

Academic Senate Council Minutes
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Council Members in Attendance were:

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Monday, April 19, 2010	Called to Order at 2:15 pm	Location: AA216
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Introduction of Guests	Guests in attendance were Kenyetta Tribble and Eileen Kraskouskas
Agenda for	The agenda was approved.
Minutes of	The minutes were approved.
Presentations from the Public	There were no presentations from the public.
Announcements	There were no announcements.
Online Degrees	Discussion centered on Physical Education and Rick Ramos supporting the idea of it being removed from the online degree. Beth says that she has created an online PE course and was told to offer it. Rick feels that if PE is part of the online degree, that students will go elsewhere. He also pointed out that he is only talking about online degrees not traditional. He suggested putting PE in the Area E requirement. Beth would like it to wait until the State removes PE from the academic program. This issue will be carried to the next agenda.
Credit By Examination Policy and Form Revision	There was much discussion concerning the policy and the form. It was determined that the Tech Prep students follow another complete process that has nothing to do with Credit By Examination, so any reference to Tech Prep students was removed from the form and policy. It was decided to use the revised policy for the catalog information, not use the DVC Credit By Exam form, but to continue using the current CCC form with minor revisions. The revised policy and form will be returned to the next agenda for a final review.
Chancellor's Letter Concerning the Budget Discussion	The Budget discussions covered suggestions such as contract police services with local agencies; and, house the District at one of the colleges and rent out the District Office Building. There was discussion of the hiring of the Vice Chancellor position at \$150,000 with a 5% increase each year. The position had been vacant for two years. It could have been left vacant in this time of crisis. It seems that the new budget allocation model shifts top down where it should shift from faculty to administration. Richard would like the Senators to review the Budget Allocation Model BP 18.01 and the concerns that the FSCC has with the revisions, and send comments and suggestions to him before the next DGC meeting.

SENATE PRESIDENT/COLLEGE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Richard attended the Spring Plenary Session and reported that there were a couple CTE unfriendly resolutions which were successfully suppressed, including no exceptions to the AA/AS Degree minimum qualifications, though equivalencies are controlled by the local colleges. The Transfer Degree issue was not moved forward. Richard has written a resolution to investigate alternative options for accreditation that was passed unanimously. He also supported the passed no confident vote for Barbara Beno. Wendy voiced her non-support for the resolution. She said that the federal government wants to be in charge of accrediting California community colleges, and that the United States is the only nation that allows educational institutes to have peer evaluations. Richard said that the resolution was passed to only do research on ACCJC based on the accreditation team approach of being critical and not supportive to faculty. The president and college committee reports were tabled for lack of time.

OPEN DISCUSSION

There was no open discussion.

ADJOURNMENT was called at 4:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING will be May 3, 2010.