

SCC Academic Senate Minutes – Approved September 15, 2015
Senate Business Meeting September 1, 2015

Senators Present

Nena Baldizon-Rios
Denise Bailey
Cari Cannon
Phillip Crabill
Steve Deeley
Alicia Frost
Scott Howell
Melinda Lorton
Evangeline Matthews
Eden Quimzon
Andrew Salcido
Mike Taylor
Christine Umali Kopp

Absent

Shawn Cummins
Leah Freidenrich
Eric Hovanitz
Melinda Womack

Senate Executive Board

President Corinna Evett
Vice President Mary Mettler
CIC Chair Joyce Wagner
Sec/Treas. Michael DeCarbo

ASG Representative

Tamara Nabils

Guests

John Smith

I Welcome

II Approval of Minutes

June 2, 2014 (Deeley/Aguilar) approved without dissent pending one correction regarding attendance. AS Retreat, August 19, 2015 (Howell/Umali Kopp) approved without dissent.

III Public Comments

1 Professor John Smith, Vice President of FACC asked Faculty members to go to www.FACCC.org and use the point and click column to support bill 8404; allowing changes to how the State Chancellor will report the Federal Government about CCC's accreditation body.

The State Chancellor's office has released a report on accreditation; all but 37 colleges have been sanctioned by ACCJC; the ACCJC averages over 50% sanctions compared to other regions that average 12%. The report states that the ACCJC "has consistently failed to meet expectations" regarding change. The report can be found with a link to the Chancellor's office at www.FACCC.org.

IV AS Executive Board Reports

A President

1 Per the recent District Council meeting: The District will be getting one time only 16 million dollars.

AS President Evett requested that the entire sum go through the Budget Allocation Model, which met resistance from the Chancellor. President Weispfenning requested that the money should be used to remove the college's deficit, which was more palatable to the Chancellor; if accepted, 1.6 million could be given to SCC and 4 million to SAC to do so.

Another chunk sum will given to the colleges for marketing.

The remaining 10 million or so will stay at the District for increasing STRS and PRS costs, and/or money needed as a result of the ADA law suit, and/or OEC and other unforeseen costs.

The Chancellor expressed that the Colleges have not recognized the importance of marketing.

2 The Cesar Chavez bust will be placed in a planter by the E building.

The Lorenzo Ramirez bust will be placed in a planter near the Library.

If another bust is funded it will be recommended that it be selected from the list forwarded by the Faculty.

3 District Senate met last week and drafted a change in the BAM to return unfunded positions.

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This was rejected by the District Council.

The District Senate will propose that if a balance of over 1% exists at the District it should be returned to the Colleges.

B Vice President

1 An interim Senator for the Fall is needed to serve for the AHSS division; any full time Faculty member is eligible to serve an election will soon follow.

C Secretary/Treasurer

No report

D CIC

No report

V ASG Report – Senator at Large Tamara Nablisi

No report

VI Action

First Reading:

None

Second Reading:

None

VII Summary Reports Discussion

None

VIII Discussion Items

A Unity Middle High School Partnership Presentation - Dr. Erin Craig (Appendix 1)

- 1 Middle College is a blend of high school and college.
- 2 Traditionally designed for students historically disadvantaged at academic success.
- 3 Unity Middle College is free and public.
- 4 Charter school is a public school, non-profit and small business.
 - a Publicly funded
 - b independently run
 - c same accountability as traditional public schools
 - d renewal usually occurs every five years
- 5 Mission: Unity Middle College High School prepares all students, especially those who are at-risk and underserved for four-year university success, leading to professional careers through a blended high school and college curriculum.
- 6 If students attend SCC all tuition costs will be covered by Unity.
- 7 Transportation to and from SCC during the day will be provided for by Unity.
- 8 Books and materials will be supplied by Unity.

Discussion:

- 1 Faculty asked if a Memorandum of Understanding would be created between Unity and DSPS and was reassured that there would be.
- 2 Faculty asked if the parents of the Unity students would be trained to understand that their dually enrolled children will be treated as adults and was reassured that there would be training.
- 3 Will students be given priority registration over other enrolled students? There does not seem to be a definitive answer to this yet; it seems that the students will have the same registration priorities given to other dually enrolled CAP students.

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4 If students are not able to get classes at SCC what happens? Students will attempt to waitlist and then attend the first week and try to add, if this is not successful the student will take an elective class back at Unity.

B Governance Handbook

1 Changes to the handbook have been implemented, all Faculty are asked to review and ensure changes are accurate and /or have been made.

2 Senators were reminded the only recommending body is the Senate and that suggestions for recommendations are made in all other committees and forwarded to the Senate.

3 The Faculty recognize that the flow chart is the hard work of many years adapting to evolving needs and is now working with great efficiency and predictability.

4 Professor Bailey raised the point that staffing committees in the Spring may need to be reconsidered in light that some of the positions are elected and membership is not guaranteed.

C Faculty Service on Governance Committees (Appendix 2)

1 Vice President Mettler asked the Senate to reconsider what committee assignments should be monitored by the Academic Senate.

2 Faculty agree that Faculty should not be monitoring other Faculty not directly expressed in policy (as is the case with shared governance).

3 Vice President Mettler said we want all voices heard from all areas regardless of service in other places; other Faculty agreed that service in a specific department is valuable but that should not preclude service to the larger community.

4 The Faculty present agreed that non-senate related should not be monitored by the Senate. It was moved that from here on, the Senate Vice President will only monitor Faculty assigned to governance/senate committees.

Moved and second (DeCarbo/Quimzon) passed without dissent.

5 The Senate directed President Evett to request that page 4 of the Governance Handbook, under Staffing of councils and committees, “By the end of the Spring semester” be changed to “At the beginning of the Spring semester”

IX Moved to adjourn (Deeley/Frost)