

# Academic Senate Grossmont College

## Minutes of the Meeting – November 19, 2007

**PRESENT:** Chris Hill (President); Sue Gonda (Vice President); Laura Burger (Senate Officer at Large); Jeff Lehman (Senate Officer at Large); Raul Sandelin (Senate Officer at Large); Jennifer Carmean (ASL); Jennifer Bennett (Art); Virginia Dudley, Michael Golden, Michele Perchez (Biological Sciences); Judith Zander, Evan Enowitz (Business Administration); Linda Snider (Business Office Technology); Don Ridgway Rick Kirby (Cardiovascular Technology); Martin Larter, Diana Vance (Chemistry); Sheridan Dewolf, Amy Obegi (Child Development); Jill Carleton, Victoria Howitt (Communication); Janet Gelb, Diane Mayne-Stafford (Computer Science); Donne Leigh, Debbie Lim, (Counseling); Jane Nolan, Carl Fielden (Disabled Student Services); Judd Curran, Jenny Duncan (Earth Sciences); Oralee Holder, Tate Hurvitz, Micah Jendian (English); Nancy Herzfeld-Pipkin, Barbara Loveless (ESL); Jim Symington, Randy Abshier (Exercise Science and Wellness); Paul Vincent, (Foreign Language); Sue Gonda, Devon Atchison (History); Priscilla Rogers (International Business); Pat Morrison (Library); Jenny Vanden Eynden, Susan Working, Ray Funk, Corey Manchester, Shirley Pereira (Math); William Snead (Media Communications); Derek Cannon (Music); Christine Vicino (Occupational Therapy); Lee Johnson, David Milroy (Part-Time Representatives); David Milroy, Lee Johnson, Zoe Close (Philosophy, Humanities & Religious Studies); Ross Cohen (Physics, Astronomy, & Physical Sciences); Brian Jennings (Political Economy); Lorenda Seibold-Phalan (Respiratory Therapy); Craig Everett (Theatre Arts).

**ABSENT:** Scott Barr (Senate Officer at Large); P.J. Ortmeier, Lance Parr, Tina Young (Administration of Justice); (ASL); Jim Wilsterman, Marion DeKoning (Art); Israel Cardona, Amy Ramos, Gregg Robinson (Behavioral Sciences); Barb Gillespie (Business Office Technology); Joel Castellaw (Communication); James Canady (Counseling); Tom Gamboa (Cross Cultural Studies); Joe Orate (Culinary Arts); Kathy Meyers (Dance); Joan Ahrens, Adelle Schmitt, Tony Ding (English); Pat Bennett (ESL); Sylvia Montejano, Pearl Lopez (EOPS); Jamie Ivers, Larry Larsen (Exercise Science and Wellness); Yolanda Guerrero, Carmen Hernandez, Edda Temoche-Wedele (Foreign Language); (LRC); Evan Wirig, (Media Communications); Paul Kurokawa, Steve Baker (Music); Roland Estrella (Nursing); Bill Hoaglin (Philosophy, Humanities & Religious Studies); Joe Braunwarth, (Political Economy); Barry Winn (Respiratory Therapy); Beth Duggan (Theatre Arts).

**GUESTS:** Pamela Wright - District, Institutional Research Planner  
Beth Smith – Grossmont, Faculty & State Academic Senate Representative  
Bivin Sadler – Grossmont Faculty, Math Department  
Mary Rider - Counselor

**RECORDER:** Andrea Whitney

### I. CALL TO ORDER (11:05am)

#### A. Public Comment

None.

#### B. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the day's agenda.

M/S/U Kirby/Dudley

#### C. Approval of Minutes from November 5, 2007

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2007 meeting.

M/S/U Dudley/Milroy

## II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### A. Announcements

Chris thanked everyone for their support in the gala and specifically, Raul Sandelin for his hard work. Raul served as the senate liaison. The gala was a very successful event raising \$76,569.00.

### B. Update on Confidentiality Statement

Chris gave an update on the confidentiality statement. There had been questions about the implementation of the old statement and the new orientation briefing. Chris wants to be clear about how it was implemented and make sure it is presented clearly. Chris asked the group if we could have a couple more days to get more information. Zoe Close suggested to the group that all hiring committee members should take the old confidentiality statement and write on it the language that she sent via email before signing the form. Mary Rider spoke about the confidentiality agreement to Chris with some concerns. Chris appreciated her concerns and advised her that she will get back to her on that issue. There was a short Q/A/Comment discussion amongst the group. Chris advised the group again that she will get clarification regarding the implementation of the confidentiality statement and report back to the group ASAP.

## III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. None

## IV. ACTION ITEMS

### A. Vote on DE and SLO Coordinator

Chris asked a few of the senator officers to help distribute the ballots to all the voting senators. Voting was completed and the ballots were handed back to Chris.

### C. Resolution on Part-Time Office Hours

Chris asked to open up the discussion on the resolution for Part-Time office hours. She then reviewed with the group the Part-Time office hour's resolution handout. Chris asked the group if anyone wanted to place a motion on the table regarding this subject. Laura Burger made a motion to approval the resolution on Part-Time office hours.

M/S/U Burger/Dewolf

There was a lengthy Q/A/Comment discussion about the Part-Time office hours. Some of the items were as follows: Jenny Duncan asked if there were parameters as to how Part-Timer's can fulfill the requirement for Part-Time hours. David Milroy advised Jenny that as the Academic Senate they think there should be office hours. How they are negotiated will be a United Faculty role. Jenny's follow up to that is her concern that many of the adjuncts cannot put in that many office hours and wondered how we would ensure that they are being paid for it. Sue Gonda advised this is a negotiating issue. Laura Burger suggests paragraph needs to re-worked. Sue Gonda offered a friendly amendment to the second whereas in the resolution to say:

"The negotiations concerning Part-Time office hours are on the table but at an impasse and no further action has been taken to implement to pay part-time office hours". William Sneed moved to approve a friendly amendment version of the office hours. Chris called for a vote on the friendly amendment to the 2<sup>nd</sup> "Whereas".

M/S/U Sneed/Carmean/one abstention

Debbie Lim wanted to know if the approval of the resolution was directing the UF to put a higher priority on this item versus others on the table. There was a very lengthy discussion about this topic. Several suggestions were made to reword portions of the resolution. Chris summarized

the comments that were discussed, including the general sentiment that items that refer to negotiations should be removed from the resolution. Chris asked the group if we should table this item and it was moved to table until the next meeting. The Part-time Issues Committee would work to revise the resolution. Chris asked for a standing vote.

M/S/U Howitt/Gelb/one abstention

David Milroy advised they called for a special meeting next Monday and if anyone has any issues or questions regarding Part-time hours to email David at [dmilroy53@gmail.com](mailto:dmilroy53@gmail.com).

## **V. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **A. Plus-Minus Grading Proposal**

Chris advised there was a survey done recently by Instructional Research and Planning. Chris welcomed Leif Christianson to review the findings of the survey. Leif presented several detailed graphs showing the results of the survey. There was some concern with the group about it being an online survey. Beth commented that the survey is a mechanism to gauge interest in the senate pursuing this idea further. Leif welcomed Meredith to report on the results of the specific concerns regarding plus/minus grading. Chris asked that the senate bring back any questions you have about this survey next time. All the findings of the surveys are available in a 23 page document.

Chris then welcomed Philip Blanco address several concerns on plus-minus grading. Chris thanked Phillip for his information and then asked the group if anyone wanted this information emailed. Chris will distribute the information to the senators. Chris asked the senators to discuss this information with their colleagues and bring back any suggestions or concerns.

The proposal will be reworded as a resolution and brought back for action at the next meeting.

### **B. Reorganization of the Instructional Computing Committee**

This information will be brought back for action in the next senate meeting.

### **C. GCCCD Draft Legislative Program**

This information will be brought back for action in the next senate meeting.

## **VI. OTHER**

Meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

**\*The next meeting will be on December 3, 2007.**

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