Georgia Laris, Danielle Lauria, Susan Lazear, Marichu Magana, Guillermo Marrujo, JoeMac McKenzie, Jonathan, McLeod, Phyllis Meckstroth, Mimi Moore, Francisca Rascon, Cynthia Rico-Bravo, Ron Ryno, Mike Sanchez, Marilyn Schenk, Barbara Sexton, Shannon Shi, George Svoboda, Terrie Tegarden, Farshid Zand, Bonnie ZoBell, Jean Smith, Mason Walker

**Absent:** Mark Abajian, Becca Arnold (excused), Aulani Chu, Michael Crivello, Michael Fitzgerald, Kevin Krown, Thekima Mayasa, Tricia Mendoza, Pedro Olvera, Val Ontell (excused), Michelle Tucker, Manuel Velez, Duane Wesley

- I. **Call to order and welcome** by President C. Rico-Bravo at 2:15 p.m.
- II. **Guest:** Tim McGrath, Vice President of Instruction
- III. **ASB rep:** Mason Walker, "The Inspirational Award" is an award that will be issued to a faculty member after a student nominates a professor; ballots are available in H-600. After a week of tallying results then the faculty member will have an opportunity to nominate 2 students (1 male/1 female). Students that are currently signed up with ASG have been notified through an email however faculty are encouraged to spread the word to the other students.
- IV. **Approval of minutes:** The minutes of September 14/21 2009, were approved.

M/S                      Teegarden/ZoBell                      Unanimously

V. **Committee Reports**

**A. Academic Affairs:** B. Brothers reviewed a PowerPoint Presentation with the Integrated Planning and Mission, Vision, Value Statement. He provided the rationale for the layout of each slide and explained how most of these processes are currently taking place already. VPI, Tim McGrath assisted in answering questions.

- Accreditation Team visit will be in October 2010.
- Recommendations to remove the word "Respect" and add "Civility" to the Values in Mission, Vision, Value Statement was taken in consideration and discussed. No immediate decision was made.
- Strategic Planning was developed by President's Cabinet 1 year and half ago.
- Concerns about the amount of time that will be needed to participate in RCA (Resource Allocation Committee)
- There should be criteria to determine if this planning will work

**B. Prof Development:** No Report

**C. Committee of Chairs:** Fremland reported that a meeting has taken place between all appropriate parties regarding the remodel of the Tutoring Centers (Language Lab, Math Centers, and Bridging Lab). Another meeting will take place in two weeks. Next meeting is taking place on October 9, 2009.

**D. Curriculum Chair:** No Report

**E. Student Learning Outcomes:** During Joe Safdie's excused absence Erika Higginbotham (Secretary) read a brief report regarding SLOs.

- Joe and Susan Mun attended an ACCJC/WASC-sponsored conference on Assessment on September 24 and 25 in Long Beach. There was a lot of information presented, but none of it indicated that Mesa was doing anything wrong with our approach to SLOs.
- There's a new FAQ which will hopefully answer many of the lingering questions surrounding SLO assessment. It will soon be posted to the SLO website, but if anyone wants to see it now, just get in contact with Joe.
- Again, we should start conducting as many assessments in our classes and service areas as possible, and recording the results in Taskstream. The long-range plan, over the next three years, is to have all of our courses assess at least one outcome. (Each course WILL NOT have to assess every departmental or disciplinary outcome -- only the ones that specifically apply to that course). So it might be a good idea for departments to divide all the courses they offer into three groups, and then schedule 1/3 for assessment this year, another third in 2010-2011, and the final third in 2011-2012.
- Besides the training on Taskstream that's already taken place, Joe is going to record two short videos going over the two main parts of the system and make them available by a link. Those should be available before the end of October.

**F. Basic Skills:** No Report

**VI. Senate Exec Reports –**

- A. Vice President: M. Hinkes, starting 9/28/09, every two weeks faculty will receive an email with subject "Committee Call" it will be a brief newsletter with a description of current available committee positions.
- B. Treasurer: M. Magaña, 2008-2009 Total Income \$3,051; Expenses \$2,813.50 (including scholarships and refreshments); Current amount \$3,661.80. Largest expense was cookies formerly purchased at Mesa Café.
- C. State Senate Representative: Gary Holton No Report
- D. Senator at Large: J. Jansen reported the following:
  - i. Modular village - move starts 10/19 3.
  - ii. There is a draft for a "student commitment agreement" for FYE students
  - iii. A draft of a grant proposal process form is being developed for student services to coordinate the grant writing process between the originators, depts., faculty and campus administrators (when completed, it will be available online).
  - iv. Customer service training will begin for student services classified staff - developed by VPSS and all SS depts.
- E. Secretary: E. Higginbotham No Report

- F. President: C. Rico-Bravo
  - i. President's Cabinet-
    - 1. Brown Bag Lunches with President Rita Cepeda will start this Wednesday, September 30, 2009 in H-117-118. There will be an open agenda, the group will choose two topics to discuss during the meeting. Future dates will be emailed to Mesa DL.
    - 2. Facilities Update-Road behind K-200 does not meet five safety standards so it will be widened. The mailroom, reprographics and adjunct mailboxes will be relocated (location TBD).
    - 3. New Diversity Committee in the process of being created, it will be part of Shared Governance.
  - ii. District Governance
    - 1. There will be a workshop presented at the October 15<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees meeting regarding "Local Decision Making". Participatory Governance Representatives from the State Senate will be conducting the workshop.
  - iii. Board of Trustees
  - iv. Student Services
  - v. Other

**VII. Old Business**

**A. Pedagogy as Criterion for Deciding Classroom Enrollment Resolution**

There was discussion and questions regarding resolution. A friendly amendment was suggested by Senator Holton and was accepted by resolution author Jonathan McLeod to include the current year.

**Resolution passed unanimously**

**B. Accept Basic Skills Action Plan Resolution**

There was discussion and questions regarding resolution.

**Resolution passed unanimously**

**VIII. New Business**

**A. Mission, Vision, Mission Statement Resolution**

Bill Brothers introduced the resolution.

**M/S B. Brothers/M. Hinkes**

There was a motion to suspend the rules and discuss this resolution. There were two "No's".

**M/S B. Brothers/T. Teegarden**

Discussion was regarding the different meanings that the word "Respect" has for different people. A concern was brought by the senate that ACAF made changes to the statement without input from the Academic Senate. A friendly amendment was suggested by Senator Holton and was accepted by resolution author Bill Brothers to include the current year in resolution.

**The results of the voting were as follows:**

**8 senators in favor of the Resolution; 21 senators opposed; 1 abstention**

**The resolution failed.**

**B. Strategic Planning Process**

Bill Brothers introduced the resolution. It will be discussed and voting will take place on October 12, 2009.

**M/S B. Brothers/T. Teegarden**

**C. Mesa Press –** Marilyn Schenk shared with the senate that Mesa Press is currently at risk of being eliminated due to cost of printing. Research was done based on how informational

this publication is to the Mesa community. It was asked that she bring forth a resolution to next meeting.

- D. **Statement on SLOs** – Jonathan McLeod emailed and shared a document titled “Statement on SLOs: Faculty Will Not Erode Their Legal Rights”. It was asked by the senate that he bring forth a resolution to next meeting.
- E. **Mental Health Certificate** – There are some concerns regarding the curriculum process of how the curriculum was created without input from the discipline expert.

**Adjournment** 4:00 p.m.