

Senators Present

Leonor Aguilera
Denise Bailey
Phillip Crabill
Steve Deeley
Leah Freidenrich
Alicia Frost
Scott Howell
Eric Hovanitz
Melinda Lorton
Eden Quimzon
Stephen Reed
Andrew Salcido
Mike Taylor
Melinda Womack

Cari Cannon
Shawn Cummins
Scott James
Evangeline Matthews
Christine Umali Kopp

Senate Executive Board

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

ASG Representative

Chris Barajas

Guests

Ian Woodhead

Absent

Nena Baldizon-Rios

I Welcome

II Approval of Minutes

October 20, 2015 (Womack/Deeley) approved without dissent pending two minor corrections.

III Public Comments

None

IV AS Executive Board Reports

A President

- 1 Regarding safety, different trainings for SCC employees will take place over the next year. At some point all employees will receive the same training protocols.
- 2 Faculty Hiring:
There has been an unforeseen delay in the postings of the new faculty positions.
Hiring committees are welcome to voluntarily to begin screening during intersession.
There is likely to be one more faculty position added to the list, results will be forthcoming.
Professor Freidenrich has announced that she will be retiring in June 2016.
- 3 Vice President Aracely Mora has announced that she will be retiring.
Vice President Jose Vargas will chair the hiring committee and begin quickly so that the position will be filled by fall 2016.
- 4 President Weispfenning has rejected the commencement committee resolution explaining:
Agrees that there are real concerns that need to be, and will be addressed.
The membership was not thoughtfully developed.
This committee will increase the governance system when his goal is to streamline it.
The needs can be addressed without constructing a formal committee.

B Vice President

1 The Hiring Task Force will be meeting this week.

C Secretary/Treasurer

No report

D CIC

Curriculum

- 1 An overview of all new courses was presented.
- 2 Many conferences occurred this semester.
- 3 During spring, a group will examine Plan A and also consider a Plan A for STEM.
- 4 There is a request from some faculty at SAC to change the reading competency for Plan A. More discussion is needed.
- 5 There was assessment of the four Liberal Arts Degrees.

Enrollment management

- 1 As directed by the Senate, investigated whether intersession negatively impacted summer enrollment and determined there does not seem to be so.
- 2 In addition, the results of the ASG survey indicate that students do not prefer one over the other regarding intersession and summer.

V ASG Report – Senator at Large Christopher Barajas

None

VI Action

First Reading:

A Resolution F2015.9: *Support for RSCCD Funding of Renovations for Orange Education Center (Quimzon/DeCarbo)*

None

Discussion

Some Faculty are concerned that the resolution wording allows for funding to be found anywhere and suggested an additional amendment to the resolution to ensure that the District is bound to find the money without effecting other programs and/or employees.

President Evett explained that all monies have been identified and any deficits are guaranteed not to impact other programs.

Some Faculty are concerned that there are not guarantees that law and policy will be followed in future construction and suggested an additional amendment to the resolution directing that it be so.

Faculty responded that suggestion would not be necessary given the current state of hyper awareness.

A motion (Womack/Freidenrich) to waive the second reading passed without dissent. (Taylor/Bailey abstained)

The motion passed without dissent (Hovanitz abstains)

B Resolution F2015.9: *Approval of the Santiago Canyon College 2016 Follow-up Report (Womack/Quimzon)*

Discussion

Five contributors to the document were present at Senate and attested to its completeness.

A motion (Womack/Frost) to waive the second reading passed without dissent.

The motion passed without dissent.

Second Reading:

A Resolution F2015.8: Support for Splitting the Department of Social Sciences

(Howell/Bailey)

Discussion

None

Passed without dissent.

VII Summary Reports Discussion

None

VIII Discussion Items

A Discussion of Faculty Identified SCC “Signature Programs”

Regarding the cost as a measure:

Some think cost should be included so as to determine if it is practical.

Some said include it but perhaps give it a lower weight.

Some suggested that the title should be sustainable so as to allow flexibility with changing economies.

Some faculty said that providing specific weights per category is problematic.

Discussion:

Some see that student services are not equally represented.

It was suggested that a list be forwarded to College Council for discussion.

It was suggested that rather than a list it would be better to create a system of categorization and criteria to determine how signature programs would be establish.

Some suggested that a large lists allows for much marketing fodder.

The hope is to have some tangible product to forward to College Council in early spring so that it can be included in the EMP.

The Senate explored the possibility of using campus wide, large-scale, service, program, class/course and events and then selecting two for each category given the criteria previously discussed.

The list of suggested programs/etc. will be circulated to the Senators, in addition to the criteria and the six above categories.

B Discussion of Academic Senate Process for Splitting and Merging Departments:

President Evett asked the Senate to think of how a department should be defined; such as, how many faculty members need there be, how many courses, etc.

IX Moved to adjourn (Womack/Crabill) passed without dissent.