

ACADEMIC SENATE COUNCIL
Applied Arts Building AA-216 2:15 p.m.
Monday, August 20, 2007

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 (VP), Dionne Perez (FSCC), Alissa Scanlin (CLASS)

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Linda Cherry

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS: There were no action items for lack of a quorum.

SENATE ANNOUNCEMENTS and OPEN DISCUSSION:

This first Academic Senate meeting was a forum for open discussion. The Council invited all to share in refreshments and discussion with respect to academic and professional matters.

Given Mack's charge to find resources for professional development and his hope that the Academic Senate will lead the process of defining how such a program might look, Linda Cherry will be attending Senate meetings on a semi-regular basis. She'll just be listening until we get into actual proposal development mode.

Terence would like to form an Assessment group to deal with SLO Assessment. He will look into possible release time and training for members of this group, and the cost of tracking students. He thought that the group could consist of faculty who already receive stipends such as himself, as ASC President, CIC Chair, Matriculation Officer, SLO Coordinator, and Staff Development Coordinator.

He would also like to move the college toward more of a teaching and learning institute; from lecturing to coaching, and bring back the CAG (Classroom Assessment Group) as a classroom management technique to assess students on how they feel they are doing in the class; whether they are onboard or not. Linda said that instructors must begin teaching differently in the future because they are teaching to increasing diversity, technical-oriented students with basic skills issues.

Terence said that Brown Act Training Workshops will be scheduled with AALRR and will be paid for by the District. He also thinks that there is a need for updating the part-time faculty handbook to include information on committees, their charge, time and location of the meetings, etc. He feels that this could be done through Faculty Development and would like to invite Ellen Geringer to a meeting to discuss this issue.

Fritz would like to see some training on "how to be a friend to the students without compromising your position." Ken Blustajn should be invited to a future meeting and instruct faculty on how to download student email addresses of the student roster.

Terence would like to invite UF President Jeff Michels to a future meeting. The Senate Bylaw revisions will be returned to the next agenda. Terence would like to continue discussion on Cal-PASS and community colleges partnership with the UC and State Universities with the focus on student preparedness. He reminded the faculty of the Cal-PASS dinner meeting on September 18 from 4-7 p.m. at DVC in the Community Conference Center. Reservations must be made by August 24.

Terence then discussed the District's Strategic Initiatives' four challenges: 1) Grading issue, 2) Datatel challenge, 3) Emergency disaster procedures, and 4) Professional ethics. Should or when do faculty step in to help other faculty then their teaching isn't up to standards. For example, what should one do if the previous class isn't out of the room when the next class begins, or if the blackboard isn't erased? Professional courtesy will be on the next ASC agenda.

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: There were no presentations from the Public.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be September 17.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynette Kral