

Minutes of the
MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE
May 19, 2008

APPROVED

PRESENT: Bill Bedford, Bruce Bishop, Monika Brannick, Molly Faulkner, Jose Fernandez, Gracie Fowler, Marty Furch, Brent Gowen, Teresa Laughlin, Stan Levy, Chantal Maher, Jackie Martin-Klement, Patrick O'Brien, Kathleen Sheahan, Perry Snyder, Diane Studinka, Fari Towfiq, Judy Wilson

ABSENT: Katy French, Lawrence Hahn, Richard Hishmeh, Marilee Nebelsick-Tagg, Sue Norton

GUESTS: Claudia Doran, Candi Francis, Chantal Maher

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the president, Monika Brannick, at 2:00 p.m., in Room SU-30.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion 1 MSC Snyder, Gowen: Faculty Senate approval of the minutes of May 12, 2008, as presented. The motion carried.

Motion 2 MSC Laughlin, Gowen: To suspend the agenda to address Reports, item L. The motion carried.

Application for Grants
Under the Hispanic-
Serving Institutions
Program:

Candi Francis provided Senate members with information on the College Cost Reduction and Access Act Hispanic-Serving Institutions Grant (CCRAA-HSI), a grant recently made known to the district. The grant assists Hispanic-serving institutions (HSIs) in developing and carrying out activities to improve and expand the HSI's capacity to serve Hispanic and low-income students, with an emphasis on the "STEM" disciplines: science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The grant's goal is to support institutions in producing larger populations of historically underrepresented and/or Hispanic students, who will go on to four-year schools, in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, graduates.

A group of interested faculty will be meeting over the next few days to review the entire application package and to discuss how the college could use the grant to assist Palomar students. The district will also continue to work with Cal State San Marcos, utilizing the university's expertise in this area.

Dean Francis added that it is a one-year grant that is renewable for a second year. If the grant is funded over the next two years, Palomar could potentially receive up to two and a half million dollars for funding the improvement of instructional facilities, faculty and staff development, curriculum revision and development, and the purchase of educational equipment. The grant does not cover operational costs and salaries for college-wide officials, recruiting students, or non-degree and non-credit courses.

A question and answer period followed. In response to a question about continued funding for projects initiated as a result of this grant, Dean Francis indicated that in the future the district may need to institutionalize ongoing costs. She also added that 200 applications will be accepted, and 100 grants will be funded.

- Motion 3 MSC Laughlin, Faulkner: To move Reports, item L, to action. The motion carried.
- Motion 4 MSC Faulkner, Bedford: The Faculty Senate supports Palomar College's application for the College Cost Reduction and Access Act Hispanic Institutions Program grant. The motion carried.
- Motion 5 MSC Laughlin, Faulkner: To resume the agenda. The motion carried.
- Public Comments: There were none.
- Announcements: Senators welcomed recently elected ASG Vice President Claudia Doran.
- ASG: Claudia Doran reported that the ASG held its last meeting of the semester on Wednesday, May 14. The group is now preparing to participate in Palomar's commencement ceremony.
- President Deegan: No meeting was held with President Deegan this week.
- Governing Board: Monika Brannick reported that Patrick O'Brien and she presented the faculty's evaluations of senior administrators to the Governing Board in closed session at its May 13 meeting.
- At this meeting, the actuarial firm, Total Compensation, Inc., presented the college's plan for addressing its "unfunded liability" for future retirees' benefits. Teresa Laughlin briefly explained the process used by the company to calculate insurance risks and premiums.
- Strategic Planning Council: A special meeting of the Strategic Planning Council is being held on May 20, 2008, to discuss the College Cost Reduction and Access grant opportunity.
- Instructional Planning Council: Chantal Maher reported that the Instructional Planning Council held a special meeting to conclude its review of the Institutional Review documents.
- Student Services Planning Council: Jose Fernandez reported that the Student Services Planning Council discussed the following matters at its May 14 meeting:
- budget cutbacks in the Counseling area
 - the Puente Program
 - course repetition and Title 5 guidelines
 - the impact of the PeopleSoft upgrade on May 30.
- Palomar Faculty Federation: Perry Snyder indicated that the Palomar Faculty Federation planned its upcoming retreat at its last meeting.

Molly Faulkner noted that in the fall semester the Faculty Senate/PFF Joint Workgroup must address policies and procedures regarding the placement of emeriti and retired faculty on departmental part-time faculty hiring lists.

Learning Outcomes
Council:

Teresa Laughlin responded to a concern expressed by a Senator that the basic skills initiative is being weakened by the Senate's placement of the Basic Skills Committee in a reporting relationship to the Learning Outcomes Council. Teresa explained the benefits of the triangulation of the Basic Skills Committee, the Learning Outcomes Council, and the Curriculum Committee. She added that the makeup of the Basic Skills committee promotes practicality and productivity. Additional discussion followed.

Committee
Appointments:

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MSC Laughlin, Faulkner: Faculty Senate approval of the following committee appointments:

Basic Skills Committee
Lee Chen (08-10) ESL
Stan Levy (08-11) Reading
Cindy Anfinson (08-10) Mathematics
Bruce Orton (08-11) English
Linda Morrow (08-10) Library

The motion carried.

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MSC Laughlin, Faulkner: Faculty Senate acceptance of the results of the ballot for the following committee appointments:

Basic Skills Committee
Jose Fernandez
Sue Norton

The motion carried.

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MSC Levy, Bedford: Faculty Senate acceptance of the results of the ballot for the following committee appointments:

Basic Skills Initiative Coordinators
Fergal O'Doherty, 3-year term
Gary Sosa, 2-year term

The motion carried.

Curriculum:

No Curriculum items were presented.

Monika Brannick added that a short Curricunet workshop will be offered during the Plenary Session in the fall.

ROP: Monika Brannick indicated that because of scheduling issues with faculty interested in discussing the ROP transition, this item will be placed on the Senate agenda for discussion in the fall semester.

Accreditation: Brent Gowen reported that members of the writing teams continue to receive response from the Steering Committee and that the teams will submit third drafts of the self-study report by the end of June.

Academic Technology: This item will be placed on the Senate agenda in the fall semester.

Senate Availability: Monika asked Senators to forward their summer schedules to the Senate office as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Hishmeh, Secretary