

**Academic Senate
March 18, 2009
Approved Minutes**

Academic Senate President Rick Hogrefe called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

Members Present: Debra Bogh, T.L. Brink, Robert Brown, Ken Bryson, Jeff Burke, Stephanie Gomez, Jodi Hanley, Steve Hellerman, Rick Hogrefe, Jim Holbrook, Denise Hoyt, JoAnn Jones, Marina Kosanova, Meridyth McLaren, Sandra Moore, Catherine Pace-Pequeño, Mario Perez, Mark Snowwhite, Gary Williams, Sherri Wilson

Members Absent: Deena Baker, Ryan Bartlett, Jane Beitscher, Milly Douthit, Amber Hammons, Catherine Hendrickson, Damaris Matthews, Bob O'Toole, Snezana Petrovic (on sabbatical), Frances White,

Guests Present: Judith Ashton, Tom Bryant, Candace Leonard, Marina Serna

I. Administrative Reports

A. College President Report

Encouraged faculty to participate in college survey.

Board passed the SERP at the last meeting. 3 instructional Deans took the SERP – 2 positions will go out for a search.

Working diligently on the accreditation recommendations. Ted's committee will be meeting weekly. Any one is welcome to attend.

B. Vice President of Administrative Services Report

Charlie has been asked to do some long range fiscal planning.

Charlie would like to find out from faculty what kind of information we want to provide. Is there a financial representative that meets with Planning and Budget?

What financial information do people want or need? Then he can make some plans for what and how to distribute information.

Since the district and the board develop their budget privately, it makes it difficult for us to allocated budget because we don't know how it matches up with the district.

Even if we don't know this information, we still need to develop our own priorities.

Make some assumptions about what will be coming in.

Program plans now have to estimate money for more years than just the following year.

When does the college get the money for the students that are in class? How does the college make money? What is the financial model for the college?

Some times there are committee structures that are making decisions on students without understanding the financial impact.

Would like more information about the accounts – what can what be used for, what can be moved, not touched, etc.

Need to look at the process by which budget information is distributed – currently online, but it could be hard copy.

Ensuring the role of the faculty in the budgeting process.

Processes are consistent in all three entities.

We need information about other money making enterprises – soda machines, parking fees, etc.

Why is there a difference in prices of soda across the campus and the district? Used to be separate contracts – now we are all under one. Need better communication about these type of issues, especially as things are being centralized.

Need knowledge of how the college distributes its allocation and how that relates to the planning process.

II. **Approval of Minutes**

Will be presented at the next meeting.

III. **Treasurer's Report**

\$3250.78

Still not sure about how many 4.0s there will be. Still not clear criteria about who gets the money. Need to give the Senate some criteria ideas and we will debate the merits of the criteria as a Senate.

IV. **Other Reports**

A. **Classified Senate Report**

Having their March meeting on Thursday. Classified scholarship is available online. 2 available

B. **Student Senate Report**

Elections are the 14th & 15th of April. Campaigning begins at the beginning of April. The Advisor came out on Monday.

V. **Senate President's Report**

Forwarded a copy of the letter to the Chancellor about the importance of Faculty positions. Retirement party – President has agreed it is a good idea. She will ask the Foundation to fund or we can charge an admission fee.

Board meeting last week – board is becoming concerned about some of the Chancellor's behaviors. Board met with HR attorney in a private session. Will perhaps be some type of evaluation process. Board will seek widespread feedback.

Many retirements are coming up. There will be a period of intense transition at all levels. Many things are still up in the air. There seems to be a lack of willingness to make decisions. Deans have offered their assistance and help, but there has been no official discussion about this.

VI. **Old Business**

A. **Action Item, 2nd Reading:** Resolution S09.02 Need for Full-Time Faculty

Motion: To approve for second reading (Hanley, Perez, MSC)

No discussion

VII. **New Business**

A. **Discussion:** Academic Senate Elections

Will elect new officers at the end of this year.

Possibility that Rick will not be here next year. May need someone to step into the President position without much time. Anyone who is interested please talk to Rick.

VIII. **Committee Reports**

A. **Educational Policy** – finalizing proposal for CLEP

B. **Scholarship** – meeting next Friday at 1:30

C. **Personnel Interests** – Classified Luncheon - April 23rd. Should District Staff be invited? Yes – Board members? Yes – Invitations will be distributed soon.

Reminder to send in POY ballots.

Motion: To approve money for the Classified Appreciation Luncheon not to exceed \$600 (Jones, Perez, MSC)

D. **Chairs Council** - none

E. Professional Development – Hurray to Spring! Soup luncheon at 11:30 on Friday.

IX. CCA Report

Nominations for an NEA representative are still being accepted.

X. Announcements

2nd facilitated workshop on assessment plans is Friday.

Tuesday, March 31st – beginning of the next DELTA cohort – 6 weeks. Focus will be on producing materials. Have had a lot of adjunct participation.

Current faculty art show in PAC. Opening Thursday at 6. 2 of the Professors will be playing. The Opera – Thurs – Sunday starting March 26th. Wonderful set design and costume design. Buy your tickets at the door. Friday there will be a reception.

XI. Statements from the Public

Evaluation of faculty chairs – need to include more people in the evaluation procedure.

Current procedure is ineffective.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Meridyth McLaren