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Action Item - March 15, 2010

Attachment #1

BP 3900

Political Activity

Education Code Sections 7054, 7056;

Reference:

Government Code Section 8314

Adoption Date:

April 15, 2003

Members of the Board and employees shall not use District funds, services, supplies, mailboxes, or other equipment to urge the passage or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate, including, but not limited to. equipment to urge the passage or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate, including, but not limited to, any candidate for election to the Governing Board. The term "equipment" is intended to include, but is not limited to mailboxes procured at taxpayer expense.

This policy prohibits political activity as described above during an employee's working hours, but shall not be construed to prohibit an employee from urging the support or defeat of a ballot measure or candidate during nonworking time.

Initiative or referendum measures may be drafted on an area of legitimate interest to the District. The Board may by resolution express the Board's position on ballot measures. Public resources may be used only for informational efforts regarding ballot measures. (Moved from BP 2716)

Modified due to court muling

section cuts; Tim noted approximately \$3000.00 per section. Sunny encouraged faculty to participate in the discussions with their department chairs and coordinators regarding sections cuts. She also acknowledged this was a difficult task for all and asked that if anyone had more questions or concerns to please contact her or Tim.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

IV. ACTION ITEMS

None

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. ASCCC Resolution 4.03-Response to AB 440: "Transfer Degree"

Chris began by reviewing Resolutions 4.02, 4.03, and 4.04 that were presented at the fall Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) plenary session. Chris explained that these resolutions were presented in response to AB 440, an Assembly Bill that would put Transfer Degree requirements into the Education Code. Chris explained Resolution 4.02 was passed at the Plenary, but both 4.03 and 4.04 were referred to the Executive Committee (EC) for further explanation and clarity to be represented at the Spring Plenary. Chris explained that Resolution 4.02 was in opposition of any legislation in regard to degrees and stated that community college degrees should remain under the control of the local California community colleges and Governing Boards. Chris further explained that AB 440 was set aside, but new legislation SB 1440 is being presented and deals with the same issue; putting Transfer Degrees into statute. The EC of the State Academic Senate is concerned that this legislation will be presented before the next plenary session and has asked that local senates please take a look at the resolutions that were referred and give their input and indication of whether they support either resolution. The concern regarding this situation is that the ASCCC would be moving forward and acting on a resolution outside of the normal processes. Much discussion occurred regarding both the legislation itself and the ASCCC processes. Motion was made to move Resolution 4.03 from information to an action item. Chris informed the body that a 2/3 majority was required for this action to take place.

motion to move to action M/S/U Milroy/Atchison

Clarification was made that the EC would like to move Resolution 4.03 forward by a "straw vote." It was clarified that if 4.03 was approved it would require that local colleges remove their "local" graduation requirements when offering a Transfer Degree. A motion was made to support Resolution 4.03.

M/S Davies-Morris/Milroy

Discussion occurred regarding the restriction this would place on local colleges and the value of transfer degrees. Chris then called for the vote.

Motion failed by majority vote.

5 in favor

4 abstained

B. BP 1200-District and College Mission Statements

This item will return as an action item at the next meeting.

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