



Minutes of the
MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE
February 4, 2013

APPROVED

PRESENT: Melinda Carrillo, Haydn Davis, Ken Dodson, Katy French, Barb Kelber, Greg Larson, Teresa Laughlin, Jackie Martin, Pam McDonough, Christina Moore, Linda Morrow, Patrick O'Brien, Lillian Payn, Perry Snyder, Diane Studinka, Fari Towfiq

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Berta Cuaron, Shannon Lienhart, Wendy Nelson, Mark Vernoy

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion 1 MSC Towfiq, Laughlin: Faculty Senate approval of the minutes of January 28, 2013, as presented. The motion carried.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Announcements: There were no announcements.

Agenda Changes: Senators agreed to suspend the agenda to discuss Information items A, B, & E: Change to Academic Calendar, SLO Proficiency Report, and Accreditation Report.

Academic Calendar: Copies of proposed modified academic calendars for 2013-14 and 2014-15 were provided. Berta Cuaron explained that there is a range for the number of hours that institutions can choose to have classes meet, but all classes must meet a minimum number of hours. Currently, Palomar is providing the minimum number of hours allowed, but with the current and upcoming holiday schedules providing two Monday holidays, the minimum instruction hours required by the Systems Office will not be met. She explained some of the proposed modifications on these new calendars, such as adding two instruction days while reducing professional development days from the current twelve to ten. Another change would be that spring semester would start a week earlier than it currently starts, although classes would end a week sooner in May.

Lengthy discussion followed on the proposed changes. It was pointed out that adding two instruction days would have a significant effect on Counselors and Librarians. It was also suggested that there may be other solutions to the problem rather than those proposed in the modified calendars. Senate members agreed that because the academic calendar is a negotiations issue, this item should be first discussed by the members of the Negotiations Advisory Council. Teresa Laughlin stated that the group would be meeting on February 13 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. and encouraged all faculty to attend. An email will be distributed this week with more information, and all agreed a memo from the Senate may be helpful as well. One Senator also stressed the importance of the Professional

SLO Proficiency
Report:

Development Coordinator being included in these discussions from the beginning as the proposed changes involved the reduction of Professional Development hours.

Wendy Nelson provided copies of a draft document for the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. Colleges are asked to use the ACCJC's report form in completing their College Status Report on Student Learning Outcomes Implementation.

Nelson provided an outline of the data, including areas of proficiency and those needing improvement.

A question and answer period followed, and Nelson encouraged Senate members to go over the Proficiency Standards. All reports must be submitted to the Commission by March 15, 2013.

Accreditation:

Wendy Nelson reported on the status of a proposal that Palomar had submitted last November 2012 to the ACCJC to participate in a project on assessment and Degree Qualification Profiles (DQP). The Degree Qualification Profiles were developed by the Lumina Foundation, and the ACCJC project is being funded by Lumina. Last week Palomar was informed it was chosen to participate in the project, although the ACCJC changed somewhat the parameters of what Palomar had proposed and instead asked Palomar to focus on continuing with its assessment of GE/ILOS while connecting the work being done with these Degree Qualification Profiles. Nelson noted that by showing support for Palomar's current methods of assessment, ACCJC seemed to be affirming that Palomar is moving in the right direction.

Senate members discussed Lumina's involvement, and questioned what, if any, value there is to Palomar in participating in this project. Nelson noted that the project provides an opportunity for several colleges to work together and share information. Some Senators expressed concern with the funding source, the lack of information disseminated on this project, and the short time frame to make a decision about whether or not to participate. One Senator noted that the wording from the project document stated that colleges participating will serve as resources for institutions across the region and that information will be shared in publications and on a DQP Project webpage for replication and adaptation. Because there is no specific information included on what exactly is expected of the participants, there is a concern about how Palomar data would be used.

After further discussion, consensus was reached by Senators that Palomar College should not participate in the project.

Committee
Appointments:

Motion 2

MSC O'Brien, Laughlin: Faculty Senate approval of the following committee appointments:

Committee on Service Learning

(12-14) Student Services

Annie Schnarr/English (serving at-large)

Curriculum Committee

12-15 Career and Technical Education

Justin Estep/Social and Behavioral Sciences (serving at-large)

Student Program Eligibility Appeals Committee
(12-14) Athletic faculty representative appointed by Faculty Senate
Judith Stafford/English (serving at-large)

The motion carried.

Motion 3 MSC O'Brien, Laughlin: Faculty Senate approval of the following committee appointments:

Selection Committee for the position of Dean, Social & Behavioral Sciences

American Indian Studies – Patricia Dixon
Behavioral Sciences – No volunteers
Child Development – Diane Studinka
Economics, History, Political Science – Chris Johnson
Health, Kinesiology, Recreation Management – No volunteers
Library – Linda Morrow
Multicultural Studies – No volunteers
Academic Technology – Lillian Payn

Selection Committee for the position of Dean, Mathematics and the Natural and Health Sciences

Chemistry – No volunteers
Dental Assisting – No volunteers
Earth, Space and Aviation Sciences – Mark Lane
Life Sciences – Kim Velasquez
Mathematics – ballot
Nursing Education – Hope Farquharson
Physics & Engineering – No volunteers

The motion carried.

Patrick O'Brien noted that if no faculty volunteers are received from the requested departments, at-large faculty members can be selected.

Motion 4 Selection Committee for the position of Dean, Mathematics and the Natural and Health Sciences

Mathematics
Annette D. Squires

The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam McDonough, Secretary