

# Academic Senate Grossmont College

## Minutes of the Academic Senate – September 20, 2010

### MEETING ATTENDANCE:

X	Chris Hill (President)		Joe Orate (Culinary Arts)		Edda Temoche-Weldele (Foreign Lang)
	P.J. Ortmeier (AOJ)		James Foran (Culinary Arts)	X	Robert Henry (History)
	Lance Parr (AOJ)		Kathy Meyer (Dance) -Fall	X	Devon Atchison (History-Sen Officer)
X	Tina Young (AOJ)		David Mullen (Dance) - Spring	X	Angela Feres (History)
X	Jennifer Carmean (ASL)		TBD (P/T Senate Officer @large)	X	Priscilla Rogers (Inter Bus)
	Jamie Gould (ASL)	X	David Milroy (Divisional Senator AHLGC)	X	Patty Morrison (Library)
X	Israel Cardona (Behav Sci)	X	Ann Bryan (Divisional Senator CTE/WD)	X	Julie Middlemas (Library)
X	Gregg Robinson (Behav Sci)		TBD (Divisional Senator ESBS)	X	Jenny VandenEynden (Math)
X	Rob Fargo		TBD (Divisional Senator LR)	X	Susan Working (Math)
	Virginia Dudley (Bio Sci)	X	Mike Lambe (Divisional Senator)	X	Ray Funk (Math)
	Michael Golden (Bio Sci)	X	Jane Nolan (DSPS)	X	Irene Palacios (Math)
X	Michele Perchez (Bio Sci)		Patrice Braswell-Burris (DSPS)	X	Shawn Hicks (Math)
X	Brian Keliher (Bus Admin)	X	Tim Cliffe (Earth Sci)	X	Evan Wirig (Media Comm)
	Nate Scharff (Bus Admin)		Judd Curran (Earth Sci)	X	William Snead (Media Comm)
X	Linda Snider (BOT)	X	Oralee Holder (English)		Derek Cannon (Music)
	Barb Gillespie (BOT)	X	Tony Ding (English)		Paul Kurokawa (Music)
	Andy Biondo (CVT)		Christopher Farquar (English)		Steve Baker (Music)
X	Don Ridgway (CVT)	X	Sue Jensen (English)		Joy Zozuk (Nursing) Diane Hellar
X	Jeff Lehman (Chemistry-Senate Officer)		Adelle Schmitt (English)	X	Diane Gottschalk (Nursing)
	Cary Willard (Chemistry)	X	Lisa Ledri-Aguilar (English)		Sharon Sykora (Nursing)
X	Martin Larter (Chemistry)		Michelle Tucker (English)	X	Christine Vicino (Occ Therapy)
X	Diana Vance (Chemistry)	X	Chuck Passentino (ESL)	X	June Yang (Phil/ Rel Studies)
X	Angie Gish (Child Dev)	X	Nancy Herzfeld-Pipkin (ESL)		Ross Cohen (Physics)
X	Claudia Flores (Child Dev)	X	Barbara Loveless (ESL)		Stephanie Plante (Physics, Astr. Ph Sc)
	Joel Castellaw (Comm)		Jim Tolbert (EOPS)	X	Shahrokh Shahrokhi (Polit Economy)
X	Jade Solan (Comm)		Sylvia Montejano (EOPS)	X	Todd Myers (Polit Economy)
	Victoria Curran (Comm)	X	Laura Sim (Exer Sci/Well-Sen Officer)	X	Lorenda Seibold-Phalan (Resp Ther)
x	Janet Gelb (CSIS)	X	Beth Kelley (Exer Sci/Well)		Rebecca Handley (Resp Ther)
X	Clif Quinn (CSIS)		Jim Symington (Exer Sci/Well)		Beth Duggan (Theatre Arts)
	Ronald Norman (CSIS)	X	Randy Abshier (Exer Sci/Well)	X	Craig Everett (Theatre Arts)
X	Bonnie Schmieg (Counseling)	X	Larry Larsen (Exer Sci/Well)		Pete Schmidt (Visual Arts & Humanities)
	Mary Rider (Counseling)	X	Yolanda E. Guerrero (Foreign Lang)	X	Gareth Davies-Morris (Visual Arts & Humanities)
X	Cruz Cerda (Counseling)	X	Virginia Young (Foreign Lang)	X	Jennifer Bennett (Visual Arts & Humanities)
X	Danny Martinez (Cross Cult Stud)		Paul Vincent (Foreign Lang)	X	Malia Serrano (Visual Arts & Humanities)

### GUESTS:

- Natalie Ray, High School Partnerships
- Beth Smith, Math Department Faculty, ASCCC Treasurer
- Jessica White, SDICCCA Intern
- Barbara Blanchard, Vice President, Academic Affairs

**RECORDER:** Rochelle Weiser

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

#### A. Public Comment

Gregg Robinson:

Greg began by reporting that the teachers union, AFT, has decided to withdraw their request to have the Academic Senate endorse candidates in the upcoming election. Greg thanked the members of the Academic Senate for taking the time to discuss the issue. Greg encouraged the members of the Senate to get involved in the election as individuals and vote. He noted this election is very important to the GCCCD, the collegial process and education. In closing Greg

introduced Jessica White, a sociology SDICCCA intern, and noted she would be auditing classes and working with him.

**B. Approval of Agenda**

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

M/S/U Wirig/Nolan

**C. Approval of Minutes from August 30, 2010**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from August 30, 2010. Chris noted a correction to the meeting attendance - Diana Vance, Chemistry was at the August 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.

M/S/U Atchison/Wirig

**II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**A. Announcements**

Chris began by sharing the passing of faculty member Diane Mayne-Stafford. Chris noted her contributions not only to her students, but to the Academic Senate and her work as the Distance Education Coordinator. Chris and Linda both had condolence cards to be circulated at the meeting for Diane's husband. It was noted a celebration of life would take place in 2-4 months time, with more details to follow. A scholarship in her honor is being funded through the scholarship office and anyone interested in contributing should contact the scholarship office.

Chris then introduced Martin Larter and Clif Quinn for an update from the Faculty Professional Development Committee. Cliff began by reporting that the committee had been working on a theme for flex week activities and they had settled on "Protecting the "Higher" in Higher Education." He noted that some of the items the committee would like to focus on were how students and study habits are changing, how we (faculty/institution) are changing, and what student success looks like for 2011. Cliff reported that a survey would be coming out from the committee essentially asking faculty what would they like to see in professional development. He asked that the senators take the survey back to their departments, discuss it and make suggestions. Martin noted the New York Times article regarding study habits of students in 2011, standardized testing, and education today helped the committee come up with the "Protecting the "Higher" in Higher Education" theme. Chris noted that she had asked them to come today, as to get input from the Senate and Faculty as what they wanted to see in professional development. Beth noted that the "Protecting" in the theme was very appropriate for the challenges community colleges are facing throughout the state right now (i.e. reviewing the mission of community colleges, offering Baccalaureate degrees, conversations regarding lowering the minimum qualifications for developmental math, etc.), so the topic of higher education and what it means at Grossmont College will be a very timely and important conversation to have.

It was suggested that during flex week to have an informal lecture from faculty members on the research, articles and papers they are working on outside of their duties at GC as a form of professional development. A question was asked on whether some of the more successful activities were tracked and could be offered again. It was noted that the committee does track them and they can be reviewed by faculty.

**B. Middle College High School presentation**

Chris introduced and welcomed Cathy Zemlick, Program Director for the Grossmont Middle College High School. Cathy began by noting the Middle College is an alternative high school available on GC campus working in partnership with the Grossmont Union High School District. Their mission is to provide students a bridge to college and career. She gave a brief history of

middle high school colleges, reviewed the curriculum, and provided some data on the students and their success. Discussion and a question and answer session followed.

### **C. Introduction to the Academic Senate-Senator Responsibilities**

Chris began by reviewing the discussion from the previous meeting which included an introduction to the Academic Senate. Chris reviewed the different ways in which Senators are elected. Chris then opened the floor for discussion of the ways in which the Senators communicate with their colleagues and share meeting information. Some ideas mentioned where: sending a department survey to get the sense of how the department would like the Senator to vote; e-mail communications with the meeting highlights; discussions at department meetings. Another item mentioned was how to maintain contact with Part-Time faculty; a discussion followed regarding the part-time faculty utilizing the GCCCD email. It was noted that many of the Department chairs maintain e-mail lists of "other" e-mail contact information for their part-time faculty members. Oralee noted that often times the responsibility of following up on communication with part-time faculty on behalf of the deans or administration falls to the department chair. She shared that in her department many part-time faculty members forward their GCCCD e-mail to their personal or other e-mail accounts, especially for communication from the chair, dean or administration. It was noted that for effective communication campus wide all faculty should be encouraged to use the GCCCD e-mail accounts.

### **D. Part-Time Senator Elections**

Chris reported that during flex week elections for the part-time divisional Senators were held. She reported that one division election resulted in a tie vote and a subsequent run-off vote. In the English, Social and Behavioral Sciences division, there was some confusion on the purpose of the vote and one interested faculty member was inadvertently left off the ballot. Chris reported that it was now necessary to have a separate election for the divisional Senator position.

She noted that this could be done electronically during the elections for the Senate President, but in the past the participation of Part-Time faculty in the electronic ballot has been low. She then asked the Senators for their thoughts and input on this issue. David noted he would like to see it held electronically; to get faculty used to having the ballots electronic and encourage participation in future elections. Some other suggestions were: hold a traditional paper ballot election (it was noted that the paper ballot process requires more resources), send out a series of announcements regarding the upcoming election and have chairs announce it to their part-time faculty. The consensus was that the Senators would like to hold the elections electronically during the Senate Presidential election; this would allow the Divisional Senators to participate in the remaining Senate meetings. Chris noted there were part-time faculty in both the Student Services and Library and she would follow up to see if anyone was interested in serving as a divisional Senator. Chris then asked how many departments had Senators that were part-time faculty and then explained that according to the Senate By-Laws the Part-Time Senate Officer position should be filled by a sitting Senator; i.e. either a Part-Time Divisional Senator or a Part-Time faculty member serving as a Departmental Senator. Chris noted the Part-time Senate Officer position would be for 1 year, to complete the term vacated by George Gastil, and the individual would need to attend all Senate meetings, Senate Officer Meetings and would chair the Part-Time Faculty Committee meetings.

### **E. Evaluation Task Force**

Chris reviewed the discussions from the previous semester regarding the evaluation process and the forms used. Chris noted that the Evaluation Task Force will be comprised of representatives from both college senates and faculty members of AFT, American Federation of Teachers. Chris reported that there were positions for two representatives from GC as well as two representatives from AFT. She then asked for volunteers to fill the committee positions; Linda Snider, BOT, and Lisa Ledri-Aguilar, English both volunteered. Chris reported that an e-mail

would be sent out regarding the meeting days and times. It was noted that the task force would begin discussions and reviewing the processes; then bring items to the Senate for discussion. Chris also noted that the e-mail would include a request for suggestions to begin the discussions and get a sense of the issues. It was suggested that either a dean or other administrator serve on the committee as well; Chris noted she would make that suggestion to Mike Wangler, Academic Senate President Cuyamaca, and Jim Mahler, President, American Federation of Teachers.

#### **F. Disciplines List**

Chris began by reviewing that all disciplines are categorized as either being on the Master's or Non-Master's degree list for minimum qualifications to teach. She noted that often the disciplines may change, the qualifications may no longer apply, or new disciplines may spring up that are not currently on the discipline list. She noted that now is the time to review the lists in order to request that any changes be made. Chris noted she would send out the link to the website that has the Master's/Non-Master's list and asked the Senators review the list, look at their discipline, to contact her if they see an area that needs changing and she would provide the process for submitting a request to make changes. Chris then asked Beth Smith to share the process for changes to the Master's/Non-Master's list. Beth reported that in the Spring of every odd year, i.e. Spring 2011, the ASCCC votes on the Disciplines list. Beth noted that the proposals need to be in by the Fall in order for the request to go through a hearing process; this allows for input from members throughout the state. She reported that there are two ways to have a proposal for a change made; approval through the local Academic Senate or approval by the disciplines state professional organization. She noted that the opportunity to make changes to the Disciplines list allows the disciplines to stay current and to allow new additions to existing disciplines. Chris requested that the Senators contact her if they would like to submit a proposal for a change so she can assist in starting the process and to also add their input to the changes that have been proposed.

### **III. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

### **IV. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A. Distinguished Faculty Process**

Chris began by reviewing the changes that were made to the nomination form for Distinguished Faculty. She noted the changes; signature no longer required for second nominator and any faculty member may nominate any qualified full-time tenured faculty member. It was then discussed if the nomination packet should be available online or come from the Dean's office once name is submitted. Chris noted the changes to the process; no signature required for the second nominator and the nomination packet to be available online then submitted to the Dean for approval. It was suggested that it be noted to check with the Dean prior to filling out the nomination packet, so prevent additional work if a faculty member is not eligible.

The process was approved with the changes suggested.  
M/S/U Atchison/Morrison

### **V. INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **A. Awards Process Timeline**

Chris noted this item was being presented for input from the Senate and would not return as an Action item. Chris reviewed the current deadlines for the various Awards, noting that they occur

throughout the year and many would like to see the process and timelines streamlined. She presented some ideas that had been discussed and opened the discussion for input from the Senators. Oralee noted that Chairs have several deadlines in the Fall and would prefer to have the Award deadlines in January or February. It was noted that most would like to see all the nominations due at the same time, preferably the early Spring- February/March. Chris will get more information on the timelines, when nominations need to be complete and results to Bernadette for the presentation ceremonies and report back to the Senate.

**B. BP/AP 3910- Institutional Code of Ethics**

Chris requested the Senators review this item, share with their colleagues, and bring input for the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:20 pm  
Next meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2010.

CH: rw

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