

Academic Senate Council Minutes
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Council Members in Attendance were:

Academic Senate President: Richard Akers rakers@contracosta.edu

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LAVA Rep: Beth Goehring bgoehring@contracosta.edu

CTE Chair/LAVA Rep: Rick Ramos rramos@contracosta.edu

Monday, May 3, 2010

Called to Order at 2:15 pm

Location: AA216

Introduction of Guests	Joe Ledbetter and Kenyetta Tribble were in attendance.
Agenda for May 3	The agenda was approved.
Minutes of April 19	The minutes were approved with minor corrections.
Presentations from the Public	There were no presentations from the public.
Announcements	There were no announcements.
Online Degrees/Graduation Requirements	Rick Ramos stated that the bottom line is that CCC must be a competitor in AA/AS degrees and transfer degrees. He said that online degrees can be done using the District's AA/AS degree requirements; not that of the local colleges. Beth said that the Physical Education department is offering PE 156 as an online aerobics course. It was determined that there needs to be a way to validate the PE course. The Senate agreed that the Cultural Pluralism requirement must be continued along with the American Institution requirement; and that the Information Competency requirement could possibly be removed. Luci Castruita would like to take the issue of removing the Information Competency requirement back for discussion in the Counseling department.
Credit By Examination	The form and policy were approved.
Departmental Reorganization Revisited	Richard wanted to point out that programs are being cut and that stand-alone departments are the ones being targeted for future cuts. He wants to remind the departments that there is still an option to reorganize and combine departments.
New Budget Model 18.01 Final Review	Richard reported that the FSCC had some concerns with the new budget allocation model. Some concerns have been addressed, others have been pulled from the document. He would really like the Senators to review the document and send any concerns to him. The district is over 1,000 FTE over cap currently which is considerably over the 1% over cap they prefer to be.

SENATE PRESIDENT REPORT Richard reported that most of the meetings he attended this month covered discussion of BP 18.01 Budget Allocation Model. Position reallocations were discussed at the President's Cabinet. No faculty positions will be refilled which will bring us closer to the FT/PT proportion of our sister colleges. When part-time faculty are let go, fulltime faculty ration goes up. He reported that the SLO Coordinating Committee is pressing assessments and has escalated to "disciplinary action will be taken..." Passwords and the budget were discussed at DGC. The FSCC discussed how they were not involved in the budget allocation model process. Disaster preparedness and traffic pattern were discussed. He compared the Enrollment Management meeting he attended with that of a cruise ship mentality. Who gets on the lifeboat and why.

OPEN DISCUSSION Luci asked that the Request for Course Waiver Form be made electronically and placed on the next Senate agenda for review. Wendy wanted to share her response to the recent article in FACCTS about the ACCJC. She feels that the report misleads, misinforms, and undermines, not only the ACCJC, but also the efforts made by faculty who work hard to comply with the new accreditation standards. She said that there are only seven accrediting commissions for higher education in the US and ACCJC is our only option because the seven are regionally. She also pointed out that in the last fifty years, there have only been two major changes, and that there is no support to claim that SLOs lead to exit exams. Richard said that the ASCCC opposes the process of accreditation; that accreditation cannot or should not be punitive; and that the ACCJC has been very punitive. The faculty are getting tired of getting clubbed over accreditation.

ADJOURNMENT was called at 4:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING will be May 17, 2010.