

ACADEMIC SENATE
March 3, 2010, 3:30 P.M.
~~COLLINS CONFERENCE CENTER~~
Weill Institute/District Office

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

PRESENT: John Gerhold (EB); Tom Moran (EB); Natalie Bursztyn (EB); Susan McQuerrey (EB); Bill Moseley; Christian Zoller; Diana Jackson; Kathy Rosellini; Klint Rigby; Luis Guajardo; Nancy Guidry; Richard Marquez; Bill Kelly; Jeannie Parent; Kimberly Hurd; Marsha Eggman; Jason Stratton; Moya Arthur; Reggie Bolton; Gayla Anderson;

ABSENT: Diana Kelly (EB); Michael McNellis (EB); Corny Rodriguez (EB); Nick Strobel (EB); Rachel Vickrey; (EB); Karen Kettner (EB); Adel Shafik; Ann Tatum; Kimberly Chin; Kris Toler; John Menzies; Debbie Kennedy; Skip Hill; Terry Meier; Michael Korcok; Maria Perrone;

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:47

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes with corrections to the attendance. M/S/C: Klint/ Kelly

REPORTS

President's Report (Gerhold)

John reported on information provided at the Board of Trustees meeting. Since 2005 the number of administrators district wide has increased from 48 to 85 and the district office has increased administrative positions from 8 to 24. The board has decided to use reserves over the next few years by matching college carryover up to one million dollars for money spent on budget reductions. Also provided was a rationale for hiring the General Council and Associate Chancellor positions.

Co-Chair Reports

Written reports are available in the Academic Senate public folders.

Correspondence

Natalie Bursztyn reported that a condolence card was sent to Debbie Spohn for the loss of her mother.

CCA Report

CCA Officer elections will start this month; however, no one has stepped up to fill the presidency position. Faculty are encouraged to talk with colleagues and see if there is interest in serving. A Rally for Education will be held in Sacramento on March 4.

There was gratitude expressed toward CCA leadership for their hard work and dedication and it was suggested that the Senate formally acknowledge their efforts. A motion was made to craft a resolution of acclamation for CCA bargaining team efforts in preventing faculty reductions. M/S/C: Kelly/Bursztyn. It was noted that a Counselor will be reassigned to an instructional area as a result of the reductions. The final resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the process of negotiations is an arduous task requiring intelligence, diligence, attention to detail, considerable time, and the ability to withstand contentious and stressful situations, and;

Whereas the bargaining team for the KCCD/CCA/CTA/NEA was successful in persevering through this task, culminating in an agreement with the KCCD that resulted in retaining all currently employed full-time faculty through the 2010-11 academic year, and;

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Whereas this successful negotiation increases the stability of the district, improves cooperation between faculty and administration, and improves morale among faculty, which in turn improves the learning environment for our students, therefore:

Be It Resolved that the Bakersfield College Academic Senate commends the KCCD/CCA/CTA/NEA bargaining team for a their great work in negotiating to avoid full-time faculty layoffs in the coming academic year and affirms its appreciation of the team member's efforts on behalf of the faculty and the students of the Kern Community College District.

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

A motion was made to approve the committee appointments as amended. M/S/C: Bursztyn/Stratton
The FACE Screening Committee needs to be reduced by one member excluding Pat Coyle and Suzanne Davis. The Welding Screening Committee needs to be added to the list.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board Policy Revisions

4B11, Academic Calendar: Proposed changes allow for the Academic Senate to submit an annual calendar directly to the Board of Trustees. A motion was made to approve as presented. M/S/C: Bursztyn/Kelly

11B4, Emeritus: is acceptable except for section 11B4C which requires a recommendation be given to the college president and final decision with the Chancellor. It was suggested that criteria be set in a way that the status would be given automatically and objectively. Jeannie Parent, Jason Stratton, Natalie Bursztyn and Reggie Bolton will provide a revision of the policy at the March 17 Senate meeting.

State Curriculum Impacts

John Gerhold participated in a conference call with representatives from ASCCC about pending legislation, AB1440. This piece of legislation would seek to allow Associate degrees for the purpose of transfer. This would include the General Education pattern of either CSU or UC and a minimum of 18 units in a major area. The primary concern of ASCCC representatives is that setting degree requirements in statute has not been done before and appears to interfere with the curricular roles of the faculty. ASCCC's solution is to adopt the transfer degree concept within Title 5 with language that would leave the decision to allow transfer degrees with local Senates. It was discussed at College Council that these options are currently available at Bakersfield College by completing the CSU or IGETC transfer requirements; however, it is unclear whether the catalog language gives this option or if students are being advised of the options.

A motion was made to directing John to communicate to ASCCC the position of Bakersfield College Academic Senate to be in favor including a transfer degree into Title 5. M/S/C: Rigby/Parent

Update Curriculum/Certificate Issues (McQuerrey)

Certificates that require less than 18 units will now be called Job Skills Certificates. The submission form will now include information to demonstrate to the Board of Trustees what criteria the Curriculum Committee used to approve the Certificate. The Curriculum Committee does not object to providing more information to the Board and expects the Board will not deny approval of Certificates out of hand.

The Chancellor has expressed concern about providing certificates as a means of motivating students rather than a confirmation of specific skills. In instances where certificates are awarded with one or very few courses, it was

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suggested that Advisory Boards write letters of support that can be attached to the submission form. The letters should emphasize the degree level courses and the need for unique or specific skills.

A Curriculum Committee task force has been established to assist faculty in writing Student Learning Outcomes. Bernadette Towns will be making presentations for those about to go through Curriculum Review.

The Curriculum Committee has proposed to delete approximately 100 deep frozen courses. There was concern about the consequences of deleting courses rather than leaving them deep frozen. The Curriculum Committee feels it may be a better option to start fresh given that many of these courses do not have SLOs and may need complete revision.

**** John Gerhold joined the meeting at this point and provided a report on State Curriculum Impacts and information from the Board of Trustees meeting.**

Accreditation Standing Committee

A one-page outline of the committee charge, scope of authority and membership was distributed. Senators were asked to share the document with their respective department faculty. The Executive Board will discuss at their next meeting and will produce a Senate version of the document taking into consideration the concerns voiced by Senators at this meeting. This will be a voting item at the March 17, 2010 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Retiree Gifts

A motion was made to approve the proposed dues allocation as presented. M/S/C: Stratton/Bursztyn

SENATE GOAL REPORTS

There were no updates provided on the Senate Goals.

GOOD AND WELFARE AND CONCERNS

ADJOURNMENT at 5:02