

# Academic Senate

## Grossmont College

### Minutes of the Meeting – January 30, 2006

**PRESENT:** Beth Smith (President); Bonnie Schmiede (Vice President); Victoria Howitt (Senate Officer at Large); Craig Milgrim (Senate Officer at Large); P.J.Ortmeier, Tina Young (Administration of Justice); Jennifer Carmean (ASL); Jim Wilsterman, Suda House, Paul Turounet (Art); Israel Cardona (Behavioral Sciences); Dave Wertlieb, Virginia Dudley, Michael Golden (Biological Sciences); (Business Administration); Linda Snider, Mark Pressnall (Business Office Technology); Rick Kirby, (Cardiovascular Technology); Tom Olmstead (Chemistry); Mary Courtney, Sheridan Dewolf (Child Development); Joel Castellaw (Communication); Janet Gelb, Diane Mayne-Stafford (Computer Science); Mary Rider, Debbie Lim, Renee Tuller (Counseling); Tom Gamboa (Cross Cultural Studies); James Foran for Joe Orate, Evan Enowitz (Culinary Arts); Jane Nolan, Scott Barr (Disabled Student Services); (Dance); Mark Goodman, Chris Hill (Earth Sciences); Gary Phillips, Julie Cardenas, Linda Mitchell, Stephanie Mood, Qais Sako (English); Virginia Berger, Nancy Herzfeld-Pipkin, Chuck Passentino (ESL); Sylvia Montejano (EOPS); Jim Symington, Laura Burger (Exercise Science and Wellness); Ruth F. Konopka (Foreign Language); Sue Gonda, Marty Ennis, Devon Hansen (History); (International Business); Michelle Blackman, Pat Morrison (Library); Peg Hovde, Nemie Capacia, Jeff Waller (Math); Evan Wirig (Media Communications); (Music); (Nursing); Valerie Plummer (Occupational Therapy); David Milroy, Raul Sandelin (PartTime Representatives); Zoe Close, Bill Hoaglin (Philosophy, Humanities & Religious Studies); Ross Cohen (Physics, Astronomy, & Physical Sciences); (Political Economy); Lorenda Seibold- Phalan (Respiratory Therapy); (Theatre Arts).

**ABSENT:** Lance Parr (Administration of Justice); Teresa Jacob, Gregg Robinson (Behavioral Sciences); Judith Zander, Brian Keliher (Business Administration); Don Ridgway (Cardiovascular Technology); Sheri Guseman (Communication); Clifton Quinn (Computer Science); Kathy Meyer (Dance); Tim Cliffe (Earth Sciences); Karen Caires, Joyce Sake (Exercise Science and Wellness); Carmen Hernandez (Foreign Language); Priscilla Rogers (International Business);, Susan Working (Math); William Snead (Media Communications); Steve Baker, Fred Benedetti, Derek Cannon (Music); Nancy Tendal (Nursing); Dennis Collins (Physics, Astronomy, & Physical Sciences); Will Cummings, Brian Jennings (Political Economy); Beth Mallette, Craig Everett (Theatre Arts).

**GUESTS:** Joan Ahrens, Faculty – English

Della Elliot, Staff – District, Public Information

Ryane Harris, Faculty – English

Cathy Harvey, Faculty – English

Jenny Nolen, Faculty – English

Margaret Van Blaricom, Faculty – English

**RECORDER:** Tasa Campos

## I. CALL TO ORDER

### A. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda.

Beth stated the Senate Officers had made the decision to delete item "A" under Information Items (Attachment #4).

M/S/U Montejano/Kirby

### **Approval of Minutes from December 5, 2005**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2005 meeting.

M/S/U Schmiede/Rider

### **Approval of Minutes from January 19, 2006**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2006 meeting.

M/S/P Dudley/Milroy

There was one abstention.

## **II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Beth reported on the following:

She reminded the group the Accreditation Surveys are due in tomorrow, Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. There was a question regarding submitting the survey electronically and whether or not it would remain anonymous. Beth stated as far as she knew all surveys will be anonymous. A request was made for a hard copy.

The Presidential Hiring Search Committee members have been selected. The group reviewed the following list by overhead:

Chair Dr. Dean Colli

GC Academic Senate Sue Jensen, Beth Smith, & Curtis Stevens

United Faculty Zoe Close

CSEA Dave McDade

Admin. Association Peter White

Classified Senate Bernadette Black

GC Foundation Ernie Ewin

Community at Large Jim Davis & Gary Clasen

District Rep Gerri Perri & Jim Austin

ASGC Charles Brown

Beth stated that Dr. Dean Colli had been selected to sit as the Interim President until the hiring and selection process has been completed. A possible co-chair position may be added to this committee. There is some concern regarding the diversity among this committee. The final approval of the committee structure will be decided by the chancellor.

A yellow hand-out was distributed with information from the February 2006 Senate Rostrum Newsletter put out by the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. Beth encouraged the group to read the monthly ASCCC newsletter. The hand-out was titled SB 55 (Lowenthal) Creating a Uniform Response to Academic Senate Motions of No Confidence. The group discussed the information pertaining to the bill. If passed, the bill will go into effect January 2007. Please contact your assembly representatives and show your support for the bill.

The State Senate will be having the regular session meeting in April. SOC would like to have some Grossmont faculty attend. If interested in attending, please contact one of the senate officers.

The Student referrals process to the Tech Mall that was passed by the senate last December is not working. There has been concern expressed to the senate by faculty regarding the situation and the problems that are occurring. Students are not being allowed access to the computers. SOC will be meeting with Dean Colli and Kats Gustafson this week to discuss and review the situation. The Counseling office is doing a great job in trying to assist the students who are experiencing this problem. The issue needs more discussion within the Academic Senate and this will be one of the agenda items at the next senate meeting on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Please assist your students to the best of your capability in providing them with what they need in order to gain access. The form template is available on the college webpage under syllabus resources.

Craig Milgrim gave a brief update on the Allocation Task Force meeting last Friday. The group has been given the task to create a new allocation method for the district. The group consists of Grossmont, Cuyamaca and District representatives. The meeting was very amicable and contained great dialogue. The group agreed that there is insufficient information to put together a new formula right now. A list of items was submitted by the committee to Jack Randall who facilitates the meetings. February is the

deadline to move on the 2006-07 Budget and the committee agreed to move forward with the current allocation formula for the new budget year. Nothing will change at this point, and the Academic Senate will be updated with additional information as it becomes available.

### **III. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Part Time Faculty Resolution on Union/Senate Cooperation – Attachment #1**

Beth shared the resolution had been submitted as an information item last December.

A motion was made to approve the resolution.

A motion was made to amend the resolution by removing the words "vested with the authority" in the last paragraph and replacing it with "encouraged."

A hand count was required.

M/S/Passed Milroy/Konopka

A motion was made to amend the resolution by removing the words "on behalf of the senate".

A hand count was required

M/S/Passed Milgrim/Hoaglin

The group continued to discuss the resolution and its implications.

A motion was made to call the question and end discussion.

A hand count was required.

M/S/Passed Wertlieb/Milroy

A hand count was taken in determining the approval of the resolution. There were 5 ayes, 37 nays, and 15 abstentions. The resolution failed.

M/S/F Burger/Milroy

#### **Resolution of No Confidence in the Board – Attachment #2**

Beth suggested the group spend the remainder of the meeting to discuss the three resolutions, attachments #2, #3 and #5. She discussed the upcoming meeting dates of February 6<sup>th</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup> and stated there are a few academic issues that need to be discussed as soon as possible and is planning to discuss them at the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The senate needs to review the resolutions and make some decision regarding the contents. Any faculty member or department is free to write additional/alternative resolutions to be reviewed by the senate. Everyone should be involved in the dialogue and decisions being used to create the resolutions. The target date to discuss the resolutions is March 6<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made to table attachments #2 and #3, continue the discussion of the content, and move the resolutions to action on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

M/S/U House/Milgrim

A motion was made to call the question.

M/S/U Hill/Wirig

The group continued to discuss the contents of Attachment #2, #3, and #5. The group discussed the reasoning behind Attachment #5.

Gary Phillips, Chair of the English Department, shared the English Department faculty had met last week and reviewed the resolutions. Gary read a letter to the members of the Academic Senate from the English and ESL Departments stating they support tabling resolutions Attachment #2 and Attachment #3 and review other options. The letter requested the Academic Senate seek outside mediation in order open up communication between Grossmont College and the District. Beth thanked Gary and the English Department for their opinions.

The group discussed the issue of outside mediation and that fact that the Grossmont Academic Senate has already requested it, the in form of Technical Assistance, several times, but it was denied by the chancellor.

Beth encouraged all ideas and opinions. Please forward all ideas to the senate officers.

**Resolution Asking for Resignation of Chancellor Omero Suarez and Vice Chancellors Jim Austin and Ben Lastimado – Attachment #3**

Discussed in item #B.

#### **IV. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Resolution Providing Direction to the Senate Representatives on the District Allocation Task Force – Attachment #4**

Removed from the agenda by the senate officers.

### **Resolution to Begin Solving Problems – Attachment #5**

This item was briefly discussed in #B under Action Items.

### **Faculty Serving on Committees**

Beth reported on the following faculty to serve on committees:

- ☐ Laura Burger Curriculum Committee
- ☐ Craig Milgrim Planning & Budget Committee
- ☐ Beth Smith C0-Chair Accreditation Standard IV
- ☐ Cathy Harvey District Task Force Mission

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

**\*The next meeting will be February 6th, in the Grossmont College Griffin Gate.**

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