

ACADEMIC SENATE COUNCIL
Applied Arts Building AA-216 2:15 p.m.
Monday, November 6, 2006

Contra Costa College
2600 Mission Bell Drive
San Pablo, California 94806

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

Present: Terence Elliott (Chair), Fritz Pointer (CLASS), Sue Van Hattum (NSAS), Matika Moore (ASU), Shondra West (Classified)

Absent: Chris Tarp (VP-Student Services), Sally Brooks (LAVA), Dionne Perez (CLASS), Rudy Zeller (FSCC), Robert Chan (Instructional Technology), Rick Ramos (Career and Technical Training), Manjot Pannu (MCHS)

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS:

Agenda of November 6 was approved.

Minutes of October 16 were approved.

Equivalency Committee Responsibilities – Tabled. Sue Van Hattum says that some members of her division feel that the department chairs of DVC and LMC should review the new and revised equivalencies. She would like to see some type of current policy in regards to how equivalency statements are approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

VP Senate Positions and Responsibilities – The Council needs a vice president who attends the ASC meetings and will be available to run the meeting in Terence's place. Terence may only keep the office for three years. The Council is considering revising the bylaws to make Student Service and Faculty Development only standing committees; making the vice-president an elected position with the term running parallel to the president's term of two years with the option of continuing for two terms. Fritz Pointer says he will consider being the vice-president until the end of Terence's term.

ASCCC Fall Plenary Session Fritz Pointer attended the ASCCC Plenary Session and reported on the following:

English/Math Graduation Requirement – By Fall 2009, CCC graduates must have taken English 1A and Intermediate Algebra. Theme based courses in English and Math (courses linked to the major such as Nursing, Adm. of Justice, Automotive, etc) are being considered.

Redefining the Associate – This proposal was not approved.

Information Competency – Colleges are encouraged to have as part of the graduation requirement but is not a state requirement.

Role of Noncredit in the California Community Colleges (Resolution 9.04) – Noncredit stand alone courses are encouraged.

Minors on Campus (Resolution 13.01) – Rights of minors in regards to parental, curriculum, and safety issues were established. Parents are not entitled to student files without the student's consent or attend class without the instructor's consent. In regards to curriculum, the syllabus needs to say that the course may include adult theme and content. In regards to safety, there must be instruction on what a student should do or where the student should wait if the class is cancelled and they are not informed of the cancellation earlier. It was also stated that the instructor has control over whether a minor student can attend his/her class. Fritz will check further into this matter.

Matriculation Assessment/Placement (Resolution 18.01) The resolution was about whether placement exams be accepted at other colleges. It was approved to accept the placement exam but not the score.

It was also approved that students need to receive a grade of C or better in their major to earn their AA/AS degree. Here at CCC, only Math is required to get a C or better for the GE requirements; all other grades can be at the D level. Shondra will look into Title V regarding this.

Improving Communication Between District-wide Faculty Regarding Hiring Pools, etc – This issue must be in continual discussion with the possibility of the District-wide Forum electronic newsletter (discussed below) to help resolve this problem.

NEW BUSINESS

Academic Freedom Tabled.

Developing SLO Assessments – The discussion of a policy to request SLO statements be librated in the ASC office was tabled.

Key Goals and Strategies for Budget Development – The parameters established by the District for budget development do not go far enough in budget planning. Key goals and strategies are being developed to provide further clarity. Information was distributed to the Council and asked to review it.

District-wide Forum – Input is needed to establish an electronic newsletter that the district-wide college community could use to speak to issues that are of concern.

STANDING SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no standing reports given.

SENATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SLO Coordinator job announcement - The SLO Coordinator job announcement went out last week.

Hayward Award - The voting ballot for the Hayward Award, containing the named nominees Paul DeBolt and Jon Celesia, will go out this week.

Revised Academic Calendar for 2007-08 The current calendar has ACD on Wednesday, August 15, with Instruction beginning on Thursday, August 17 2007. It is recommended that Monday, August 13 be a flex day, (or whether there should even be flex days in the Fall schedule), with Tuesday, August 14 being ACD, and instruction beginning on Wednesday, August 15. Caesar Chavez Day has been replaced with Native American Day and will fall on the fourth Friday of each September.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be November 20, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Lynette Kral**