

**Academic Senate Council Minutes
Contra Costa College
2600 Mission Bell Drive, San Pablo, California 94806**

Monday, March 16, 2015

Location: LA100

Call To Order with Introduction of Guests at 2:25.

Committee Members in Attendance: Wayne Organ (President), Gabriela Segade (VP/CIC), Irena Stefanova (LA), Bonnie Holt (LA), Beth Goehring (LAVA),), Rick Ramos (LAVA), Pam Rudy (NSAS), Seti Sidharta (NSAS), Alissa Scanlin (SS), Andrea Phillips (SS), Judy Flum (DE), and Katie Krolikowski (CTE).

Visitors in Attendance: Luanna Waters, Greg Enholm, Lucile Beatty, Fran Jacobs-Buster, Angela King-Jones, Andrew Kuo, Suzanne Huey, J. Vern Cromartie, Carol Stanton, Luci Castruita, and Mojdeh Mehdizadeh.

CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

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DISCUSSION

Compressed Calendar Update Donna Wapner, UF President and Ken Wagman from Gavilan College were the presenters. Ken said that Gavilan began using a compressed calendar in Fall 2006. The FTES is around 5,000 and mostly Spanish speaking and basic skills students. Before utilizing the compressed calendar, about 30% of the students in their service area went to other colleges. They believed it was because they began classes two weeks earlier than the other colleges in the area and also that in mid-August, with no air conditioning, it was uncomfortable. The students seem to like the 16-week calendar because it gives them an extra two weeks to work during the summer and they also seem to stay more focused.

Science lab faculty feel that they may have to decrease lab time because there will not be enough time to finish the lab projects. Ken said that some lab courses had to be adjusted from maybe four to three projects, and that the instructors spent the extra time setting up and preparing the labs. He said that it was a challenge to adjust the courses and syllabi. Jeff Michels asked if faculty were paid extra to adjust their courses and Ken replied that they weren't. He said it was minimal work, though that some math courses had to go four days instead of three; though, Santa Monica College had a 1% salary increase because of the extra work. Donna replied that the 175 teaching days was the focused target. Ken said that 3-unit courses met two days per week. Right now, Gavilan is over-capped and have not had a winter intersession for a few years. They are presently over-enrolled at 5,200 FTES. They do have a six-week summer session, but Ken said he stretched his math courses out to eight weeks, by beginning in June. He said that Aviation still utilizes the 18-week calendar.

Andrea Phillips asked how the counseling department feel about it. Ken replied that the counselors work a 35 hour/18-week calendar, and that the counselors has made it work. Donna replied that some colleges are still using the 18-week calendar, but that no faculty who changed to the compressed calendar have expressed an interest in returning to the 18-week calendar. The librarians are also content with the compressed calendar. When Andrea asked, Ken replied that on Tuesdays and Thursday, with classes beginning at 7:00 a.m. instead of 8:10 a.m., Gavilan does have a College Hour that meets from 12:50 -1:50. This is the first year Gavilan has had a College Hour. When asked, Ken replied that a typical Social Science class meets Monday-Wednesday or Tuesday-Thursday with the first class beginning at 8:10. A 3-unit course can be between 48-54 minutes and that with the compressed calendar, it is estimated that an extra ten minutes is added to the class. Ken said that an estimated \$800,000/year is made by going to the compressed calendar with 3.2 contact hours for 16 weeks equaling 51.2 contact hours per semester. Fran Jacobs-Buster said that the Nursing department doesn't think that they can do a compressed calendar because it would need to be approved by the State Board of Nursing, and would be problematic for clinics.

Ken said that Title V language did not have to be changed. He said that Gavilan has a two-week add period but that he likes the one-week add period better. He also said that it works better by starting on September 1 instead of August because it coincides with the K-12 programs, family vacations, and childcare. It was stated that the documents that Ken presented in his Power Point would be uploaded on the UF website for faculty to review.

Wayne said that going to a compressed calendar will need to be a district decision which will need a consensus by the FSCC. DVC will be asking for a vote by their Faculty Senate Council only; LMC will likely do the same; and the CCC Academic Senate has agreed to ask for the vote of the entire Senate to include full and part-time faculty. The survey was discussed. The ESL department said they would also survey the students. Ken said that it was negotiated with the union after the faculty decided they would go for the compressed calendar. Fall 2016 would be the earlier that CCCCDC could begin the 16-week calendar.

Mojdeh said that she agrees with all that's been discussed and agrees with Ken that the most important issues are that there are 175 teaching days and that the decision has been thoroughly dialoged. She also said that in 2006, CCCCDC generated reports that were also uploaded to the UF website. Donna said that the larger colleges will be discussing this issue next week on Monday from 2-3 p.m. in DVC's Diablo Room and from 4-5 p.m. in the LMC's library. She asked that any others questions be sent to her. Ken said that he would hook the CCC and Gavilan college department chairs up so that they could discuss the effects that the compressed calendar has on their departments. Wayne said that we will continue working with the UF and send updates out to the faculty.

OPEN DISCUSSION – Tabled for lack of time.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. The next meeting will be April 6 in AA216.