

Academic Senate Council Minutes
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Monday, March 1, 2010

Called to Order at 2:15 pm

Location: AA216

Introduction of Guests Joe Ledbetter was in attendance.

Agenda of March 1 The agenda was approved with the tabling of item 8 (Students in Concurrent Enrollment (K-12) and item 13 (Developing a Teaching and Learning Academy for Faculty).

Minutes of February 1, 2010 The minutes of were approved with correction to the date of the agenda.

Presentations from the Public There were no presentations from the public.

Announcements Faculty should contact Dean Frank Hernandez for access to student transcripts. Teacher of the Year request for nominations will go out this week.

Brown Act This issue will be discussed at the Chancellor's Consultation on March 4. The district's attorneys' decision is that the Senate is not a Brown Act committee and the Attorney General's decision is that the Senate is a Brown Act committee. Richard is not happy with the indecision.

Disciplines List Revisions Richard asked the division representatives to remind their faculty to review the Disciplines List before any hiring takes place. The List is reviewed and proposals for change are accepted every two years.

Credit By Examination Policy and Form Revision (First Read) The Council would like to have the Administration and Records department sign off on the form before the process begins to confirm that the fee has been paid. In the past, the instructor has spent the time to give the exam only to find out that the fee was not paid. The form and policy will be returned to the next agenda with that revision.

Transfer Certificate IGETC/CSU/UC Luci said Robert Webster is against these certificates because the focus of study is not job related; Norma Valdez-Jimenez says the advantage is better tracking and graduation rewards; and Kenyetta Tribble supports the certificate, but says there's a mistake in the catalog. The mistake in the catalog is on page 181. It states that students can use CSU GE or IGETC to satisfy the Liberal Arts major requirements. This is incorrect. The Liberal Arts major must have the 18 unit minimum completed in an area of emphasis (see page 180 in catalog). Carol Maga would like to see these certificates offered through the PACE program.

Students in Concurrent Enrollment (K-12) This item was tabled because the presenter was not available.

American Graduation Initiative The AGI is President's Obama's plan for America to be #1 in leading graduates by 2020. There is money available to the colleges/district for transfer, certificates, and job training. Mack would like CCC to apply for a Gates grant requesting \$10 million a year for ten years. He would also like to use elements of the Gates Grant in the AGI application.

Avocational, Recreational and Personal Development Courses These are courses that are not officially part of a degree or certificate. The State Chancellor's office is labeling some courses as avocational and would like the colleges to offer them as fee-based courses, or eliminate them. The State is directing us on what courses not to cut. Fees for these types of courses only pay for instructor wages and location of class, no scheduling or maintenance costs, and no FTES. Wendy said that an option of whether a faculty takes a pay cut to teach fee-based is to not teach at all. The state should be reminded that when PE was removed from the elementary curriculum, obesity became a problem; thus, escalating health problems by solving financial problems. Innovative and new ideas are gotten from creative minds and new ideas are being stifled. Joe said that the appropriate entity should start making a distribution list of courses for our campus, such as 20% Basic Skills, etc. so that faculty are aware of the breakdown of resource allocations.

Developing a Teaching and Learning Academy for Faculty Since there were such a low number of members in attendance, this item was tabled to March 15 because the presenter, Nancy Ybarra, is traveling from LMC. She will be arriving to make the presentation at approximately 3:45 p.m. at the next Senate meeting.

SENATE PRESIDENT REPORT

On the subject of the Martin Padilla memorial, the position of the Governing Board is that the request was made in a time of passion and that they are opposed to naming a building after him, though the Chancellor said she would contribute funds toward the memorial with the possibility of other Board members also doing so. Students from DVC and LMC attended the Governing Board meeting to complain about the cutbacks. Richard attended the Chancellor's Circle in Cupertino and reported that there was nothing positive about the State Chancellor's speech except that things should be better by 2012. Jeff Michels received the State Faculty of the Year award for being actively involved with issues at the state level. At the President's Cabinet, it is being discussed on how to make cuts through attrition meaning that the vacant management positions of Donna Floyd, Nick Dimitri, and Linda Cherry (retiring) will not be filled by newly hired full time employees, but by redistributing the responsibilities to part-time current employees. CCC is trying to use creative solutions to solve our budget problems. The 2010-11 Annual Unit Budget Augmentation requests have gone out. There is \$50K available with a maximum of \$3K per request. In regards to Enrollment Management, the discussion is now centered on how to manage enrollment, not how to create enrollment.

COLLEGE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council of Chairs Leverett reported on the meeting. The new job descriptions and the 0.1 stipend per semester for Department Chairs were discussed. They discussed the SharePoint workshops to understand how to manage the new website. Jeanette Moore discussed the schedule reduction that will include a 9.5% reduction in the summer schedule. Room usage will be tight next year. Future bank loads may be funded by the colleges. The District will cover bank loads until it is decided otherwise. Richard feels CCCCDC has a very generous bank load which adds to one paid year off every six years with a 20% bank load, which is not offered in other districts.

Basic Skills Alissa reported that DSPS has monthly meetings that all faculty are welcome to attend. There is concern that some faculty are allowing extra accommodations without going through DSPS. She asks that faculty direct students to DSPS.

OPEN DISCUSSION There was no open discussion.

ADJOURNMENT was called at 4:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING will be March 15, 2010.