

Academic Senate Council Minutes

Contra Costa College

Monday, October 31, 2011

Those in attendance were:

Academic Senate President: Wayne Organ worgan@contracosta.edu

VP/FSCC Kenyetta Tribble ktribble@contracosta.edu

LA Rep: Irena Stefanova istefanova@contracosta.edu

SS Rep: Alissa Scanlin ascanlin@contracosta.edu

LAVA Rep: Beth Goehring bgoehring@contracosta.edu

NSAS Rep: Wendy Williams wwilliams@contracosta.edu

CTE Chair: Rick Ramos rmos@contracosta.edu

Absent: LAVA Rep: Andrew Kuo, Student Services Chair: Chris Tarp, Faculty Development Chair: Ellen Geringer

Office: Lynette Kral lkral@contracosta.edu

LA Rep: Bonnie Holt bholt@contracosta.edu

SS Rep: Luci Castruita lcastruita@contracosta.edu

NSAS Rep: Seti Sidharta ssidharta@contracosta.edu

ASU Rep: Gabriel Gonzalez asucccparla@contracosta.edu

Called To Order at 2:19 pm with Introduction of Guests Helen Kalkstein and April Tisby were in attendance.

Approval of today's Agenda and minutes of October 3 meeting. The agenda and minutes were approved.

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

Suggested Revisions to Program Review Instructions (Helen Kalkstein) Helen distributed a handout of suggested changes to the Program Review Validation section. She would like to simplify the document and make it clearer without redundancy. Wendy said that with all the conversations the Council has had lately, that there is a need to address Box 2A and many other aspects of shared governance. It was discussed to develop a formal committee to address these issues and propose this to College Council. Rick feels that CurricuNet will solve these problems.

Community Education (April Tisby) April said that Ed2Go courses are revenue generating-based, and complement regular and fee-based courses, and are purely online. Contract Ed doesn't come under the Educational code because it is not transferrable and are not regulated by the state. Ed2Go is totally responsible for how these courses are presented; therefore, the college cannot be held responsible, and cannot be sued. The Academic Senate President, Department Chairs, Senior Dean of Instruction, College President, and the Governing Board will have to approve these courses and they will be listed in the catalog, along with the fee-based and community education courses. She suggested a course in casino management. She said that the college would choose the courses that Ed2Go would offer. This would begin in Summer 2012. Wayne is on board with this as long as there is no financial fall-out for the campus.

Linger and Learn. Last year's Teacher Talk Series group met once a month and discussed teaching strategies, common classroom problems and their solutions and wide variety of other topics. Faculty would receive flex credit for participating. Ellen Geringer will be beginning the Teacher Talk Series in November in the CRC Conference Room

Task Force on Student Success The Student Success Recommendations and a Summary List have been added to the Senate website and the Senate site on the portal. These recommendations will go through a lot of changes before it affects us.

ASCCC Fall Plenary Resolutions The resolutions and Wayne's analysis of each resolution has been added to the Senate website and the Senate site on the portal. Comments can be emailed to Wayne up to Saturday, when the voting takes place at the ASCCC Plenary.

Achievement Gap Discussion Rick Ramos shared his issues regarding the achievement gap. He said he has found that 30% of the students, who are assessed and placed in developmental courses, drop out statewide. In a pilot program he's participating in, he will be tracking black male students during the next year. The purpose of the pilot program is to enable students to choose a program after this first year. For him to be able to track these students, he had to be approved by the IRB (Independent Review Board). 50 students will be evaluated, beginning in Summer, and worked with to get placed in ENGL 1A by Spring. They will need to pass a new pre-ENGL 1A course with a passing exam to allow them to accepted into ENGL 1A.

Rick said that before 1982, basic skills used to be taught in every class and now that we have Basic Skills, the faculty have forgotten how to be teachers. He, as an instructor, had to go through a 165-hour course at UC Berkeley to learn teaching techniques and how to build a curriculum.

Gabriel Gonzalez, ASU representative, stated that from the student's view, the clubs aren't proactive and that the students have to seek them out. It turned out that he being in ENGL 1C, kept him from being accepted into the Puente Program. He feels he should have been informed of that earlier.

Alissa Scanlin said that DSPS students are being denied financial aid. Kenyetta Tribble stated that students must have a high school diploma to be able to collect financial aid.

Beth Goehring said that there should be a handout attached to each syllabus that states graduation requirements.

Wayne asked Rick to bring regular updates to the Senate Council meetings.

Senate President's Report There were no reports.

College Committee Reports There were no reports.

Open Discussion Wendy Williams asked for a vote at the next meeting to create a formal proposal to the College Council to form a subcommittee to revamp processes including Box 2A to make them more transparent. Wayne would like to wait until after he makes contact with other community colleges at the ASCCC. The scope of the committee will be discussed at the next meeting.

Adjournment –Next meeting will be November 7, 2011

**Respectfully submitted by,
Lynette Kral**