

ACADEMIC SENATE COUNCIL
Applied Arts Building AA-216 2:15 p.m.
Monday, December 1, 2008

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: Richard Akers (President), Ellen Geringer (Faculty Development), Sue Van Hattum (NSAS), Leverett Smith (NSAS), Eric Sanchez (CLASS), Dionne Perez (SS), Alissa Scanlin (SS), Andrew Kuo (LAVA), Janelle Hope (ASU)

Absent: Chris Tarp (Student Services), Rick Ramos (LAVA)

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Joe Ledbetter, Connie Anderson, Mercy Pono, Priscilla Leadon, Katherine Jinter, Susan Lee

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS:

Agenda was approved.

Minutes of November 17 were tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Chancellor's Visit The Chancellor visited the Senate meeting and responded to questions put forth by attendees. She supports shared governance and is committed to it. Helen said that in cases of when a faculty member takes banked load and then retires, the department has to take up the slack by hiring part-times to fill the position. A retirement isn't a retirement until it is approved by the Governing Board. She also said that all the colleges overspent their C Hourly budget; \$3 million overspent last year. She wants to change the formula. A development leadership program may be implemented in January 2010. As far as the financial crisis in California, Helen estimates that 240,000 students will go unserved statewide. She said that the state will not help out monetarily but she will budget more money for C contract so that classes will not be cancelled. She said that the district can serve 36,877 students and at the present, is serving 29,000 and that CCCCD is 7th in the Big 10 in productivity. Foothill College does "embedded units" which are lab hours to be arranged. The state audited them and made them pay \$8 million back. Helen is going to look at a new formula to correct the productivity number where FTES remains the same, but spending costs increase. Helen would like to see each college handle their own state allotment. She said that the district has \$27 million in reserve; way above the \$7.1 million the state requires. She feels that the reserve should keep the district running for about 18 months, although there will need to be some cuts but hopefully without cutting positions. Enrollment Marketing has formed a group that will travel to other colleges to learn how they grow their enrollment. She will explore why the phones aren't being answered at the district office.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Faculty Survey Update Eric Sanchez gave an update of progress of the faculty survey. He met with Tim Clow, and is planning on sending the survey out at the end of this semester with a reminder to the faculty at All College Day to complete it in the beginning of the new semester.

Datatel Web Portal Project Leverett Smith gave an update on this project. The portal is a communication system within the college district to tailor accessible information and databases. So far, meetings have been about organizing, types of communications, and how long information should stay available on the site. Each college will have their own homepage on the portal. District resources are available.

COLLEGE AND SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/MEETINGS

Dean's Meeting Richard attended this meeting on November 18. He's still pursuing the key issue. It is now in the Deans' court.

Budget Meeting Richard attended this meeting on November 19. His guess is that CCC is going to take a 5% budget cut.

Operations Council Richard attended this meeting on November 24. They are planning to plan implementation of day issue. Richard's goal is to get this implemented before he leaves office.

District Box 2A Richard attended this meeting on November 24. The positions were predetermined with no changes.

Sabbatical Leave Workshop Richard and Carol Maga presented this workshop on November 25. Sabbatical information is on the District website. We will try to make a link from their site to the Academic Senate's.

SENATE ANNOUNCEMENTS and OPEN DISCUSSION On Tuesday, December 9, Helen, along with Associate Vice Chancellors Gene Huff and Roy Stutzman, and Vice Chancellor Kindred Murillo will also be meeting with the Senate in LA 100 to discuss C-hourly and productivity.

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC There were no presentations from the public.

NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be December 15.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynette Kral