

Minutes of the  
MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE  
August 30, 2010

APPROVED

PRESENT: Bruce Bishop, Monika Brannick, Haydn Davis, Marty Furch, Lori Graham, Erin Hartensveld, Barb Kelber, Teresa Laughlin, Jackie Martin-Klement, Linda Morrow, Patrick O'Brien, Dan Sourbeer, Perry Snyder, Diane Studinka, Fari Towfiq

ABSENT:

GUESTS:

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, Bishop: Faculty Senate approval of the minutes of August 23, 2010, as amended. The motion carried.

Public Comments: There were none.

Announcements: Monika Brannick provided copies of emails received from Jane Patton, the President of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. One email referred to complaint letters filed with the U.S. Department of Education regarding the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC). Some of the complaints focused on processes used by the ACCJC for selecting commissioners. The Department of Education found that the ACCJC has not been transparent and compliant in its processes and must take corrective action and report back to the Department of Education by November. The Accreditation Task Group will meet soon to discuss how to proceed.

The second email referred to the Chancellor's recent termination of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Kaplan University. At the Spring Plenary Session a resolution was brought forward requesting a termination of the MOU, and subsequently a Consultation task group was formed where there was agreement that the MOU could potentially cause harm to students. There is concern about potential negative effects on students, particularly because of questions about equity and access, as well as uncertainty about whether the Kaplan courses could successfully transfer to universities. There has been broad support within the community college system, encouraging the Chancellor to terminate the MOU.

Committee  
Appointments:

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

Financial Aid Appeals Committee  
*(10-12) One faculty member from Athletics*  
Byron Campbell/Athletics

Learning Outcomes Council

(10-12) *at-large*

Michael Mufson/Arts, Media, Business, and Computing Systems

The motion carried.

Motion 3

MSC O'Brien, Laughlin: Faculty Senate approval of the appointment of Dan Sourbeer to serve as a Faculty Senate representative on the Human Resources Planning Council. The motion carried.

Motion 4

MSC O'Brien, Hartensveld: Faculty Senate acceptance of the results of the ballot for the following committee appointments:

Basic Skills Committee

(10-13) Full-time Faculty member, at large

Lisa Faas/Arts, Media, Business and Computer Science

Professional Development Advisory Board

(10-12) Languages and Literature

Jerry Rafiki Jenkins/English

The motion carried.

Patrick O'Brien reminded Senate members that Faculty Senators are still needed to serve on the Student Services Planning Council and Finance/Administrative Services Planning Council.

Motion 5

MSC O'Brien, Sourbeer: Faculty Senate approval of the appointment of Diane Studinka to serve as a Faculty Senate representative on the Student Services Planning Council. The motion carried.

Monika Brannick reported that a call to fill Senate vacancies will be distributed next week.

Motion 6

MSC Morrow, Sourbeer: Faculty Senate approval of the appointment of Diane Studinka as the chair of the evaluation committee for Jenny Ferrero. The motion carried.

Curriculum:

The next meeting of the Curriculum Committee will be held on September 15, 2010.

Faculty Senate  
Meeting Time:

At last week's meeting, a Senator requested discussion of the Senate's current 2:00 – 3:30 meeting time, asking whether it may be beneficial to reduce those meetings to one hour in length, from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. A few Senators occasionally have other commitments requiring them to leave the Senate meeting early, and, as a result, they miss crucial discussions.

Discussion occurred on other options, including limiting discussion during the "Public Comment" portion of the agenda, as well as under "Reports." Currently, there should be a two minute limit on reports, but they often run as long as 20 -30 minutes. Suggestions were made to alternate the order in which the Reports are placed on the agenda, providing

a fair opportunity for all groups to report. Several Senators noted that providing written reports to be included in the minutes could be helpful and could save time.

After further discussion, there was overall agreement that the current meeting length should remain in place, and efforts will be made to keep all Reports at the two minute time limit. Senator Bishop noted that the Brown Act requires that items listed under Reports are to provide information only; they are not open for discussion. If a Senator has a lengthy report or needs an item to be discussed by the Senate as a group, that topic should appear on the agenda under Information or Action.

Study Abroad Trips  
For Credit:

This item will not be addressed at today's meeting, but will be brought back for discussion at a later date.

ASG:

No ASG representative was present.

Learning Outcomes  
Council:

Marty Furch reported that the Learning Outcomes Council (LOC) met last week and continues with training sessions for members of the LOC. This week the group will discuss the reporting function of the outcomes database, also known as TracDat. The group also continues to finalize its goals for the year.

President Deegan:

Monika Brannick indicated that she and Fari Towfiq will meet with President Deegan on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. this semester.

Governing Board:

The next meeting of the Governing Board will be held on Tuesday, September 7, 2010.

SPC/Budget  
Committee:

Monika Brannick stated that the Budget Committee is scheduled to meet on August 31, 2010.

Joint Senate/PFF:

Members of the Joint Senate/PFF council continue to discuss possible meeting times for the semester.

Palomar Faculty  
Federation:

Teresa Laughlin reported that the Negotiations Council will meet once per month on the second Wednesday from 3:00 – 4:00 in SU-30. The next meeting will be held on September 8. 17 faculty members are currently serving, though faculty from the Math, English, and Life Sciences departments, for example, are still needed to serve.

Motion 7

MSC O'Brien, Laughlin: To return to the "Committee Appointments" portion of the agenda. The motion carried.

Motion 8

MSC O'Brien, Sourbeer: Faculty Senate approval of the following committee appointment:

Strategic Planning Council  
Theresa Egkan/Counseling

The motion carried.

Other:                   Monika Brannick reported that the 42<sup>nd</sup> Spring Session Resolutions are available for review on the Statewide Academic Senate's website, and a hard copy is available for review in the Faculty Senate office.

ADJOURNMENT:       The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Neault Kelber, Secretary