

ACADEMIC SENATE of BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

October 19, 2011, 3:30 P.M.
Collins Conference Center

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

PRESENT: Bill Moseley (EB); Kate Pluta (EB); Leah Carter (EB); Matthew Morgan (EB); Michael Korcok (EB); Wesley Sims; (EB); Kimberly Hurd (EB); Rick Brantley (EB); Anna Poetker; Bill Kelly; Bill Moseley; Christian Zoller; Jeannie Parent; Kathy Freeman; Klint Rigby; Kris Stallworth; Lisa Harding; Melinda Fogle; Nancy Guidry; Nick Strobel; Shane Jett; Sue Granger-Dickson; Susan Pinza; Brent Damron; Phil Whitney; DeAnn Sampley; Jason Stratton; Terry Meier

ABSENT: Corny Rodriguez (EB); Bill Barnes (EB); John Gerhold (EB); Gayla Anderson; Marsha Eggman; Maria Perrone; Patrick Fulks; Janet Tarjan

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:37

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

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

REPORTS

President's Report (Korcok)

Michael Korcok reported that Corny is at conference so he will be chairing the meeting. Election results for department chairs have been confirmed by the Executive Board and those results have been forwarded to the President. Those interested in the specific vote counts should contact Jennifer Marden in the Senate office. Michael welcomed two new Senators: Patrick Fulks from Biology and Janet Tarjan from Math. Michael noted that in the coming weeks, the Senate will be asked to review new Title 5 language with respect to the census date and the last date to withdraw with a W. Volunteers were requested to work with Corny on reviewing and possibly revising the Senate Constitution and Bylaws. Terry Meier volunteered.

ASC (Pluta)

Kate reported that Jennifer Jett from the English department has been selected as the Self Study Editor.

Curriculum (Moseley)

Bill reported that CurricUNET is still not fully functioning. The Curriculum Committee is working quickly to process curriculum update requests so those courses can be taught in the spring. There are nearly 100 courses that still need to be updated.

Union Update

Lora Larkin reported by email that CCA is conducting an election for Campus Chair. A CCA representative should be able to attend Senate meetings soon.

Student Representative (Domo)

Danitza asked on behalf of a student for the Senate to consider support a change to the Certificates of Completion. The request is to change the wording, "Satisfactorily Completed" to "Successfully Completed."

Enrollment Management

Michael reported that the committee met and will be recommending changes to the committee charge. The committee also set three goals for the year: to establish criteria to guide enrollment management in growth, freeze and reduction environments; to act as a more effective clearinghouse for enrollment information and projections; and to operationalize the committee's advice and guidance in enrollment management policies and decisions.

In response to concerns raised at previous Senate meetings, the committee will also discuss moving the waitlist purge date closer to the census date. Waitlists for online courses will need to be addressed at a districtwide level. Enrollment Management will consider the availability of transfer level courses when making decisions. Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg clarified that there will be no new sections beyond the ones have already been authorized – FTE targets will be met by increasing class sizes where possible.

Articulation/Transfer

We have articulated close to 30 new general education courses with UC Berkeley. If you or anyone in your department wishes to articulate a course or submit their course for C-ID submission, please have them contact me.

OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE SENATE

Michael McNellis: BCOUGH (Bakersfield College Organized and United for Good Health)

Michael distributed a draft survey regarding the current smoking policy on campus. The survey results will guide BCOUGH in addressing this policy for the future. Senators were asked to review the survey, share with their constituents and forward any feedback directly to Michael McNellis.

There was concern expressed about criminalizing those that smoke and projecting an image of Public Safety employees solely as ticket writers rather than protectors of students and the campus community. SGA representative, Danitza Romo, emphasized that the committee is not looking to criminalize smoking on campus, but rather to develop a policy that is in the best interest of students. It was also noted that writing tickets or fining those who violate the policy does not criminalize them any more than writing a parking ticket does. It was suggested that if it is decided penalties will be imposed, posted signs should also indicate that violators will be cited.

Michael referred Senators to AB795 for details. The bill can be found at http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_0751-0800/ab_795_bill_20110906_enrolled.pdf

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 presented. M/S/C: Carter/

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Grade Change

Michael Korcok read aloud Greg Chamberlain's response to the Senate resolution regarding this issue. Senators questioned why the President chose to leave the grade as it is currently recorded if he is dissatisfied with that decision. There were several concerns raised with proposed committee to review situations as the one from last year. The primary concern was how the committee would be notified in the case of a grade change since it could be changed by an Administrator without notification to the faculty member or the committee. It is not clear how the committee would prevent a similar situation in the future.

It was decided that Corny would send the response electronically for Senators to read and share with their respective departments. Senators should be prepared for further discussion at the next Senate meeting.

KCCD Strategic Plan

Senators received a letter from Pam Boyles, English Department Chair, in response to the strategic plan, specifically addressing concerns regarding Objectives 1.1 and 1.2.

Integrated Collegewide Planning

Kate Pluta distributed a page from the Decision Making Document that illustrates the decision making process at Bakersfield College and the ACCJC Rubric for Evaluating Institutional Effectiveness – Part II: Planning. Kate reviewed the rubric explaining that Bakersfield College is, for the most part, in the Sustainable Continuous Quality Improvement stage. There was discussion about the decision making chart and concern about the image not having arrows between standing committees, governance groups, employee groups and operational groups. Without the arrows it seems there is not communication between these groups which is not an accurate representation of the process.

2011-12 Senate Goals

A motion was made to approve the goals as presented. M/S: ?/?

Discussion followed on Goals 4 and 7 regarding how these will be measured. Specifically, which mechanism will support the mission, vision and values of Bakersfield College and how will the Senate ensure the college demonstrates it values diversity. It was suggested to refer Goal 7 to EODAC and let that committee outline how the goal should be met. It was decided that the Goals could be approved without knowing how they will be met ahead of time.

Stratton called the question. The motion carried unanimously.

Written Procedures for Skills Pre-requisites (Gerhold)

Senators were given a document outlining the skills associated with each reading, writing and math course below transfer level.

KCCD Curriculum Council

A proposal for a districtwide Curriculum Council was presented. It was noted that this group would replace ACES (Advisory Committee for Educational Services). A proposal from the Chancellor was presented to all three senate presidents. The membership would include 3 Curriculum Chairs; 3 Articulation Officers; 3 Vice-presidents and the Vice-Chancellor, Educational Services. The purpose of the committee is:

The KCCD Curriculum Council will provide leadership in ensuring consistent implementation of California community Title V regulations and KCCD policies regarding curriculum across the district. This Council will not replace the College Curriculum Committees, but rather support them by providing a district forum for finding solutions and for sharing best practices. This Council will also provide a venue for reviewing new and pending regulatory language in Title V which impacts curriculum. The committee will serve in an advisory capacity in regards to continued CurricUNET refinement.

Senators should share this proposal with those they represent and be prepared for discussion at the next Senate meeting.

NEW BUSINESS**EODAC Proposal: Faculty Screening Committee Training (Morgan)**

Matthew Morgan presented a change proposal to address the faculty screening committee training done by EODAC and Human Resources. Senators should share this proposal with those in their departments and be prepared for discussion at the next Senate meeting.

Time of Board of Trustees Meetings (Guidry)

Nancy Guidry noted that Board of Trustees meetings are typically held at 2pm in the afternoon. In reviewing the Strategic Plan, Goal 6 is to “respond to community needs” yet 2:00 p.m. is a time when students, faculty and the community at large are less likely to be available. It seems a late afternoon or evening meeting time would be more in the interest of those the Board members serve. It was suggested that Senators discuss this issue with those they represent and be prepared for discussion at the next Senate meeting.

GOOD AND WELFARE AND CONCERNS**ADJOURNMENT at 5:11**

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Marden