

Council members in attendance were:

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Call To Order with Introduction of Guests The meeting was called to order at 2:15. Guests in attendance were William Oye, Kenyetta Tribble, and Leverett Smith.

Approval of today’s Agenda and minutes of March 7 meeting. The agenda was approved. The minutes were approved with the correction that the PE requirement was voted 6 to 1 to revert back to the original local graduation requirement that two PE courses are needed to fulfill the requirement.

Presentations from the Public/Senate Announcements There were no public presentations or announcements.

Freedom of Expression William Way from DVC spoke on freedom of expression. He said there were extensive revisions and he gave us some reasons for the revisions. The old procedure only named students, but it was revised to include other groups. Time, place, and manner locations have been named. Sit-ins that block buildings are illegal. The Chancellor’s Cabinet would like the Student Life office to be the contact person on the DVC and CCC campuses for persons to register for a public forum event. Therefore, an office would administer the decision not a person; so, if the manager is gone, the office still can make the decision on whether to allow the event to take place. The content of certain speech and flyers can be prohibited. Blocking path of others to keep students from getting from point A to point B is prohibited. Forcing materials on people who don’t want them is prohibited. The use of tables are required to distribute flyers or speak. No amplified sound where interferes with student learning is allowed. Offensive items and labeling can be illegal because of it may be harassment. Bulletin boards in classrooms can’t be posted on to advertise without permission. There are public bulletin boards on campus which also require approval for materials. Private vendors can be regulated. A disclaimer that the district is not responsible should be on materials on the Housing Board. Employees cannot be dismissed, etc. for protecting students’ rights to free speech. Students may be disciplined for harassment or hate violence. Council was asked to forward any feedback to William Oye at DVC.

Strategic Plan 2011-15 This Strategic Plan was sent out last week to the Council, but Richard has not received any feedback on this 30-page document. As a general rule, he leans toward local control. Please read and send input to Richard. The plan is updated every five years with a midterm review. Beth said that the new one still has life long learning. Richard said that it is fee-based education or is being moved toward fee-based education. Beth says it needs to be more economical and asked Richard to bring attention to that. The college wants 50% of revenue from fee-based classes and then teachers’ wages, etc. from the other 50%, so it’s too expensive especially if its low enrolled. Only people who can afford fee-based education get it, because it is too expensive. Wendy says this needs to be made known to the public and it seems like the arguments should to be made by the public by voting how their tax dollars get spent. Richard said that we need to educate the public and students that profitability will bring education down. He asked the Council to support FAC CC. Lucy asked about the possible bond measure and what the outcome was regarding service centers. Richard said he thinks the timing was off and didn't make the ballot.

Local Graduation Requirements Update regarding Cultural Pluralism and Mathematics Proficiency: This is a first reading with action being taken on May 16. Kenyetta led the discussion and passed out a draft of the local degree and 1440 transfer degree catalog language. She recommends that the math proficiency requirement stay in the local degree so students can see it. Under Area A, all courses are transferable. Math 120 is not transferable. She will send out a new revised copy. Title V does not say that Ethnic Studies is required but that it just needs to be offered in Areas A-D. Those courses need to be identified that they have an Ethnic Studies emphasis. A statement will be included to say that these courses will satisfy the CSU/UC Ethnic Studies requirement. Alissa asked why there are non-transferable courses on the 1440 transfer degree. It was noted that on the 1440 transfer degree that all the French classes have been deleted from the catalog but are shown in the requirements under Area C. Also, Spanish 111 should be replaced with 112. Area F program major should read “at least 18 units.”

Faculty Office Hour Use Resolution - First Read (Ledbetter) The Council reviewed the resolution and agreed that “the Fitness Center in the Gym” should be replaced with “or other assigned areas”. Irena asked if there is room in these areas. Wendy asked if there was a creative way of meeting elsewhere and getting FTES. Bonnie said that the Comet Café could be used. The Fitness Center must be removed from the resolution as an option because there is a dress code, no tables, etc. Irena asked if the “linger and learn” is still a viable concept. Richard says that it is, because

it is our president's concept. The question came up as to whether CIS has been asked if it was okay to use the labs. Action will be taken at the next senate meeting and then forwarded to the President's Cabinet. The resolution will be returned to the next agenda reading as:

The Academic Senate at Contra Costa College recognizes the positive impact that instructor office hours can have on student success. We applaud the many creative ways in which instructors have used office hours such as workshops, study sessions, group tutoring and many others. We also recognize that the math lab in AA-210, the College Skills Center in L-121, the CIS lab in CTC-126, or other assigned areas, are locations where students can "linger and learn" while the college earns FTES. We therefore encourage instructors to schedule and spend at least one of their office hours each week, in addition to lab hour requirements they may be fulfilling, in one of these areas.

C-ID/1440 Transfer Degree Update Eric Sanchez is participating in the TMC for Studio Art and Bonnie Holt on the TMC for Art History. The TMCs are now being vetted statewide. Richard said that we sent our two 1440s to the Board and they were accepted; therefore, we have met the mandate. Now it goes to the state for approval. LMC has met the mandate, but DVC hasn't yet.

Achievement Gap Discussion Wendy shared her observations on some data that Tim had passed out where eight classes were selected. English 1A had the lowest success rate as Biology and Sociology. African Americans had the lowest success rate in English and the highest success rate in Humanities and History.

College Committee Reports Bonnie attended the Council of Chairs. She said that Carol Maga discussed the budget and that starting in summer drops can be done online. The last day of attendance is the drop date. HBA needs complete records and documentation. SLO assessments and transfer degrees were discussed. The departmental follow-up process for faculty evaluations was tabled. Wendy said that SLO assessments are looking good for courses, but program assessments are not looking so good.

President's Report Richard reported that the Strategic Plan and Freedom of Expression issue were discussed at DGC. The FSCC established the Teacher Learning Academy. Tim Clow and he did a Research and Planning presentation at the College Council. Seti, Wayne, Eric and himself attended the ASCCC Spring Plenary session in San Francisco where they split up and attended the different workshops. Richard announced that Wayne had asked Kenyetta to be the Vice President of the Senate Council and she accepted. At the Governing Board, it was announced that an audit had been done by the State and it was found that for the past three years, the college had collected \$4.4 million in FTES for the Cosmetology program. CCC's base allotted will take a hit for \$1.5 million off the top for the next three years.

Open Discussion Beth asked to have "Distance Education requiring audio" as an agenda item at the next meeting.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 3:55. The next meeting will be May 16, 2011.