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, January 31, 2014
10:15 a.m.

AGENDA

Members Present: Bob Brown, Peter Blakemore, Dan Calderwood, Kady Dunleavy
Members Absent: Mark Renner

1. Call to Order: Co-President Brown called the meeting to order at 10:18 am.

2. Public Comment: No comments.

3. Approve December 17 Executive Meeting Minutes: On a motion by Peter Blakemore, seconded by Kady Dunleavy, the minutes were discussed and approved as written. Co-President Brown mentioned that the Accreditation Summit which Mark Renner and Dave Bazard will be attending Feb. 7 & 8 has been fully funded through ISD. Discussion included going over the Dec. 13 Curriculum recommendations, and how we might push forward CRGE courses that meet criteria but for which no category now exists (i.e., CIS 1). Curriculum Committee thinks it’s someone else’s (Senate? “turn” to do something about it (Senate?). Dan Calderwood has worked on language to get the conversation going and options that may be applied. Bob will ask George if it would be okay if we present Dan’s complete findings at the next Senate meeting for discussion. With consensus of Senate to pick one of his three scenarios or combine one or all or whatever, it can then come back with any adjustments for approval at a following Senate meeting (Feb. 21?).

4. Discussion:
   4.1 TRC Recommendation Copy-to-Candidate Delivery Process: It was discussed and agreed that the candidates will be sent their documents (notices of TRC recommendations) after the Board approves the recommendations on Tuesday, February 4 (**note: Debbie had reported that TRC recs were NOT on the BOT agenda on Feb. 4; however, the TRC approvals are actually slated for the Closed Session occurring on Feb. 4). 4.2 February 14 “No Classes” – Scheduled Committee Meetings: Executive Committee and ASPC have agreed that they will meet. CRFO contract does not address this specific topic (the Chancellor’s office required
choosing one of two “no class” days as a holiday), so Senate committees were encouraged (at the last Faculty Meeting) to either meet or schedule a “make-up” meeting in order to fulfill their commitments.

4.3 Review February 7 Academic Senate Agenda: Most of the agenda pieces were okay. Discussion led to how the Senate should proceed regarding the Mendocino reorganization. It was reported that the email message sent to CRMCC staff did NOT include Associate Faculty. No matter what happens, students should be taken care of (course completion or transfer for completion). Since we do not know what the Board will do, and it is not an action item on Feb. 4, it was decided that we can discuss though not resolve anything, but the Senate can try to assure that the processes must be transparent, students are not left adrift, and Administration will have support from the Senate. The item was struck from the agenda, as Co-President Brown will include the subject in his Senate Update for the BOT, and it may be discussed during the BOT Update at the next Senate meeting. 5.3 item regarding DE Advisory committee looking at replacement for Sakai – Mark Winter cannot make it, but Chris Romero can, and Bob will ask MaryGrace to join us on Feb. 7.

4.4 Multicultural Understanding: Philip Mancus would like to know what the next steps are to include the MU piece in curriculum. This will not happen until the February 21 meeting, but we wanted to get feedback on what the process should be. It was suggested that we look at best practices at other colleges in order to see if there is a better way to implement the process that does NOT add to the student burden, and can look at SLOs that promote “diversity within today’s society”.

5. Announcements/Open Forum: None forwarded.

6. Adjournment: On a motion by Peter Blakemore, seconded by Kady Dunleavy, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 am.

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