

ACADEMIC SENATE
February 17, 2010, 3:30 P.M.
COLLINS CONFERENCE CENTER

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

PRESENT: John Gerhold (EB); Natalie Bursztyn (EB); Susan McQuerrey (EB); Corny Rodriguez (EB); Nick Strobel (EB); Rachel Vickrey; (EB); Karen Kettner (EB); Adel Shafik; Ann Tatum; Bill Moseley; Christian Zoller; Diana Jackson; John Menzies; Kathy Rosellini; Klint Rigby; Luis Guajardo; Nancy Guidry; Richard Marquez; Bill Kelly; Jeannie Parent; Kimberly Hurd; Marsha Eggman; Debbie Kennedy; Skip Hill; Terry Meier; Michael Korcok; Maria Perrone; Jason Stratton; Moya Arthur; Reggie Bolton

ABSENT: Tom Moran (EB); Diana Kelly (EB); Michael McNellis (EB); Kimberly Chin; Gayla Anderson; Kris Toler

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:34

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of February 3, 2010. M/S/C: Bursztyn/Rosellini

REPORTS

President's Report (Gerhold)

Dr. Chamberlain has distributed the list of faculty hires for 2010-11. Ten positions are listed, some of which were requested by departments and others were deemed necessary by administration. John will send a reminder to those involved in hiring that the Senate's resolution approved in September of 2008 requires a faculty from outside the discipline to serve. Given that the hiring process is clearly a 10+1 matter, faculty should be given the opportunity to review the job announcement before they are published.

Bernadette Towns has been selected to serve as the Assessment Committee Co-Chair. Bernadette and Bonnie Suderman are working to revitalize the Assessment Committee with hopes of keeping the membership to 15 participants or less. John Gerhold will send out a call for faculty representatives.

College Council met on February 5. Major areas of discussion were related to the Accreditation Steering Committee and the Decision Making Task Force. Additionally, it is unclear what influence the IEC recommendations will have.

Co-Chair Reports

Written reports for Curriculum, IEC and ISIT are available in public folders.

Correspondence

Natalie Bursztyn reported that a card of condolence was sent to Joe Seiberger for his loss and a get well card was sent to Mike Moretti as he recovers from his shoulder injury. It was suggested that a card of condolence also be sent to Debbie Spohn for the loss of her mother.

Treasurer

Rachel Vickrey distributed to the Senate budget projections for this year. Rachel explained that the Senate voted earlier this year to designate some of the dues money to faculty awards. Rachel asked the Senate to consider increasing the amount of the faculty retirement gift from a \$50 to \$100 monetary gift. This increase would shift some resources from student scholarship to faculty recognition. Senators were asked to discuss this with their department's faculty and be prepared to vote at the March 3, 2010 meeting.

CCA Report

Faculty should have received information about the faculty hires for next year. CCA representatives continue to address the faculty RIFs. CCA Elections start in March. Every position has candidates except for the President position.

Student Representative

Assna Ali reported that the Renegade Pantry efforts have been going well. Donations are accepted anytime in the SGA Office. Senators will be holding a retreat Friday, February 19. SGA Officers will be traveling to Sacramento to speak with legislators.

DMTF

The Decision Making Task Force continues to meet. The group has developed several documents related to how decisions are made at Bakersfield College that are now being circulated to all constituencies for review and input. A website has been created where all of the documents are available to download. It is the hope of Dr. Chamberlain that once the group has offered a fair explanation of how decisions are made currently, the group will proceed with the task of outlining how decisions should be made. Although the Senate agenda will now have this item listed as a regular report, faculty should be receiving information about DMTF and the work it is doing through their respective DMTF representatives.

OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE SENATE

There were no requests to address the Senate.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA *(must be added with a 2/3 vote of members present)*

There were no additions to the agenda.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

There were no committee appointments to approve.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board Policy Revisions

At the February 3 meeting, John Gerhold asked for volunteers to lead a review board policy section currently being revised. Those with feedback presented that information and any suggested changes were discussed among the Senators present. The following table summarizes the action taken by the Senate.

Board Policy Section	Senate Action
3A1, Fiscal	Feedback on the policy was not available.
3C1, Meals and In-State Travel Allowance for Students	After much discussion about how the meal allowance time frames would affect student athletes, a motion was made to recommend no change to the board policy as presented. M/S/C: Rosellini/Bursztyn
4A6 and 4A7, Admission to Impacted Programs	After review, a motion was made to recommend no change to the board policy as presented. M/S/C: Kennedy/Bursztyn
4B1I, Academic Calendar	The Executive Board recommends continued discussions with CCA representatives about how best to approach the wording of this section.
4C4C, Academic Regulations	A motion was made to recommend no change to the board policy as presented. M/S/C: Hill/Bursztyn
4C4D, Course Repetition	Feedback on the policy was not available.
10C, Confidential & Management Compensation	The Executive Board recommends continued discussions with CCA representatives about how best to approach the wording of this section. M/S/C:Bursztyn/Hill

11B4, Designation of Emeritus Status	Feedback on the policy was not available.
11F, Whistleblower Protection	A motion was made recommending that a contact phone number be listed in section 3a and to add names of appropriate government agencies is section 4a. M/S/C: Stratton/Rigby

State Curriculum Impacts

The State Chancellor's office is shifting the System's emphasis toward transfer courses rather than degrees in areas other than Career & Technical Education. It is imperative that faculty be proactive in addressing this issue. It was recommended that faculty diligently work toward confirming articulation agreements for every course that is required for the major. Those courses not articulated will carry less weight when schedules are being developed. Senators were asked to work with their respective department chairs to meet the March 22 deadline for any catalog changes. Bakersfield College's Institutional Research & Planning website or Assist.com can be used to see what courses have been articulated.

Faculty have authority of 10+1 matters granted by Title 5 and the Educational Code but it is futile unless faculty assert that authority. Senators and other faculty were encouraged to continue attending Board of Trustee meetings and speaking on behalf of faculty issues. The next Board of Trustees meeting is March 3 and will start at 2:00p.m.

District Budget Priorities

It was reported that several faculty attended the Board of Trustees meeting expressing their concern to the Board about additional administrative hires. Board members did not provide much response to the faculty comments, but Pauline Larwood did express the importance of providing a voice on behalf of the community colleges in Sacramento.

NEW BUSINESS

Accreditation Standing Committee

Dr. Chamberlain has proposed a standing committee and has drafted a document outlining the charge, scope of authority and membership of the committee, but it will need faculty input. Accreditation is indisputably a 10+1 matter and it was suggested that the committee be led with a faculty co-chair. The position would not have reassigned time but should be part of the Executive Board. The President intends to have the committee up and running before the end of the spring semester. When the final committee charge document is complete, John will distribute to all faculty and ask for volunteers to serve.

Update Curriculum/Certificate Issues (McQuerrey)

Susan McQuerrey provided a written update on the Certificate issue that can be found in public folders. John Gerhold explained that the Board of Trustees is primarily interested in what the Curriculum Committee considered at the time they approve a certificate. The board would like to see defined criteria that show how the Curriculum Committee is making decisions. Faculty expressed concern about the Board interfering with what is clearly a 10+1 matter.

Faculty should also be aware of the General Education workshop that will be held March 11, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The workshop will cover the General Education categories, the process for approval and other topics.

SENATE GOAL REPORTS

There were no updates provided on the Senate Goals.

GOOD AND WELFARE AND CONCERNS

- The Levan Center Grand Opening will take place March 4, 2010.
- A motion was made to hold the next senate meeting at the district office. M/S/C: Bursztyn/Moseley

ADJOURNMENT at 5:04