

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
Grossmont College
Monday, October 21, 2013, 11-12:10 in Griffin Gate

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Public Comment: Announcement of a presentation by Assembly Member Dr. Shirley Weber: "Higher Education in a Diverse Society," Thursday, 11-7, 11-12:15 in Griffin Gate. She has been highly active in the community for decades on behalf of African Americans, women, and many non-profits. She was also faculty in the Africana Studies Dept. at SDSU

B. Approval of Agenda, M/S/U Wirig/Abshier

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SDICCA area Senates honored at SDSU event: The SDSU graduate program for Community College Leadership has an alumni chapter who sponsors events each semester. On October 7, they held a reception honoring the Academic Senates of San Diego and Imperial Counties. They distributed plaques for each senate, and Beth Smith, as State ASCCC President, gave a talk about the Senate's role in working toward student success within the college communities. We need to find a place for the plaque!

Highlights of Resolutions at the state ASCCC Plenary in November: See File accompanying these Minutes.

Announcements from the State Senate's Area meeting (thank you Alicia Muñoz for your notes!)

Bachelor's Degrees at CCs: A statewide taskforce was put together before it was legislated to us. A report is coming to the CCC Board about the findings in Jan. or March. Between this and AB 86 we are really talking about the mission of the CCs. Beth has brought this to Brice Harris' attention who has said we will have this discussion.

ACCJC: Senate has had a resolution going back years. Senate wants better faculty representation on the site visiting teams and to be able to comment on standards. CEOs have been contacted by the ACCJC asking for letters of support for the ACCJC.

ACCJC will be at Plenary to take input on Standards.

CCSF: Senate has been assisting the college. Beth Smith and Scott Lay have been to CCSF to help and sent in representatives from the accreditation committee.

GE Value: There have been lots of questions raised around the state about GE. The Feb. institute will be on GE this year.

Open Ed Resources (OER): SB 1052 and 1053 told us to create digital library of textbooks. This will be ramping up in Jan. Working with CSUs to ID courses.

Senate report to Board of Governors (BOG): Nov. will be the first time that the Senate will get the opportunity to present a formal report to the BOG.

Strategic Plan for the Senate: This will happen this fall, to present a Strategic Plan at Spring Plenary.

Professional Development: Legislation is coming that might take a percentage of our state allocation for this.

Budget: Prop 30 has augmented funds for our colleges. This has caused an unwanted shift in where our funds come from. In 2008-09, 2/3 funds came from Prop 98 general fund and 1/3 from other sources. That has flipped; in 2012-13 about 41% came from certain sources and about 59% from uncertain sources.

Cynthia Rico reported that Senate is partnering with FACCC to offer Counselor Conference in March 29 at UCLA to help share implementation and marketing processes developed to date for 1440 as well as Student Success Initiative and implementation.

SB 1456: Student Success Initiative: Made changes to Matriculation funding tied to common assessment and education planning. Getting the word out to students is critical.

III. COMMITTEES

None

IV. ACTION ITEMS

None

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Accreditation Results – Chris Hill.

See the “Draft Accreditation Results” accompanying these Minutes

B. Flex hour tracking online – Denise Schulmeyer

The MNSESW Division will be piloting the online submission of professional development (flex) hours for the Spring 2014 semester. During the pilot, all faculty will submit their hours via a link that will be available on the Professional Development web page. In late spring, the process will be evaluated and discussed with constituent groups, and a decision will be made as to whether to roll it out to all divisions.