

ACADEMIC SENATE
September 8, 2010, 3:30 P.M.
COLLINS CONFERENCE CENTER

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

PRESENT: Corny Rodriguez (EB); John Gerhold (EB); Michael McNellis (EB); Janet Fulks (EB); Bill Moseley (EB); Phil Whitney; Christian Zoller; Diana Jackson; Kathy Rosellini; Klint Rigby; Debbie Kennedy; Nancy Guidry; Michael Korcok; Bill Kelly; Jeannie Parent; Marsha Eggman; Jason Stratton; Gayla Anderson; Terry Meier; Richard Marquez; Kimberly Hurd; Maria Perrone; Kathy Freeman; Pam Kelly; Matthew Morgan; Jack Pierce; Sue Granger-Dickson;

ABSENT: Diana Kelly (EB); Natalie Bursztyn (EB); Kate Pluta (EB); Rachel Vickrey; (EB); Adel Shafik; Luis Guajardo; Rick Brantley

GUESTS: Jorge Barrientos (The Bakersfield Californian)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:37 pm

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. M/S/C: Rosellini/Kelly

REPORTS

President's Report (Rodriguez)

- Corny welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Senators for serving. Also introduced was Jorge Barrientos, a staff writer from The Bakersfield Californian, who is attending this meeting and future meetings to learn about the Senate. Introductions then followed from each attendee.
- Senators were asked to start thinking about the Academic Senate goals for this coming year and to solicit input from their departments. Suggestions should be brought to the next Senate meeting.
- Corny has standing meetings with both Greg Chamberlain and Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg. The Senate representatives are encouraged to bring forward issues for Corny to address in these meetings. Additionally, information that comes from Foundation, College Council or District Consultation Council meetings will be reported on at each Senate meeting.
- Corny emphasized that no decisions have been made regarding assignment of grades related to plagiarism and academic dishonesty. The appropriate process will be followed and has been included on the Senate meeting agenda.
- Corny will be meeting with KCCD attorney, Frank Ronich, to discuss the Senate's resolution Acclaim of Professor Natalie Bursztyn and in Condemnation of BC and KCCD Human Resources Practices. Unfortunately, the letter has started the relationship with Mr. Ronich and Corny off on adversarial terms. Hopefully the discussion can bring understanding of the Senate resolution process and the role of Mr. Ronich. {Discussion continued about Natalie's current situation and the frustration of the faculty about how the situation was handled and how her absence is affecting students and Natalie personally.}

Co-Chair Reports

Curriculum:

- Janet Fulks reported that work on CurricUNET input continues. Several issues have risen as the three colleges work on curriculum input together. One difference is that class size will be included on the template for Bakersfield College but will not be included for the other two colleges. Faculty in need of training or with questions should contact Janet directly.
- Curriculum ID (CID) numbers is another issue the Curriculum Committee is working on. Part of the CurricUNET implementation deals with uniform coding of courses throughout the community college system. There is a meeting on October 8 to work on curriculum as it relates to CurricUNET.

- The Advisory Committee for Educational Services (ACES) has been meeting for the past year. Janet Fulks distributed a SWAT analysis of the committee's activity and will be distributing a survey to the Senate on the effectiveness of ACES. One of the strengths of ACES has been the ability to help the Vice Chancellor address concerns with specific curriculum requests and get those requests to the Board of Trustees for approval more quickly. Ultimately, the Senate needs to approve the continuation of the group but structural changes may be needed. It was suggested that a name change is also needed, specifically removing the word "advisory," to better indicate faculty primacy in this area. Suggestions for a title change should be sent to Janet.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report.

Treasurer

In Rachel Vickrey's absence, Corny reported that information related to Senate Dues will be distributed to faculty soon.

CCA Report

The CCA Newsletter will be distributed by the end of the month. The Executive Board had a retreat and is gearing up for negotiations. Based on survey responses from last year, the primary concern of faculty is to maintain current wages and benefits. Other areas that will be considered are related to assessment compensation, evaluations, reduction in force procedures, the academic calendar, and priority in hiring part time faculty with good evaluations.. CCA negotiators are looking for faculty who are experts in any of these areas to serve as resources to the negotiating team during negotiations. Those interested should contact either Andrea Garrison or Kathy Rosellini. Kathy also distributed an article about cheg.com where students are renting books and another about tenure from the New York Times.

SGA (Student Government Association)

There were no SGA representatives present to report.

DMTF (Decision-Making Task Force)

The completed document is being vetted through College Council. Senators were asked to review the complete document and to seek input from faculty in their departments. Input should be brought back to the Senate meeting.

BDPTF (Budget Development and Planning Task Force)

There were no BDPTF members present to report. Corny will contact members for an update on the group's activities.

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*)

It was decided to add as New Business Item E, BC COUGH. M/S/C: Rosellini/McNellis

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made to approve the committee appointments as presented. M/S/C: B. Kelly/Rosellini

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Class Size Determination (task force)

Corny asked for volunteers to create a task force that can research the appropriate class size for each discipline. Janet Fulks agreed to lead the group. Diana Jackson, Sue Granger-Dickson volunteered to assist. The group will begin meeting in the next couple of weeks and will report back on the process for determining class size. The group should also take into consideration online classes.

NEW BUSINESS

Grading Policy (task force)

In response to the letter and legal opinion related to the grading policy, Tom Greenwood addressed the Executive Board on September 1 explaining that this issue had been researched several years ago. The result of that research was

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included in the student discipline policy. As this is a 10+1 matter, the Executive Board feels that a task force is needed to review the current student handbook in relation to title 5, board policy, and the legal opinion. The ASCCC also has a paper posted to the website dealing with Academic Integrity. It was also suggested to ask Frank Ronich to provide information on the matter. Christian Zoller, Michael Korcok, Kathy Freeman and Matthew Morgan volunteered to research the issue and report back to the Senate.

General Education (SB 1440)

This bill along with the UC companion bill is currently waiting for the Governor's signature. Overall, support for the bill was expressed. The bill will have an impact on degrees with local requirements and will also require a transfer degree that includes General Education courses and no more than 18 units of major courses beginning Fall 2011. General Education courses will be defined by CID. The transfer degree will allow students to transfer to any university campus as a junior. Departments need to reevaluate how many units are required for a degree and if a separate local degree will also be offered.

Education Code requires that 60% of CSU classes are held for transfer students. Although that isn't currently enforced it may become an issue with this change. It was noted that CSUs will be admitting mostly local students so those students who want to transfer out of the area will need to have high grade point averages. Senators questioned which UC is considered the local university for Bakersfield College. Janet Fulks will send the bill language to Senators.

Decision Making Document Review

There was concern expressed about the definition of "rely primarily upon" being misleading. Specifically that "giving input" and "recommendations normally accepted" are considerably different and that giving input significantly limits the authority of the faculty. It was explained that the Understanding Committee section of the Decision Making Document was meant to be short and uncomplicated.

A motion was made to change the definition of "rely primarily upon" to read, "Recommendations of the Senate will normally be accepted; only in exceptional circumstances and for compelling reasons will the recommendations not be accepted; if not accepted, the board/designee shall communicate its reason in writing if requested" as it is outlined in Title 5.3 §53200. M/S/C: Rigby/Rosellini

Other concerns were related to the Decision Making Process Chart and that by having the Standing Committee box reporting to College Council dilutes the voice of the Senate. The size and location of the College Council box also seems to indicate an authority of College Council that diminishes the voice of the Academic Senate. The chart is intended to illustrate the flow of information and how all of the groups can and often interact with each other. The chart is difficult to explain and understand which indicates that it does not illustrate the flow of information very well. It was suggested to make the dotted lines bold and the bold lines dotted since College Council is not a voting body or a representative voice of any constituency group. DMTF representatives clarified that the College Council box appears as it does since that is where each of the groups communicate with the college president.

Given the level of faculty concern with the chart and that not all comments and concerns were yet heard, it was decided to continue this discussion at the next meeting.

*****A motion was made to adjourn: P. Kelly/Freeman**

2010-11 Bakersfield College Goals Review

This item was carried forward to the next meeting.

BC COUGH

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**GOOD AND WELFARE AND CONCERNS
ADJOURNMENT at 5:05**