MINUTES

Members Present: Bob Brown (by phone), Mark Renner (by phone), Dan Calderwood, Kady Dunleavy, Peter Blakemore
Members Absent: All present

1. Call to Order: Co-President Brown call the meeting to order at 10:16 am.

2. Public Comment: Co-President Brown welcomed the Senators and called for public comments. No comments were forwarded.

3. Approve April 11 Meeting Minutes: On a motion by Dan Calderwood, seconded by Kady Dunleavy, the minutes were approved as written.

4. Discussion:

4.1 Restoring the Professional Relations Committee: There have been reports amongst faculty/associate faculty of potential threatening behavior, and the usual grievance process doesn’t work for issues between faculty. HR and CRFO have referred people to the Professional Relations Committee because of the narrow definition of “grievance” not fitting “libel”. This committee has been structured loosely in the path and is used when needed, as in BIT. The Co-Presidents ask that we please consider staffing the committee next year, as was not done for this year. Who is on committee? It is a Senate Committee so co-presidents probably appointed chair and faculty? Debbie found an old set of bylaws to work from. It is a recommendation that we bring it to Senate for discussion early next Fall, vote, and then staff it. Past practices will help speed the process next fall.

4.2 Executive Committee Bylaw Revision: Mark Renner had a Plenary ah-ha epiphany moment: How do we strengthen the ties between counseling and instruction? There is the possibility of adding a counselor to our Senate Executive member list. Comments included :Rigidity is not good, makes it hard to staff; adding a 4th may make it harder to get things done; maybe just invite a counseling/advising person to some meetings; we have three senators as is, and could try to find an ISD person for an Executive. This item will be tabled for this year and will be brought back for discussion in the Fall.

4.3 Curriculum Committee Bylaw Revision Based on April 18 Senate
Discussion: After discussing the points brought up at the April 18 Senate
meeting, this item was found to have merit because the Curriculum Committee deliberated, unanimously passed the proposal, and would like to see it approved. It will be broken in two pieces, to hopefully facilitate getting at least the VP piece changed (since the meeting, it was found that the VP piece had been approved in the fall, so there was only the AO piece to be approved at Senate).

4.4 Executive Committee Members for 2014-15 and Leadership Institute June 12-14: Kady Dunleavy graciously [potentially] agreed to represent CR Academic Senate at the Leadership Institute in June [and has since positively agreed and is registered].

4.5 May 2 Senate Meeting Draft Agenda: much of the discussion had taken place, so the 5.1 was moved to 4.2 as action to vote for AO as voting member of Curriculum Committee; perhaps not have any discussion at all, as there will be no opportunity to act until September. Co-presidents may ask Michelle Haggerty to report on the Disciplines List. A College Council update was added to the May 2 agenda. Dan Calderwood asked to add a report for IEC (attachment to be sent).

5. Announcements/Open Forum: None forthcoming.

6. Adjournment: On a motion by Dan Calderwood, seconded by Bob Brown, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

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Next Meeting:
***** Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 9:00 AM!! *****