REDWOODS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Meeting of the
Academic Senate Executive Committee

Eureka: 7351 Tompkins Hill Road, SS 201, Academic Senate Office

Friday, September 27, 2013
10:15 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Public Comment: Members of the audience are invited to make comments regarding any subject appropriate to the Academic Senate Executive Committee.

3. Approve September 13 Executive Meeting Minutes (Attachment)

4. Discussion:
   4.1 WAC? Where do we go from here?
   4.2 Senate Agenda Draft for October 4

5. Announcements/Open Forum

6. Adjournment

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Next Meeting:
Friday, October 11, 2013
REDWOODS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Meeting of the
Academic Senate Executive Committee

Eureka: 7351 Tompkins Hill Road, SS 201, Academic Senate Office
Crescent City: 883 W. Washington Boulevard

Friday, September 13, 2013
10:15 a.m.

MINUTES

Members Present: Bob Brown, Mark Renner (by phone), and Peter Blakemore

Members Absent: Kady Dunleavy

1. Call to Order: Copresident Bob Brown called the meeting to order at 10:17 am.

2. Public Comment: No comments

3. Approve May 13 Executive Meeting Minutes: On a motion by Peter Blakemore, seconded by Mark Renner, the minutes were discussed. The members present decided feedback might be needed from an absent member, so the May 13 minutes were tabled for the next meeting.

4. Discussion

4.1 Writing Across the Curriculum: Peter Blakemore relayed his 20 years of experience and how the “grass roots” beginnings of WAC are the ones that usually last and become sustainable. You start with interested faculty, which grows to groups that eventually become ad-hoc or regular committees. He mentioned that tactics for WAC that involve linked courses don’t really work, but that “writing intensive” (WI) or WAC courses work better for longevity. Faculty dialogue is the most effective way to go forward, and not just from the English Dept. WAC work can be tied to Accreditation and Assessment needs, including Institutional Learning Outcomes. A successful WAC would rely heavily on Academic Senate constituency. Should we start an Ad-hoc committee? Peter could supply a list of people he knows are interested. We should also reach out to all faculty. We do need to continue discussing WAC. We could email to get “more members of the choir” (people who are interested but even Peter doesn’t know about, yet). Finding 10 or, even better, 15 people to get
together a group would be great. Copresidents should remind people that it was a primary and common theme at the Assessment Summit using writing as a process for engaging in material and thinking through problems. There could be a Professional Development element, which would work for flex time. Develop a “file box” of examples of assignments that would help all disciplines and motivate faculty to learn and share. Peter also said that it could help the Student Success Task Force. We are headed in the right direction, and WAC is a great discussion to add to the forward momentum of the college as a whole.

4.2 Senate Agenda Draft for September 20: A printout was provided of the latest draft. 4.5-We would love to have the third Executive Committee member; we’re down to two choices – Marcy Foster or Dan Calderwood. Other Discussion possibilities; Kintay Johnson with a STEM project for EOPS (maybe for Oct. 4). BPC will have their first meeting next week, so we will pull that agenda item. Bob will include budget updates in his BOT report. Again, the Senate will encourage everyone to read and give feedback regarding Bylaws (with attention to committee makeup and duties), any and all BP/APs out for constituent review. Peter feels the AP 3900 Speech, etc. is related to Academic Senate; however, this one should be discussed at the CRFO/Senate Liaison meeting first. Bob will look over the policies out for constituent review to see if some of them should be highlighted for the College Council.

5. Announcements/Open Forum; none

6. Adjournment: On a motion by Peter Blakemore, seconded by Mark Renner, the meeting was adjourned at 11:11 am.

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Next Meeting:
Friday, September 27, 2013
AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Introductions and Public Comment: Members of the audience are invited to make comments regarding any subject appropriate to the Academic Senate.

3. Approve the September 20, 2013 Meeting Minutes (Attachment)

4. Action Items
   4.1 Approve the Faculty Development Committee Request Form Revisions, Kerry Mayer (Attachment)
   4.2 Approve Academic Senate Proposed Appointments, Bob Brown (Attachment)

5. Discussion Items
   5.1 Revised Language for AP 7217 Faculty Prioritization Process, Bob Brown
   5.2 Distance Education Substantive Change Proposal, Jeff Cummings?
   5.3 AP 3900 Speech: Time, Place & Manner, Bob Brown

6. Reports
   6.1 Budget Planning Committee September 27 Meeting Update, Michael Dennis
   6.2 Distance Education Committee Update, Mark Winter
   6.3 STEM EOPS Report, Kintay Johnson
   6.4 College Update, Keith Snow-Flamer
   6.5 ASCR Update, Raul Romero
   6.6 College Council September 30 Meeting Update, Bob Brown & Mark Renner (please refer to the College Council Web Site to Access Documents out for Constituent Review)
   6.7 Board of Trustees October 1 Meeting Update, Bob Brown

7. Announcements and Open Forum

8. Adjournment

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Next Meeting:
Friday, October 18, 2013