

Academic Senate

Grossmont College

Minutes of the Meeting – September 18, 2006

PRESENT: Beth Smith (President); Bonnie Schmiege (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); Suda House, Paul Turounet (Art); Israel Cardona, Gregg Robinson (Behavioral Sciences); Virginia Dudley (Biological Sciences); Judith Zander, Evan Enowitz, Nate Scharff (Business Administration); Linda Snider, Mark Pressnall (Business Office Technology); Rick Kirby, Don Ridgway (Cardiovascular Technology); Jeff Lehman, Martin Larter (Chemistry); Mary Courtney (Child Development); Joel Castellaw, Sheri Guseman (Communication); Janet Gelb, Diane Mayne-Stafford (Computer Science); Mary Rider (Counseling); (Culinary Arts); Scott Barr (Disabled Student Services); David Mullen (Dance); Chris Hill (Earth Sciences); Tate Hurvitz (English); Pat Bennett, Barbara Loveless (ESL); (EOPS); Jim Symington, Laura Burger, Steve Johns (Exercise Science and Wellness); Paul Vincent (Foreign Language); Sue Gonda, Devon Hansen (History); (International Business); Pat Morrison (Library); Peg Hovde, Shirley Pereira, Jenny Vanden Eynden (Math); Evan Wirig, William Snead (Media Communications); (Music); Tom Oertel (Nursing); (Occupational Therapy); David Milroy, Raul Sandelin (PartTime Representatives); Zoe Close (Philosophy, Humanities & Religious Studies); (Physics, Astronomy, & Physical Sciences); Brian Jennings, Jim Wood (Political Economy); Lorenda Seibold-Phalan (Respiratory Therapy); Craig Everett (Theatre Arts).

ABSENT: (Administration of Justice); (ASL); Jim Wilsterman (Art); Teresa Jacob (Behavioral Sciences); Michael Golden (Biological Sciences); (Business Administration); (Cardiovascular Technology); (Chemistry); Sheridan Dewolf (Child Development); (Communication); (Computer Science); Tom Gamboa (Cross Cultural Studies); Debbie Lim, Renee Tuller (Counseling); Joe Orate, James Foran (Culinary Arts); (Dance); Jane Nolan (Disabled Student Services); Judd Curran (Earth Sciences); Gary Phillips (English); (ESL); Sylvia Montejano (EOPS); Larry Larsen (Exercise Science and Wellness); Ruth F. Konopka (Foreign Language); Marty Ennis (History); Priscilla Rogers (International Business); (LRC); Jeff Waller (Math); (Media Communications); Steve Baker (Music); (Nursing); Christine Vicino (Occupational Therapy); (PartTime Representatives); Bill Hoaglin (Philosophy, Humanities & Religious Studies); Ross Cohen (Physics, Astronomy, & Physical Sciences); (Political Economy); (Respiratory Therapy); Beth Mallette (Theatre Arts).

GUESTS: Jon Al-Amin – Vice President, Administrative Services

John Colson – Interim Vice President, Student Services

Della Elliott, Staff – Public Information

Ernie Ewin – Executive Director, Foundation

Kendra Jeffcoat – Interim Assistant Dean, Student Affairs

Arlene Stone – Administrative Secretary, Student Services

Marsha Raybourn, Supervisor – Instructional Operations

RECORDER: Tasa Campos

I. CALL TO ORDER

Beth welcomed everyone to the first Academic Senate meeting of the Fall 06 semester. The Senate Officers were introduced so any new senators would know who their Senate Officers are. Beth reminded the group that only Senators can vote on motions.

A. Approval of Agenda

Beth briefly reviewed the agenda and noted that item D under the President's Report would be moved to the end of the meeting.

A motion was made to approve the agenda.

M/S/U Wirig/Carmean

Approval of Minutes from May 15, 2006

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2006 meeting.

M/S/P Milroy/Schmiege

There was one abstention. The motion passed.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Interim Executive Director of the Foundation – Ernie Ewin

Beth welcomed Ernie Ewin, Interim Executive Director of the Foundation. Ernie introduced himself to the group. He stated he was here to ask for support of the foundation and to give an update. He reviewed the following:

Underwriting of the Distinguished Faculty Award

Foundation Scholarships

Foundation funded Scholarship Breakfast

Foundation funded mini-grants

Padre Game

Involving all elements on campus

Annual Gala

Gas card drawing

Ernie thanked the Senate for their time.

Review of the 10+1 Items Under the Purview of the Senate

Beth reviewed a handout from the Academic Senate of the California Community Colleges containing a punch out card listing the 10+1 Items Under the Purview of the Senate. The card listed great information especially for faculty new to the Senate. If extra copies are needed, please contact the Academic Senate office at ext.7750 or a Senate Officer.

Academic Senate Fall 06 Agenda Items – Attachment #1

Beth reviewed on overhead list of tentative Academic Senate Fall 06 Agenda Items. The Senate Officers collected information to develop the list of agenda items. The following items were reviewed:

Report from Program Review – Scott Barr would be giving this presentation at today's meeting.

Approval of District and College Mission Statements – The statements were distributed and discussed at today's meeting as information items.

Consider Allowing Faculty to Use Plus/Minus Grading – This information was distributed at today's meeting as an information item. The Senators requested more information be discussed at the next Academic Senate meeting.

Review of the Supervised Tutoring, Including a Definition from the Pedagogical Perspective.

Consider Resurrection of the GE Committee.

Approve New Forms for Determining Equivalencies for Part Time Faculty.

Consider Adoption of Institutional Values.

Consider Revisions to the constitution of the Senate – Reviewing past-president involvement.

Consider Creation of a Task Force to Develop a Policy on Cell Phones and Cheating.

Consider Creation of a Task Force to Develop a Policy on Faculty Rights.

Consider Resolutions as Created by Faculty about Pertinent Issues.

Election of New Senate President – The President Election nominations will occur in October and elections will occur in November. If interested in possibly running for Academic Senate, please contact a Senate Officer. There are training sessions available in the fall. Senate Officer election will occur in Spring 06.

Recognition of Peter White (moved to the end of the meeting to accommodate Peter's schedule)

Beth introduced Peter White to the group and shared that Peter had left Grossmont College during the summer and the Academic Senate was unable to say goodbye and thank him for all his work. Beth read a resolution prepared by the Senate for Peter White.

A motion was made to suspend the rules and move the resolution to an action item

M/S/U Kirby/Bennett

A motion was made to approve the resolution.

M/S/U Kirby/Bennett

The group gave Peter a round of applause. Peter thanked the group for the resolution.

Other

Beth reviewed the handout Faculty Serving on Committees and Councils List – Fall 06. She asked the group to review and send any changes or errors to Tasa Campos.

Beth shared packets were available of The Academic Senate's Case for Technical Assistance.

With Dave Wertlieb retiring last spring, the Academic Senate needs a new Parliamentarian. If interested, please let Beth know.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program Review

Scott Barr presented the Program Review End-Of-The-Year Report 2005/2006. He reviewed the draft version of the Program Review Student Learning Outcome Questions.

How does your department make decisions related to:

Identification of student learning outcomes?

Methods to demonstrate achievement of these learning outcomes?

How do you use this information for course/program improvement?

He reviewed the Program Review Articulation Questions.

Current questions:

2.16 List courses that have been formally articulated with the high schools and/or four-year universities.

2.17 Describe the status of articulation with CSU and UC systems as well as with regional private universities and other entities. Describe how the department/program ensure that transferable courses are current and articulate with four-year institutions.

New question:

2.16 After reviewing ASSIST.org and the Grossmont college articulation website, please identify if there are any areas of concern or additional needs your department has about articulation with four year institutions. Please describe how the department/program ensures that articulations with key four-year universities are current.

Scott requested the draft questions be moved to Action Items at the next Academic Senate meeting.

Scott also reviewed the Summary Evaluations on the following disciplines:

LRC

Social & Behavioral Sciences

History

Respiratory Therapy

ESL

English

Foreign Language

III. ACTION ITEMS

None

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

Mission Statements for the District and College – Attachments #2 & #3

Beth shared and distributed a new (pink copy) of the District's Mission Statement and asked that the version in the agenda be disregarded. The group briefly reviewed the District and College Mission Statements.

Please review and send any changes to the Senate Officers. Only the top sections of the statements are up for review.

Plus/Minus Grading Proposal – Attachment #4

The group briefly reviewed the Plus/Minus Grading Proposal developed by Clifton Quinn and Phillip Blanco. The group discussed GPA calculations and how will the change affect it. It was requested the presentation given on the Plus/Minus Grading Proposal given during Professional Development Week be presented at the next Academic Senate meeting.

Faculty Serving on Committees – Attachment #5

Due to lack of time, this item was not reviewed.

V. OTHER

Meeting adjourned at 12:22p.m.

***The next meeting will be on October 2nd in Griffin Gate.**

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