

**Academic Senate Council Minutes**  
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**Monday, August 16, 2010**

**Called to Order at 2:15 pm**

**Location: AA216**

<b>Introduction of Guests</b>	There were no guests in attendance.
<b>Agenda for August 16, 2010</b>	The agenda was approved.
<b>Minutes of May 17, 2010</b>	The minutes were approved.
<b>Presentations from the Public</b>	There were no presentations from the public.

**Announcements** Richard confirmed that Jason Berner will be chairing the CIC and that Terence will be the Dean in attendance. He also announced that the Instruction Office will be maintaining the paperwork associated with the CIC. Although Lynette will still be taking the minutes at the CIC meetings, all questions dealing with curriculum should be directed to either Jason Berner, Shannon Beckham, or Carol Maga. Lynette will only be in the Senate Office Monday through Wednesday from noon to 5 p.m. Andrew encourages the faculty to attend the "Plagiarism for Students: workshop. Richard asked him to contact Joseph Comacho, the new ASU president.

**Proposed Graduation Requirements Changes** Council recommends the PE graduation requirement be changed from 2 courses to 2 units which would follow the District policy and that students who play sports should automatically meet the requirements for the PE graduation requirement for the Associates degree. The change needs to be made to the catalog. The decision to eliminate Area E needs additional discussion. The issue will be continued the next agenda. Departments that have courses listed in the Area E graduation requirement need to be notified of the decision to eliminate the Area E requirement. Rick Ramos says that we need to revisit the district requirements and is still concerned about instructors learning WebCT. Carolyn Shubert is presenting a WebCT workshop. Rick says that Title 5 says online hours are half of traditional course hours and that managers don't know this. Carol Maga needs to discuss this with the Deans. Richard asked Rick to pull the Title 5 sections covering the online hours and bring to next meeting. Wendy says that students, especially Basic Skills students, do better when they can move forward faster, utilizing online courses by finishing the course in half the time it takes to complete a traditional course.

**Commission Action on Policies** Richard would like the Council to review the concerns addressed by the DGC Chair, Michael Norris, which were sent out with the agenda, and send feedback to Richard to be discussed at the FSCC. Richard is concerned that it is not the Accreditation Commission's responsibility to address resources. Wendy says that we have to demonstrate how resources were used in the Accreditation Standards and that the action stems from accountability to the tax payers. She says that we shouldn't assume that the Commission is coming after the community colleges, only the questionable ones. Richard feels that we're obligated to respond to the changes.

**SENATE PRESIDENT REPORT** Richard discussed SB1440 which is a universal AA Degree, 60 units to include 18 major units and will guarantee transfer to a CSU only. CCCCD is in agreement but has some concerns. It would be good because all community colleges would be included so CCC wouldn't lose students to other community colleges because of our graduation requirements. Wendy says that we need resources to get these students to this point. Richard discussed the computer loan benefit announced in Highlights. He also said that the direction of CCC is to become a smaller institution.

**COLLEGE COMMITTEE REPORTS** There were no college committee reports.

**OPEN DISCUSSION** Wendy asked if it was alright to over enroll her classes because of dropped classes. The Council said it was alright but Terence said that it wasn't because of safety.

**ADJOURNMENT** was called at 3:20 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING** will be September 20 2010.