

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

Grossmont College

Monday, November 30, 2015 in Griffin Gate 11:00 – 12:20

Attendance: Randy Abshier, Joan Ahrens, Shina Alagia, Liz Barrow, Philip Blanco, Israel Cardona-Gerena, Patricia Cardozo, Jennifer Carmean, Brian Carter, Joel Castellaw, Zoe Close, Judd Curran, Gareth Davies-Morris, Beth Duggan, Nadra Farina-Hess, Angela Feres, Angie Gish, Sue Gonda, Stacie Hankinson, Tate Hurvitz, Brian Keliher, Beth Kelley, Scott McGann, Kathy Meyer, David Milroy, Domenica Oliveri, Clifton Quinn, Gregg Robinson, Priscilla Rogers, John Scholte, Denise Schulmeyer, Robin Sepulveda, Scott Therkalsen, Renee Tuller, Diana Vance, Christi Vicino, Paul Vincent, Peggy Wells, Evan Wirig, Jessica Woods, Tina Young.

Guests: Javier Ayala, Dave Dillon. **Recorder:** Tyler Dranguet.

I. **Call to Order**

A. Public Comment – Brian Nath

Brian is adding reliable, secure, and easy-to-use coverage capacity over the next year to GC wireless. Has added an additional controller, programmed it so that it is faster, and is now also on “WPA2 Enterprise” so users only have to authenticate once from their mobile devices and will automatically be logged into the Wi-Fi network after that. An email will be going out to notify users. Migration 12/18 → 12/23. Bob Akers will be the person in charge.

B. Approval of Agenda

M/S/U Wirig/Gonda

C. Approval of Minutes from November 2

M/S/U Kelley/Rogers

II. **President’s Report – Tate Hurvitz**

A. Achieving the Dream

The second coach’s visit will be on December 2. We have met with the ATD planning group, identified some core themes and begun to synthesize the work of the various plans (Equity, SSSP, Title V, etc.). We used data from the world café event to move forward and now it’s time to disseminate all of the information that’s been collected. There will be 3 informational presentations on this. They will be held in 70-066. An email was sent out with this information.

Year 1_plan → a large group of individuals were invited to guide the conversation about leveraging all of these things (SSSP, Title V, grants, etc.) with 2-3 main, core initiatives. We are hoping to have a draft of the plan ready for the big ATD forum in February 2016. **ADDENDUM:** The ATD network has extended the deadline for completion of this work to April – though we are still seeking to have the work completed in March.

B. Equity Plan Writing Group

There has been a group writing for several months. Lida Rafia is currently fine-tuning contributions to build the rough draft. There will be an email going out when the draft is ready for viewing and feedback. The email will provide a link to the document and to a comment form. Both will be housed on the intranet.

C. President's Forum

Go to the President's Forum! Our new college President has made it a point to create opportunities for employees to learn about the college, its ongoing operations, its challenges and its opportunities, but also wants to create an open, honest conversation on an on-going basis. This discussion will likely encompass many topics that are affecting the college, including recent administrative turnover and college enrollment patterns.

D. Canvas

There have been 2 demo presentations – one on Blackboard Ultra (approximately 10 faculty members) and one on Canvas (approximately 30 people there). Survey forms that were given out to faculty after each event seemed to favor Canvas. There are 2 sessions scheduled for flex week to investigate Canvas. A vote to endorse Canvas or stay with Blackboard will likely take place in early February. Questions were proposed about the timeline and the Blackboard contract. Hurvitz stated that there will be follow up. It was also noted that if we were to change over, since this has already been done before, we'd have the guidance of other institutions. There were questions about the advantages of Canvas over Blackboard. It was pointed out that there is a lot of clicking involved in navigating Blackboard, while there is not in Canvas. Everything is integrated, YouTube, PowerPoints, images, links to notes are all able to be created within a single document – within the system. This is not possible in Blackboard. Also, the calendar view in Canvas has drag-and-drop features that auto-correct dates in all other areas of the class page. It was also noted that Blackboard ultra is really cool looking and seems to be moving towards including some of these features, but there is nothing available yet, so much of what we know is conjecture. It is said to be more "Canvas-like" than current Blackboard, but there is no timeline for when Blackboard Ultra will be available at this time.

III. Information Items

A. Resolution on Shared Governance Committee Work

(Shown: list of shared governance committees that would be included in the proposed definition [included with Nov. 16 minutes]). This list is not a static, permanent list. It's a snapshot of what currently exists that meets this criteria. Academic Senate = PT division representatives and PT Senate Officer at large. Also includes any PT department representatives that are voted into their positions in place of a full time faculty Senator.

PTFC = division representatives and PT officer at large

Att. A: word "committee" removed from calling the question → motion to approve with removal of 1st therefore "S" in support

M/S/U Therkalsen/Gonda

There was a question about the issue of part-time department representatives who aren't voting senators not being compensated the same way. Hurvitz responded that it is an issue of CBA language. There is no way to include it without stretching the "appointed by the Senate" definition that is in place in the contract. Location of funds received is an issue. CBA says that this needs to be done. This semester a very rough estimate was given with a huge range. If every spot on every committee was filled with PTF= \$90K. Current representation is approximately \$13K. Hurvitz pointed out that the financial considerations are not the purview of the Senate. Our resolution is designed to give clarity to the definition of "shared governance" which appears in the CBA.

Call for calling question.

M/S/U Wirig/Ahrens

All in favor of approving resolution: approved unanimously.

B. Compressed Calendar

M/S/U Robinson/Rogers

The vote is a yes or no on the decision to work collaboratively with relevant stakeholders to determine the best version of a compressed calendar for the college and the district. This process is beneficial because in order for it to work it is going to require many different departments' perspectives. It involves tremendous efforts. The possibility of the instructional operations department receiving assistance with this effort was discussed and it was mentioned that the science department would lose schedule flexibility on an entire lab course period. There was discussion about the filling of Monday, Wednesday, Friday classes compared to Tuesday, Thursday classes. Discussion took place about adjuncts losing money with EDD/unemployment benefits with the current calendar system and that there will likely also be a bump in enrollment in switching to a compressed calendar format. It was noted that this must be a district-wide decision, which means that the Cuyamaca faculty must also approve the move. If the Cuyamaca College Senate rejects the idea, then that is the final decision. Finally, it was pointed out that Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges are the only colleges in the entire San Diego region that are not using a compressed calendar now, which causes problems in our attempt to draw students.

Calling the question: "voting to vote."

M/S/U Curran/Ahrens

1 opposed. 1 abstention. Motion passed.

Vote:

35 yes. 4 opposed. 4 abstentions. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20pm.

Next Meeting: December 7 meeting cancelled.