

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
Grossmont College
Monday, October 3, 2016 Griffin Gate, 11:00 – 12:20

Attendance: Tate Hurvitz, Jeff Lehman, Beth Kelley, Pearl Lopez, Cary Willard, David Milroy, Ken Ard, Terry Reilly, Alan Silva, Jessica Woods, Sharon LeSure, Jennifer Carmean, Brodney Fitzgerald, Lara Braff, Michele Perchez, Diana Vance, Angie Gish, Robin Sepulveda, Denise Schulmeyer, Clifton Quin, Renee Tuller, Caylor Cuevas, Sue Gonda, Kathy Meyer, Mark Goodman, Judd Curran, Joan Ahrens, Helen Liesberg, Randy Abshier, Schorsch Kaffenberger, Jessica Owens, Julie Middlemas, Shirley Pereira, Raymond Funk, Nemie Capacia, Jeannette Calo, Lisa Maloy, Christi Vincino, Amanda Robbins, Zoe Close, Peggy Wells, Brian Rickel, Marion DeKoning, Virginia Young

Guests: Dave Dillion, Nadra Farina-Hess,

Recorder: Jacqui Valdivia

I. Call to Order 11:03 am

A. Public Comment

None

B. Motion to approve the Agenda

1. M/S Susan Working/ Ray Funk

Motion Passed

C. Approval of Minutes from September 19, 2016

M/S Susan Working/Sue Gonda

Motion Passed.

II. Informational Items

A. OER Update (Dave Dillon)

OER is an acronym for Open Educational Resources. OER is a dynamic digital library and network. It contains openly licensed documents and media that are useful for teaching, learning and assessing. It started with documents that were once copyrighted, but the copyright has since expired. While some of these documents are helpful they have become outdated. People are now creating new documents with the intent of sharing with others without the strict copyrights. It is material that you can use, remix it, edit, and re-share it. A video was shown with a commercial about OERs.

This OER is being presented as a great alternative to textbooks for our faculty and students. Most textbooks are very expensive and continuing to grow in cost. Using OER to develop a curriculum and online books gives the opportunity to take a class with completely free material. It also keeps the material in a class from being outdated as this resource is constantly updated, so the material is always fresh. A survey was done and shown that many students will not

purchase the textbook for a class due to cost. This prompted colleges start to look for ways to reduce the cost of books.

We are trying to help the students succeed and this is a way for students to not have to worry about the cost of books.

OER has what is called a creative commons license. Creative Commons is a nonprofit business that provides people with a free license on their works. Detail of the different licenses it is included in the OER Presentation.

A question was raised about the vetting process of the materials that are on OER. In California there is a website called cool4ed.org that is reviewing of the various OER textbooks. Not all of the other material that is available is currently being vetted but a process is being worked on. Overall though, the material that is up there includes a lot of high-quality resources, including materials by MIT Professors and other reliable sources.

There will be future discussions on this topic as they continue to explore the possibilities of OER. Dave Dillion and Nadra Farina-Hess are putting together a workgroup and would like anyone who would like to join let them know.

III. President's Report (Tate Hurvitz)

A. Adult Education Consortium

Ute Mashkay was at the last AS meeting and spoke about the adult ed consortium. The need for this presentation was to see how the adult ed consortium fits in with our goal to help students reach their goals. The consortium has many of the same goals as we do at Grossmont, and this could be a seamless transition for students to transfer here to continue their academic goals. The Adult Ed can only really help them with base line skills and to help them to find employment, they then can come to Grossmont to expand on their job skills and helping them get stackable degrees to not only help them with their jobs but also to help them get promotions.

This also could help us to structure our programs in order to create a demand for more classes and more times. As we move forward we really need to work on ramping up for both nights and weekends, but also there will be substantial curriculum design needs. We will need to discuss with all departments the courses that will need to be changed from semester to semester based on need.

B. Program Review/IEC and Student Success Coordinating Council

After meeting and discussing with many committees, we are looking at how to make program review more important in terms of the cycle of planning across the college. This is not to change program review, as currently the process is working well and giving back a lot of information and insight. This would improve what we do with the information. Currently we do have an annual update process, but it is not clear if all departments are doing them, as there is no process for reviewing these updates. In order to bring more information, we can reconfigure Tracdat and have it provide quantitative information on an annual basis. Currently we don't have this.

Division meetings could be a space to look at the qualitative annual needs and the annual reviews. This would then go to IEC. This was the original intent for IEC but it currently is not functioning this way. Currently there is no one making student success recommendations to planning and resources.

So there are many student success programs going but there is no place for each of these entities to see what other councils are doing. By having a student success coordinating council this would create a council that could submit recommendations on student success to planning and resources, and also have a coordinated body so we are not duplicating efforts.

C. Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI)

The IEPI is a collaboration of schools that help each other do institutional effectiveness improvement work. This includes faculty and administrators giving incite to colleges on projects that are important. Grossmont is looking in to doing an IEPI proposal and bringing a team here to get some recommendations and rethink our organizational structures and shared government processes. There is no charge for this service. In fact, we will be able to apply for funds to enact recommendations if we wish. The idea is to create a system that creates better communication and decision making.

If we would like to have them come in the spring, we will need to put our proposal in immediately.

D. El Cajon Shooting

We were unable to get to this agenda item.

IV. COMMITTEES

A. Outreach Committee Fall Preview Event- Heriberto Vasquez and Amir Law

The Outreach Committee is hosting an event on October 29, 2016 from 10am-2pm. We are hopeful this will be a successful event. Busses are going to be provided to the high schools and to the adult ed campus. We are looking for volunteers to help in the planning of the event. They meet on Fridays 1pm-2:30pm in room 7066. In order to make this event a success they need many people to help plan and work the event. Also if you can email them with any ideas for a successful event, this would be helpful too.

Meeting adjourned at 12:22 pm.

Next Meeting: October 17, 2016