MINUTES


Members Absent: Sandra Rowan and Dustin Scheive. Due to CCC Confer difficulties, Laura Mays, Richard Ries and Ruth Rhodes were not able to participate by phone, though they tried.

1. Call to Order: Copresident Dan Calderwood called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

2. Introductions and Public Comment: Copresident Calderwood welcomed Senators and audience and introduced our newest Senator, Colette Beaupre. No further comments were forwarded.

3. Approve September 19, 2014 Academic Senate Minutes: On a motion by Tim Baker, seconded by Steve Brown, the minutes were approved as written.

4. Action Items

4.1 Approve Curriculum Committee (CC) September 26 Recommendations: On a motion by Kady Dunleavy, seconded by Tim Baker, the recommendations were reviewed. Since George Potamianos could not attend, Peter Blakemore explained that the one item on the agenda that was not resolved was because the department pulled that item from action (NURS-60L). With no other discussion, the recommendations were approved by roll call vote: Tim Baker – y; Colette Beaupre – y; Peter Blakemore – y; Steve Brown – y; Trish Blair; Kady Dunleavy – y; Deanna Herrera-Thomas – y; Ed Macan – y; Sally Urban – y.

4.2 Approve Late Start (1:45 p) for November 7 Senate Meeting (Counselor’s Day): On a motion by Kady Dunleavy, seconded by Steve Brown, Copresident Calderwood reported that, as in the past, the Senate has been agreeable to postponing meeting start times for Counselor’s Day in order that Senators could participate in demonstrations and tours. The event is over at 1:30 pm, and starting the Senate meeting at 1:45 gives everyone time to attend the meeting. The late start was approved by roll call vote: Sally Urban – y; Jon Pedicino – y; Ed Macan – y; Deanna Herrera-Thomas – y; Kady Dunleavy – y; Trish Blair – y; Steve Brown – y; Peter Blakemore – y; Colette Beaupre – y; Tim Baker – y.

4.3 Approve Academic Senate Copresidents’ Signatory Authorization of ACCJC Midterm Report: On a motion by Steve Brown, seconded by Kady Dunleavy, Copresident Calderwood explained that with no substantive changes to reports already presented, the Senate is asked to endorse the action of the Copresidents signing the document. The signatory authorization was approved by roll call vote: Tim Baker – y; Colette Beaupre – y; Peter Blakemore – y; Steve Brown – y; Trish Blair; Kady Dunleavy – y; Deanna Herrera-Thomas – y; Ed Macan – y; Jon Pedicino – y; Sally Urban – y.

4.4 Approve Academic Senate Copresidents’ Signatory Authorization of Basic Skills Initiative: On a motion by Tim Baker, seconded by Sally Urban, Copresident Calderwood repeated that the report was presented at a previous meeting, and the
Senate is asked to endorse the action of the Copresidents signing the document. The signatory authorization was approved by roll call vote: Sally Urban – y; Jon Pedicino – y; Ed Macan – y; Deanna Herrera-Thomas – y; Kady Dunleavy – y; Trish Blair – y; Steve Brown – y; Peter Blakemore – y; Colette Beaupre – y; Tim Baker – y.

5. Discussion

5.1 Professional Relations Committee Proposal: Copresident John Johnston presented the background of the Professional Relations Committee and some of the reasons for bringing it back for discussion. Senators wondered why it had been struck from the Senate Bylaws in the first place. It is supposed that the committee had not been required to act in quite a while. Conflict resolution strategies were discussed; a past position of “Ombudsman” being invoked again was discussed; it has been decided that more research into what the committee and ombudsman’s past activities included is needed before the Senate can make a determination about bringing this committee back.

5.2 Distance Education Training/Certification: DE Director Mark Renner and DE Faculty Coordinator Mark Winter introduced the topic and the history of the need for the Online Teaching and Learning Training (OTLT). @One certification is considered the “gold standard” for online certification, supported by the California Community Colleges System, and is the framework being used for the online education initiative ($56 M for creation of a seamless online campus for California students to receive degrees and certificates and the resources necessary to support). The goal of the initiative is to have 80% of schools be online. We would offer online courses to the state, advertise about classes and ADTs online. The FTES for classes we offer online through the state would come to the District. The standards are very high, and will inform our plan of action. The OTLT was organized and taken to CRFO, Senate, and Administration for feedback. They selected several other exemplary colleges’ programs as examples of best practices (Shasta, Butte and Pasadena City colleges). Today’s goal is to get feedback from Senators and their constituents and get a sense of what we expect for modality, time (8 hours to hundreds for training), preparation and maintenance of this “homegrown” training. Online classes actually take more work than face-to-face for instructors. Full @One certification is a 200 hour commitment. We need to decide how long the training should last (10-40-100+ hours?). Have we started to think about how we start this process? Costs? The DE Department would sponsor it, create it, mediate/monitor, and it would be funded by reassigned time. (@One costs $65/class [5 classes], PLUS $225 for the Online Teaching Practicum”=$550.00, with a huge investment of time) Can we compare that to the cost of doing it in house? It would be “bare bones” at first and be built up. Would @one be a more fluent process because it exists? Cannot compare until we try the homegrown product. Would we get paid by the state to train our faculty as it appears the Butte does? Unknown. Can the trainers handle the time involved if a lot of instructors wanted the training at once? The DE department does not see a problem with numbers of trainees. Some of it may be online, and peer reviews are involved. Currently 10% of our FTES come from online courses. Rural schools have struggled with FTES. An online presence statewide has inherent problems that we must keep in mind, including persistence and retention rates, local community alienation, and multi-media needs. MOOCs seem to be more like Ted Talks. Data exists to help with the development of online courses. There are no state- or ACCJC-set standards for online teaching certification, but we are “late to the game” so there are definitely colleges we can use as models. Mark Winter has criteria that he can supply. Please forward feedback to the DE Department.
5.3 Senate Position on Canvas: Copresident Johnston introduced the topic and stressed the importance of the Senate “weighing in” on the Canvas Advisory Group’s (CAG) recommendations regarding Canvas. It is important that the Senate not be the driving force for Canvas, but should show support for the committee, the procedure and the data that CAG use for their recommendation. The statement presented is one way to convey this. The Senate needs to receive feedback and suggestions on how we go forward toward creating a support statement. The Senators would like to get an official report of the committee’s findings. The recommendation is that a report be brought forward at the next meeting, and in future the committee would present a statement of their findings and recommendation, which the Senate would bring forward for discussion and action.

6. Reports
6.1 College Update: Keith Snow-Flamer reported that Dean Wall was able to find alternate instructors for Associate Faculty instructor Carla Baku who became ill after school began. Students were placed in other classes or guaranteed seats for spring term. Keith Snow-Flamer also mentioned that while doing an Accreditation visit to a southern California college, he was reminded that we still have a lot of work to do to make sure we don’t backslide; some schools are falling back into bad habits after coming off sanctions, but we want to continue to show progress!

6.2 ASCR Update: Dustin Scheive was not present to report (*note* after this meeting it was reported that the Senate meetings do not fit in Dustin’s schedule; therefore, from now on the ASCR Senate representative will be Jerred Scheive).

7. Announcements and Open Forum
7.1 Faculty Meeting Scheduled for October 31, from 2:50 to 3:50 PM in the Boardroom! Mark Winter will present the first installment of our persistence discussions.

7.2 Upcoming CR Events:
- **SCIENCE NIGHT!** Friday, October 24 at 5 PM on Campus: Colette Beaupre gave more specifics about this wonderful event. Past employee Eloise Cottrell is helping with the preparations. You can request posters from Cindy Anderson (ext. 4211). Jon Pedicino will be on News Channel 3’s “Spirit of the North Coast”!
- **Counselor’s Day** November 7; contact Pru Ratcliffe for further information.

8. Adjournment: On a motion by Kady Dunleavy, seconded by Sally Urban, the meeting was adjourned at 2:24 pm.

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