



Minutes of the
MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE
May 2, 2016

APPROVED

PRESENT: Richard Albistegui-Dubois, April Cunningham, Jenny Ferrero, Joel Glassman, Greg Larson, Teresa Laughlin, Shannon Lienhart, Jackie Martin, Pam McDonough, Lillian Payn, Travis Ritt, Seth San Juan, Fari Towfiq

ABSENT: Melinda Carrillo

GUESTS: William Dalrymple, Susan Miller, Ben Mudgett, Ellen Weller

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

Please note: All votes are presumed unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion 1 MSC Lienhart, Laughlin: Faculty Senate approval of the minutes of April 25, 2016, as presented. The motion carried. Abstentions: Laughlin, Lienhart, Ritt.

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Announcements: Greg Larson announced that the interviewees have been selected for the Presidential Search Committee and will be interviewed on Thursday, May 5, Friday, May 6, and Monday, May 9. The Board interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, and Friday, May 13. The Presidential Forum will occur on Wednesday, May 18. The Governing Board will deliberate between May 25–27. Candidates are being compensated for travel and travel-related expenses for the first-level interviews.

Welcome: New Senators William Dalrymple, Susan Miller, Ben Mudgett, and Ellen Weller were welcomed today as guests. All new Senate members will be officially seated at next week's meeting.

Officer Elections: Greg Larson reminded all that elections for the position of Faculty Senate Vice President and Secretary typically occur at the second meeting in May. Because of the number of absences expected at the May 9 meeting due to the Presidential Search Committee interview, Senators discussed holding the elections at the May 16 meeting.

Summer Availability: Senators will be contacted soon with a request to provide information on their summer availability in the unlikely event the Faculty Senate needs to meet over the summer break.

Acknowledgements: Senate members thanked Pam McDonough for all of her work on behalf of the Senate the past several years. McDonough will be on sabbatical next semester.

Senators also thanked Greg Larson for his service and efforts as Faculty Senate President over the last four years. Larson will remain on the Senate in the position of Past President.

Strategic Planning
Council:

Greg Larson reported that members of the Strategic Planning Council heard recommendations from the Budget Committee at their recent meeting, and have accepted those recommendations for budget measures.

Instructional Planning
Council:

Pam McDonough stated that the Instructional Planning Council is continuing their reviews of Program Review and Planning (PRP) documents. Final approval of those submissions is expected at the next meeting.

The Adult Ed Block Grant was also discussed, and Senators noted the need to stay updated on this issue and be involved in its implementation, particularly those departments whose curriculum will be impacted.

Student Services
Planning Council:

Members of the Student Services Planning Council continue to discuss its membership and membership structure.

Palomar Faculty
Federation:

Shannon Lienhart indicated that members of the Palomar Faculty Federation (PFF) are once again beginning the negotiations process with the district.

Student Success &
Equity Council:

Greg Larson reported that the Student Success & Equity Council continued with discussion of funding for several projects. Some of the project applications did not provide enough specific information and those individuals are being contacted to complete the process. Applying and assessment of those funds was also discussed by the members of the council.

Academic Technology
Committee:

Lillian Payn stated that the Academic Technology Committee met on Thursday, April 28. Members of the committee voted to continue with the campus pilot. Additional data will be gathered as efforts are made to increase exposure to more faculty of Canvas and get a broader range of courses involved.

A Student Survey will begin this week for those students who were involved in both the Canvas Pilot and the Blackboard Counterpart that were selected as part of the methodology.

Faculty Service
Area Committee:

Greg Larson reminded Senators of 25 Faculty Service Area forms that were brought, discussed, and ratified by the Faculty Senate last year. Those were forwarded to the Superintendent/President for review but have yet to be approved.

Committee
Appointments:

- Motion 2 MSC Ritt, Laughlin: Faculty Senate approval of the following committee appointment:
- Equivalency Committee
Jackie Martin, Business
- The motion carried.
- Travis Ritt noted that he will be contacting committee members whose terms are expiring at the end of the semester.
- He also reminded Senators that there are several committees in need of Faculty Senate representation.
- Motion 3 MSC Ritt, Towfiq: Faculty Senate support of postponing the election of the Faculty Senate Vice President and Secretary to the May 16, 2016, Faculty Senate meeting. The motion carried.
- Curriculum:
- Motion 4 MSC Fererro, Laughlin: Faculty Senate ratification of the Palomar College Curriculum Committee Actions dated Wednesday, April 20, 2016. The motion carried.
- Senate members acknowledged Jenny Fererro for all of her excellent work as Curriculum Committee Co-chair this past year.
- Motion 5 MSC Laughlin, Martin: Faculty Senate support of the appointment of Wendy Nelson to the position of SLOAC GE/ILO Assessment Coordinator through December, 2016. The motion carried.
- Greg Larson noted that Wendy Nelson has agreed to serve in the position one semester only because she is going on sabbatical next fall. There are a total of three positions:
SLOAC Accreditation Coordinator
SLOAC Program Review Coordinator
SLOAC GE/ILO Assessment Coordinator
- There is a total of 120% assigned time for the positions, and each is for a two-year term. Efforts will continue to fill them as soon as possible.
- Phi Theta Kappa
Faculty Survey: This item has been removed from the Agenda.
- South Center Update: Greg Larson reported that members of the Strategic Planning Council have made a recommendation that the district move forward with the South Center. Discussion occurred on the need for research on whether there is a need, or demand, for it. Some Senate members indicated that it would have been helpful to have specific data before the decision was made to move forward on it.
- Legislative Updates: Greg Larson provided the following Legislative updates on bills currently stalled in the legislature:
AB 1741, California College Promise Innovation Grant Program.
http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB1741

This bill appropriates an additional \$25 million to the Chancellor for allocation to California Community College districts in order to establish regional programs.

AB 2434, Postsecondary Education: Higher Education Policy

This bill establishes a Blue Ribbon commission on public post-secondary education. The 9 member panel would consist of business and community leaders, and people employed by public institutions of higher learning and their spouses would be prevented from serving on the commission.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB2434

Strategic Plan 2019: Senate members were provided with a draft of the Strategic Plan 2019. Lengthy discussion occurred on the document, and several amendments were proposed.

In relation to Goals 5 & 6, there was support for wording clarifying the particularly as it relates to developing a culture of collaborative learning and building connections across the disciplines.

In relation to Goals 2 & 5, there was a recommendation to acknowledge and indicate that issues relating to enrollment and increasing enrollment is not solely an instructional issue but is rather an administrative and marketing matter. All avenues should be explored to increase course offerings and improve enrollment efficiency; including marketing, advertising, and student services. Senators were also in support and agreement to remove Goal 2 or Objective 2.3.

There was also support of adding wording that supports increasing course offerings at the southern portion of the district while maximizing enrollment at the main campus.

Other: Travis Ritt reminded all that the ballot for the proposed Constitutional changes has been distributed. The results of the ballot will be announced at the May 16 Senate meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Fererro, Secretary