

# Academic Senate Grossmont College

## Minutes of the Meeting – March 31, 2008

**PRESENT:** Chris Hill (President); Laura Burger (Senate Officer at Large); Scott Barr (Senate Officer at Large); Jeff Lehman (Senate Officer at Large); P.J. Ortmeier, (AOJ); Jennifer Carmean (ASL); Marion deKoning (Art); Jim Wilsterman (Art); Virginia Dudley, Michele Perchez (Biology); Sheridan DeWolf (Child Development); Joel Castellaw (Communication); Janet Gelb, Diane Mayne-Stafford (Computer Science); Donne Leigh, Mary Rider (Counseling) Jane Nolan (Disabled Student Services); Scott Therkalsen (Earth Sciences); Micah Jendian (English); Barbara Loveless (ESL); Sylvia Montejano, Pearl Lopez (EOPS); Jim Symington, Karen Caires (for Jamie Ivers) (Exercise Science and Wellness); Devon Atchison (History); Priscilla Rogers (International Business); Patty Morrison (Library); Jenny Vanden Eynden, Susan Working (Math); Evan Wirig (Media Communications); Derek Cannon (Music); Christine Vicino (Occupational Therapy); David Milroy (Part-Time Representatives); Zoe Close, Bill Hoaglin (Philosophy, Humanities & Religious Studies); Ross Cohen (Physics, Astronomy, & Physical Sciences); Brian Jennings (Political Economy); Lorenda Seibold-Phalan (Respiratory Therapy); Craig Everett (Theatre Arts).

**ABSENT:** Sue Gonda (Vice President); Raul Sandelin (Senate Officer at Large); Jennifer Bennett; Lance Parr, Tina Young (AOJ); Israel Cardona; Amy Ramos, Gregg Robinson, (Behavioral Sciences); Allison Shearer (Biological Sciences); Judith Zander, Evan Enowitz (Business Administration); Linda Snider, Barb Gillespie (Business Office Technology); Rick Kirby, Don Ridgway (Cardiovascular Technology); Martin Larter, Diana Vance (Chemistry); Amy Obegi (Child Development); Jill Carleton, Victoria Howitt (Communication); Debbie Lim (Counseling); Tom Gamboa (Cross Cultural Studies); Joe Orate (Culinary Arts); Kathy Meyers (Dance); Carl Fielden (Disabled Student Services) Jenny Duncan (Earth Science); Scott McGann (Economics); Oralee Holder, Joan Ahrens, Tony Ding, Lisa Ledri-Aguilar, Adelle Schmitt, Tate Hurvitz, (English); Pat Bennett, Nancy Herzfeld-Pipkin (ESL); Randy Abshier, Larry Larsen (Exercise Science and Wellness); Paul Vincent, Yolanda Guerrero, Carmen Hernandez, Edda Temoche-Wedele (Foreign Language); Ray Funk, Corey Manchester, Shirley Pereira (Math), William Snead (Media Communications); Paul Kurokawa, Steve Baker, (Music); Joy Zozuk (nursing); Lee Johnson (Part-time Representative); Scott McGann, Joseph Braunwarth (Political Economy); Barry Winn (Respiratory Therapy); Beth Duggan (Theatre Arts).

### **GUESTS:**

- Jan Ford - Academic Senate President, Cuyamaca College

**RECORDER:** Devon Atchison

### **I. CALL TO ORDER (11:08 am)**

Prior to the arrival of a quorum, the Senate informally entertained a question from David Milroy regarding rumors of cancellation of summer class sections. Zoe Close replied that the rumor sounded extreme, but there will be some call for class cuts. The hope is that we can talk about what to cut for Fall before catalog is printed. Chris mentioned that we are facing mid-year cuts that are about twice what we expected with our district share set at \$1.3 million. For the 2008-09 academic year, we are looking at the possibility of a 3-5% cut scenario. The Cost-Savings Task Force has reconvened to look at possible cuts. The only section cuts that have been discussed are for the fall semester and the hope is to cut sections that are already or traditionally very low, especially because we usually end up canceling those classes. This will also avoid the issue of trying to enroll students in new sections at the beginning of the fall semester when they may have scheduling conflicts. Right now we are asking the decisions regarding section cuts to occur at the department level.

#### **A. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **B. Approval of Agenda**

Chris added an information item to the agenda for the SLO replacement appointment. A motion was made to approve the day's agenda.

M/S/U Mayne-Stafford/Barr

The motion passed

## **C. Approval of Minutes from March 3 and 10, 2008**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March 3 and 10, 2008 meetings.

M/S/U Montejano/Morrison

The motion passed

## **II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **A. Announcements**

### **B. Discussion on Commencement**

Chris asked for a short discussion on the potential impacts of the work-to-contract action on the commencement ceremony planning and attendance. Many of the senators indicated that they supported attending the ceremony. Zoe Close indicated that it might depend on what happens with work-to-contract and suggested that further discussion wait until we were a bit closer to the ceremony. Others suggested that faculty could attend but sit in the audience without regalia on to emphasize the faculty struggles with our contract. Many others agreed with this idea. Chris suggested that further discussion could occur at a later time.

## **III. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

## **IV. ACTION ITEMS**

None

## **V. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **A. Resolution Supporting Work-to-Contract**

Chris reported that this was a joint resolution with Cuyamaca and that their Senate had already approved it on the prior Thursday. A motion was made to move the item to action.

M/S/U VandenEynden/Barr

The motion passed.

A motion was made to approve the resolution. Chris asked if there were any questions or discussion. She was asked what happened with the resolution and she reported that it will be read at the next Governing Board meeting. Sheridan DeWolf thanked Jan Ford (Cuyamaca Academic Senate President) for attending the meeting.

M/S/U Burger/Montejano

The motion passed unanimously.

## **B. Basic Skills Initiative and Agenda Items**

Chris gave a brief background on the Basic Skills Initiative (BSI) and the process followed by the campus Basic Skills Task Force during the self-assessment and planning retreats. She went through the attached planning matrices and reminded everyone that the full draft Basic Skills plan had been sent to them via email for their review. She asked the senators to share the plan and planning matrices with their departments and to provide her with any suggestions and feedback. There were a couple of questions regarding the effect of budget cuts and the BSI. Chris said that, while the BSI funding may be impacted by the state budget cuts, it has not been affected as of yet. In addition, she indicated that, if the BSI money is cut, the plan itself would need to be adjusted and money for the plan would not come from the general funding for our college.

## **C. State Academic Senate Resolutions**

Chris asked the senators to share the resolutions with their constituents and provide her with feedback. She announced that she would be attending the Area D regional meeting on Saturday, 5 April where additional resolutions may be introduced. In mid-April Chris and Sue will be attending the statewide plenary session in San Francisco and Chris will be the voting delegate from our Senate.

Jan Ford shared that Cuyamaca's Academic Senate had a spirited discussion about Resolution 4.01 (Concurrent Enrollment) in light of the current district discussions on minors on campus.

## **D. SLO Coordinator appointment**

Chris announced that, at the direction of the Senate, the Senate officers had solicited and reviewed applications for the person who would replace Chuck Passentino as SLO Coordinator at the end of the semester. Chris announced that Devon Atchison had been selected. A motion was made to suspend the rules and move the appointment to action.

M/S/U Barr/Nolan  
The motion passed.

A motion was made to approve the appointment of Devon as the incoming SLO Coordinator. Chris asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Chris asked for vote.

M/S/U Burger/Montejano  
The motion passed.

Chris thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

## **VI. OTHER**

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

**\*The next meeting will be on April 21, 2008.**

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