

Santiago Canyon College Academic Senate

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M I N U T E S

Academic Senate
20 November 2007
1:15 pm – 2:30 pm
B-103

Present:

Morrie Barembaum
Lynnette Beers
Rosi Enriquez
Corinna Evett

Jane Francis
Joe Geissler
Eric Hovanitz
James Isbell

Regina Lamourelle
Randy Scott

Absent:

Nena Baldizon-Rios
Joane Benschop
Shawn Cummins

Michael DeCarbo
Leah Freidenrich
Ethel Jordan

Danny Martino
Stephen Reed

Guests

Linda Cucovatz
Stella Kim

Jeff McMilan
Bev Pirtle

I. Call to Order: Senate President Rosi Enriquez called the meeting to order at 1:25 pm

II. Order of the Agenda

A. No changes.

III. Approval of the Minutes

A. Minutes for 11/06/2007

1. It was noted that there were some corrections necessary to the attendance.
2. Profs. Geissler and Hovanitz moved and seconded a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Action Items

A. Mission Statement

1. Statement was passed at the 11/06 meeting.

V. Reports

A. ASG

1. The Student Senate for California Community Colleges voted to support Proposition 92.
 - a. There was some concern regarding the discussion that took place.

B. President's Report

- 1.** Prof. Enriquez reported that the Distance Ed. Taskforce (DET) is still working.
 - a.** Prof. Enriquez reported that the District Council discussed the district collegial governance structure.
 - (i) The Chancellor expressed his desire to make sure that there is alignment across the district in terms of the governance structure.
 - (ii) The Chancellor also expressed his desire that all committees that are listed meet and asked
 - (a) Are there councils we don't have that we need?
 - (b) Are there councils we have that we don't need?
 - (iii) The Chancellor is concerned that communication takes place.

C. College Council

- 1.** There are funds from the Basic Skills Initiative. Now we need a plan to spend the money.
- 2.** The AlertU system was discussed. A representative from the company should be at the next College Council meeting.
- 3.** The Pepsi Company will remove some of the vending machines around campus, as they are not selling as many units as is necessary.
- 4.** It was discovered that the concession stands and restrooms would be built directly over the power lines to the soccer field. As a result, the aforementioned items will be removed from the contract and done at a later time a nearby location.
- 5.** Most of the bids of the science building have come in. Two bids, in particular, are of concern as they are at least twice the estimated price and both bids had only one bidder.
- 6.** There was great concern expressed regarding the state of the State's budget. While there is great confidence that the district will survive this fiscal year relatively unscathed, there is concern regarding the next fiscal year.
- 7.** At the last BAPR meeting, the Chancellor requested that the colleges carefully budget the adjunct accounts. Those accounts are not discretionary.

D. Curriculum

- 1.** The last meeting of the year will take place 12/03.
- 2.** Prof. Pirtle is planning a flex activity for 10 am on Tuesday of flex week.
 - a.** The activity will focus on the course outline of record.

E. EMP

- 1.** The board received the EMP.

F. Technology

- 1.** Several flex activities are planned for spring – including activities regarding powerpoint, black board, and pod casting.
- 2.** The TAG (Technology Advisory Group) is setting a standard computer for what faculty receive.
 - a.** Discussions are taking place regarding what should happen to replaced computers.

G. Facilities

- 1.** No report.

H. SAC Senate

- 1.** Fire alarms at SAC are of great concern.
 - a.** It is an opportunity to make structural changes.

VI. Discussion

- A. Division Curriculum**
 - 1. The divisions would be responsible for the minutes.
 - 2. Some senators expressed their support for the idea of division curriculum.
 - a. Some of the comments regarded the deans as a resource that faculty could tap into.
 - b. Prof. McMillan warned that some divisions at SAC did have some experiences with certain deans making too many of the decisions.
 - 3. Email suggestions to Profs. Pirtle or Cucovatz with a cc to Prof. Enriquez.
 - a. Options will be discussed at the spring retreat.
- B. Textbook Taskforce**
 - 1. There will be a state textbook summit taking place at the end of November.
- C. Spring Retreat.**
 - a. Send ideas to Prof Enriquez.
 - b. An activity regarding the Curriculum & Instruction handbook was one suggestion made.

VII. Public Comments

- A.** There were questions raised regarding the 7:15 pm start time.
 - 1. Are there students taking two classes to warrant the later start time?
- B.** There are a number of people upset that paperwork is now done online. There have been complaints that HR is not helpful.
 - 1. While there is a machine to facilitate scanning documents into the system, HR would not help individuals with the machine.
- C.** Some faculty expressed some concerns regarding the Distance Education Coordinator position.
 - 1. What criteria make this position faculty versus administration?
 - 2. Why was the senate presented with the administrations prioritized list prior to the senate raking the list?

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
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