



Minutes of the  
MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE  
October 14, 2013

APPROVED

PRESENT: Sandra Andre, Glyn Bongolan, Melinda Carrillo, Jenny Fererro, Joel Glassman, Barb Kelber, Greg Larson, Teresa Laughlin, Jackie Martin, Pam McDonough, Christina Moore, Patrick O'Brien, Lillian Payn, Susan Snow, Fari Towfiq, Rocco Versaci

ABSENT: Linda Morrow, Travis Ritt, Diane Studinka

GUESTS: Berta Cuaron, Marty Furch, Genesis Gilroy

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 Laughlin, Morrow: Faculty Senate approval of the minutes of October 7, 2013, as amended. The motion carried.

Public Comments: Teresa Laughlin invited all to Political Economy Days scheduled for October 16 & 17. Copies of the schedule have been sent to all faculty and staff and are also available on the district's website.

Announcements: There were no announcements.

Committee Appointment  
Election Process: There was no report.

Committee Appointments:

Motion 2 MSC O'Brien, Laughlin: Faculty Senate approval of the following committee appointment:

Academic Technology Committee  
Karen McGurk, Nursing (2013-15)

The motion carried.

Motion 3 MSC Kelber, Laughlin: Faculty Senate approval of the following department chairs for whom Peer Committee Chairs need approval:

Dennis Lutz (Trade & Industry) – requests Jay Miller  
Pat Hahn (Media Studies) – requests Lisa Faas

The motion carried.

Elections: Patrick O'Brien announced that the nomination period for the part-time faculty Senator position closed on October 7, with one faculty member expressing interest in the position. As stated in the Constitution, if the number of candidates does not exceed the number of vacancies, then no election will be held, and the qualified candidate will be automatically elected. Senators will welcome part-time faculty member Dr. Rebecca Alvarez to their membership at next week's meeting.

Curriculum:

Motion 4 MSC Versaci, Laughlin: Faculty Senate ratification of the Curriculum Committee Action items dated October 2, 2013. The motion carried.

Resolution  
Regarding ACCJC:

Motion 5 MSCU Laughlin, Versaci: Whereas, The U.S. system of regional accreditation has been well-established and has provided essential guarantees of quality education in America's post-secondary institutions since the 1950s; and

Whereas, Keys to the overall success of this unique system are a spirit of collaboration and mutual respect between the regional commissions and their member institutions as well as a shared focus on the needs and interests of the students who attend these institutions; and

Whereas, For the last decade, the relationship in the Western region between the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) and many of California's 113 public community colleges has been contentious; and

Whereas, The ACCJC has sanctioned California Community Colleges with a higher frequency and severity compared to other regions and four-year institutions accredited by Western Association Schools and Colleges (WASC);

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Faculty Senate of Palomar College hereby expresses deep concern over the combative nature of the relationships between the ACCJC and many of California's Community Colleges as well as the future of public education in California; and be it

Further Resolved, That this Faculty Senate urges the U.S. Dept. of Education (USDOE) to carefully scrutinize the ACCJC's work as a regional accreditor during the upcoming review of the ACCJC for federal recognition; and be it

Finally Resolved, That this Faculty Senate joins the Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges\* in recognizing that the ACCJC's contentious relationship with the California Community Colleges and the severity of the commission's sanctions threaten to undermine the original mission of the California Community Colleges which is to provide quality public education to all.

\*The letter dated September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from Beth Smith to Kay Gilcher, Director of the USDOE accreditation division, and the letter dated September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from the Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges to the USDOE Accreditation committee.

The motion carried.

Oversight Committee/  
Grant Funded Projects:

This item has been postponed until next week.

Academic Calendar:

Greg Larson indicated that members of the Calendar Committee have yet to review and discuss the suggestions made by the members of the Academic Calendar Workgroup. Because the Calendar Committee is a Palomar Faculty Federation (PFF) group, this item will be brought to the Senate for Information rather than Action. Teresa Laughlin added that members of the Negotiations Advisory Council will also discuss this item at their next meeting.

Workforce & Community  
Development Advisory  
Group Proposals:

This item will be postponed until October 28, 2013.

Resolutions to be  
Discussed at Area  
Meetings:

Senate members were provided with electronic copies of the Resolutions being presented at the local Area D meeting on Saturday, October 19 at the Imperial Valley Community College, as well as the Statewide Academic Senate meeting scheduled for early November.

2013-14 Faculty  
Senate Goals:

Senate members were provided with the most recent version of the draft of the 2013-14 Faculty Senate Goals, which was brought forward at last week's meeting. Additional discussion occurred on the document, and several additional amendments were made to the wording and format. This item will be brought back for additional discussion/Action at next week's meeting.

Equivalency  
Committee Update:

Fari Towfiq reported that she recently gave a presentation to Governing Board members in closed session on the current process relating to equivalency/minimum qualifications. She added that the process occurred in closed session to allow her to present specific examples involving faculty members if requested by the board.

Student Success Task  
Force

Recommendations:

Greg Larson stated that he met with Vice President Gonzalez last week and meets with Vice President Cuaron each week to discuss progress made toward the implementation of the Student Success Task Force Recommendations. It is hoped that by coordinating efforts with the Vice Presidents and the Senate, productive discussions can occur on how to involve faculty as we move forward in the process. He indicated that he would be inviting Vice Presidents Cuaron and Gonzales to an upcoming Senate meeting to provide their thoughts and visions for this upcoming year.

Pam McDonough added that she continues with her work on the following Recommendations:

- 3.4 Begin addressing Basic Skills deficiencies in first year
- 5.1 Alternative Basic Skills curriculum
- 8.3 Alternative Basic Skills funding model.

She stated that there was a Basic Skills Summit meeting in July 2012, the purpose of which was to start the process of writing an updated document from the 2007 version (*Basic Skills as a Foundation for Student Success of the California Community Colleges*) This document will address the Student Success Task Force Recommendations.

Greg Larson noted that it is hoped that updated information will be available to all on the Chancellor's website soon.

Accreditation: Greg Larson reported that the Accreditation Writing Teams are working towards meeting the late October or early November deadlines for completion of the first drafts of the reports.

He noted the recent Accreditation survey distributed to all faculty and staff. It is hoped that all will participate.

Policies & Procedures: There was no report.

ASG: There was no report.

Learning Outcomes Council: Marty Furch reported that members of the Learning Outcomes Council (LOC) are currently reviewing the draft of the GE/ILO Assessment Report that covers the assessment of GE outcomes Critical Thinking and Oral Communication, conducted in spring semester 2013. The LOC is also preparing for the upcoming spring 2014 assessment of identified GE outcomes, Quantitative Literacy and Writing. During the summer of 2013, workgroups representing various disciplines gathered to develop and compose the rubrics that are proposed for use during the assessment process. Furch noted that anyone interested in trying out the rubrics this semester should contact her for more information.

Strategic Planning Council: Members of the Strategic Planning Council will meet on Tuesday, October 16.

Governing Board: Greg Larson indicated that at the recent Governing Board meeting, more information was heard on Assembly Bill 955, which allows up to six specific colleges to charge differential fees during intercession. Our Governing Board has voiced its opposition to this bill, and it appears that only Long Beach City College may participate. Two others have declined, and three were not eligible. It was noted that it is just a pilot program currently scheduled for two semesters only.

Faculty Service Area Committee: Greg Larson stated that members of the Faculty Service Area Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 15.

Academic Technology Committee: Lillian Payn reported that members of the Academic Technology Committee (ATC) have met with the Architects to review the plans for the new Library. The building will be the only four-story building on campus and includes an atrium.

She added that members of the ATC are also working on Accreditation tasks.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam McDonough, Secretary