

ACADEMIC SENATE of BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

October 24, 2012, 3:30 P.M.
Collins Conference Center

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

PRESENT: Corny Rodriguez (EB); Nick Strobel (EB); Michael Korcok(EB); Billie Jo Rice (EB); Kate Pluta(EB); John Carpenter (EB); Leah Carter(EB); John Gerhold (EB); Bill Kelly; Gayla Anderson; Kris Stallworth; Jeannie Parent; Susan Pinza; Nancy Guidry; Kathy Freeman; Maria Perrone; Patrick Fulks; Klint Rigby; Valerie Robinson; Julie Lowe; Brian Hirayama; Ron Grays; Brent Damron; Alex Henderson; Lisa Harding; Anna Poetker; Marsha Eggman; Cindy Hubble; Danitza Romo; Bernadette Towns

ABSENT: Bill Barnes (EB); Kimberly Hurd (EB); Ron Kean (EB); Rick Brantley (EB); Wesley Sims (EB); Christian Zoller; DeAnn Sampley; Kathleen Rush; Terry Meier; Robert Martinez; Jason Stratton; Ron Kean

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:31p.m.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes as corrected. M/S/C: Carter/Gerhold

REPORTS

President (Rodriguez)

- Corny expressed his pleasure with receiving reports that the stop at Bakersfield College was the best of all four Governor Brown made on October 23. Corny also recognized SGA President, Danitza Romo, for speaking at the event.
- Department Chair ballots have been distributed and must be submitted by next Tuesday, October 30.
- Nominations for College Council representatives also have begun.

Accreditation

Kate Pluta reported that the Accreditation Team is on campus and will conclude their visit on October 25. Kate encouraged faculty to attend the Exit Meeting on Thursday, where the team chair will give a brief overview of their findings. ACCJC will issue recommendations and the college status late in January.

Curriculum

The Curriculum Committee is now meeting each week to keep up with course approvals. Also, co-chairs, Billie Jo Rice and John Carpenter, will hold a Curriculum Clinic Thursday, October 25.

Enrollment Management

Michael Korcok reported that any questions or concerns related to enrollment management should be forwarded to him before next Tuesday, October 29.

CCA Update

Nancy Guidry reported that CCA negotiators continue to ask for a meeting with Human Resources to discuss health care changes. CCA President, Susan Regier, and BC Representative, Lora Larkin will be meeting with Chancellor Serrano on Friday, October 26. Also, CCA is following up with recent changes to Board Policy related to online instruction that seems to have effects on working conditions.

SGA (Romo)

Danitza thanked Corny for inviting her to meet Governor Brown and shared how honored and privileged she felt to speak on behalf of the students at the event. Danitza also shared that BC's Homecoming theme is "City of Lights" this year and that activities will take place throughout the week, beginning November 5.

OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE SENATE

There were no requests to address the Academic 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

Committee Charge Updates

Corny announced there were no committee charges to review at this time.

Proposition 30 Support Event

John Gerhold reported that a small group has met to coordinate the event, which has been scheduled for Thursday, October 25, from 12:35pm – 1:00pm in the free speech area on campus. This intention of the event is give the campus community an opportunity to hear more about Proposition 30 and the impacts to Bakersfield College if the proposition does not pass. Faculty should not leave classes or bring students to the event. SGA is providing apples, leaders of various local educational organization will speak, and possibly the BC Drum line will perform.

Waitlist Size

Corny reviewed the guidelines listed below and asked for any feedback or comments.

The Academic Senate, as part of their 10+1 Responsibilities, affirms the purpose of waitlists as providing a fair and consistent option for students to enroll in an otherwise full class if a seat in that class becomes available.

The size of each class waitlist will be set to give students a reasonable expectation a seat in the class will become available.

Waitlists should not be used to determine demand for any particular course.

It was noted that the last bullet addresses the issue of waitlists being used to advocate for additional sections and faculty positions. Senators were asked to share with those they represent. Suggestions for language modifications should be brought to the next meeting and Senators should be prepared to vote at that time.

NEW BUSINESS

SGA Smoking Policy

Nick Acosta explained that he has updated the policy based on the input he received from Senators at the last Senate meeting. Nick will also take forward to B-COUGH members options about how to move forward with the policy, one of which will include conducting another poll.

Senators expressed some concern about the matter of “Bakersfield College shall neither solicit nor accept any grant, gift, scholarship, sponsorship, or anything else of value from a manufacturer, distributor, or retailer, whose principle business is ‘Tobacco Products’” and asked why not accept such contributions. Nick explained that he would not like to see the college get into a situation where the college would be beholden to such a company due to their contribution.

Another Senators expressed concern that the section related to advertising, “no tobacco-related advertising or marketing shall be permitted on Bakersfield College property, at College events, or in publications produced by Bakersfield College...” would affect free speech of the RIP and encouraged Nick to consider a work-around. Nick noted that when he presented the policy to Dan Edwards he did not see a problem with it. It was noted that Dan is not an agent of the RIP and could be sued by the Editorial Board of the RIP.

Nick assured the Senate that would take these concerns back to B-COUGH and report back to the Senate.

** At this time there was a request to review the budget documents provided by Sean James. Corny explained that connected to this information is the work of the Program Viability Task Force (PVTf). The next step in the process is for the PVTf to meet with Administrators, Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg, Sean James, Don Low, Richard Post and Ann Morgan. Corny hopes for this to establish a common base of understanding of the criteria and to discuss the availability and accuracy of data.

The documentation Sean provided does show a 5% reduction from year-to-year but it does not make clear what portion Bakersfield College pays for each of the line items. Senators had the following additional questions:

- What is Institutional Reporting? Is this Institutional Research? Why is there an increase?
- What is included in each of these line items?
- Are the decreases for individual line items from actual cuts or savings from breakage?
- For what are the increases in IT? Capital Outlay?
- Why is there \$100K more for the General Counsel line item?

It was asked if PVTf plans on discussing the criteria with administration before the Senate approves the criteria. Corny explained that was the initial plan, but agreed it would be better to allow the Senate time to review before sharing the finalized list with administration. Corny agreed to postpone the meeting with administration. It was also asked how the criteria will be applied to programs. Corny explained that the Senate’s purview is to establish the criteria, and that administration will use them in making decisions related to program sustainability, suspension or discontinuance. Once the Senate approves the criteria, PVTf will discuss with administration how each should be considered and applied.

GOOD AND WELFARE AND CONCERNS

ADJOURNMENT at 4:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Marden