

## **MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE**

### **Grossmont College**

**Monday March 6, 2017 Griffin Gate, 11:00 – 12:20**

**Attendance:** Tate Hurvitz, Jeff Lehman, Beth Kelley, Pearl Lopez, Cary Willard Ken Ard, Terry Reilly, Richard Unis, Jessica Woods, Tina Young, Sharon LeSure, Jamie Shatwell, Jennifer Carmean, Brian Carter, Brodney Fitzgerald, Philip Blanco, Gregg Robinson, Lara Braff, Michele Perchez, Liz Barrow, Diana Vance, Angie Gish, Joel Castellaw, Denise Schulmeyer, Janet Gelb, Clifton Quinn, Dave Dillion, Sarah Moore, Mark Goodman, Judd Curran, Oralee Holder, Joan Aherns, Helen Liesberg, Barbara Loveless, Natalia Aylett, Randy Abshier, Schorsch Kaffenberger, Jessica Owens, Felicia Kalker, Nemie Capacia, Raymond Funk, Susan Working, Lisa Maloy, Domenica Oliveri, Zoe Close, Scott McGann, Peggy Wells, Carey Flores, Beth Duggan, Brian Rickel, Marion DeKoning, Paul Turounet, Gareth Davies-Morris

**Guests:** Michael Copenhaver,

**Recorder:** Jacqui Valdivia

#### **I. Call to Order 11:01 am**

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

Joan Aherns - Joan expressed thanks on behalf of the Latino Alliance for passing the Safe Haven Resolution. A former dreamer student has been arrested and detained after advocating for other DACA students at a Mississippi school. This shows that our concerns are real. Joan is the President of the Grossmont College Latino Alliance. Joan invited everyone to come to their meetings which are the first Tuesday of every month at 4pm in room 55-522. Next month will be Latino Heritage month. A list of events was handed out.

Gregg Robinson – Gregg helped start a Coalition of School Board members ACLU and Alliance San Diego. They met last week and are working on support for a bill currently going through the senate - SB54. They are pushing for cross deputation of local police forces. SB54 would limit that. Gregg plans to bring this as a formal discussion item in our next meeting

Michelle Perchez – March 15, 2017 is a day to send a postcard(s) to the white house with any concerns that you have. Do not send envelope as staff at the white house would have to open it.

##### **B. Motion to approve the Agenda**

M/S Gregg Robinson/Marion DeKoning  
Motion Passed

**C. Approval of Minutes from February 6, 2017**

M/S Beth Kelley/Susan Working  
Motion Passed.

**II. Presidents Report (Tate Hurvitz)**

**A. John Oaks HTCC Director's Award**

John Oaks is being awarded a lifetime achievement award from HTCC (*Honors Transfer Council of California*.) John ran our honors program for over 10 years and was the leader of the program on our campus and active in the state of California. He is being recognized for all his work over the years.

**B. State OER**

The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges is putting together a committee to oversee all OER projects. Dave Dillion has been named the chair for the statewide committee. He has been very active on our own campus with OER and now will be heading the committee

**C. Campus OER Coordinator**

There was a call that went out for a 1.5 release time position for a campus OER coordinator. We have identified our plans of coordination. Denise Aceves will be coordinating the work forward through the end of the term. Lara Braff will be taking on this role in the fall. To access OER go to the webpage from the Faculty/Staff tab on the home page..

**D. ECEA Grant Award**

The East County Educational Alliance applied for and received a grant 1.5 million grant to help support the work of the ECEA. The funds will go towards transportation needs bringing students back and forth between campuses. The largest piece will go to the technology needs in order to track students in their experience, and track how the program is working. A question was asks if any of the monies would go towards the alignment of high school curriculum and college curriculum. There was a comment that there is money allocated especially to alignment that may or may not be part of this grant. Tate will follow up.

[Addendum: details are still be considered for some of the grant funds. We have suggested to the ECEA coordinator that some funds go to working teams - and will be soliciting more specific suggestions from current participants.]

#### **E. Course Blurbs**

Please keep sending in your course blurbs as we are trying to finalizing all of this work. When you are done with your blurb that is no more than 250 characters, please send to Laurie Lovell who is the district contact. Please make sure you are coordinating with your Cuyamaca counterpart as well. An issue was raised that at the Cuyamaca campus some of the faculty do not feel the need to use the same language for same classes. This is not true. Some classes need to be the same language. If there is still an issue they can speak with Pat Setzer, the interim VP of instruction at Cuyamaca..

#### **F. Annual Planning Forum**

The annual planning forum is this Friday from 9am -3pm. You can still sign up for this as it is a great way to brainstorm with colleagues. You should consider bringing more than one person from your department/area to the forum as this will help bring more ideas from each department on how each department can contribute going forward.

#### **G. Campus Climate Survey**

An email came out from Nabil to sign up for focus groups to go over the campus climate questions. Look at the focus groups days and times and sign up.

#### **H. Major Project Timelines**

##### **Compressed Calendar-**

We are looking to have a decision about the compressed calendar by Dec. With many tasks and decisions to be made. We are hoping by August of 2018 we will submit the plan to state chancellor's office for implementation the following year (2019).

##### **Canvas Update**

We are currently piloting and implementation with many people. We will be doing trainings every month that you can sign up for. By the end of Spring 2018 Blackboard goes away. Make sure that all materials stored in Blackboard are downloaded into your own computer as it will be deleted as of Summer 2018.

##### **Shared Governance Re-Org**

We took ADSOC which is Presidents cabinet and Senate officers and have added some classified senate, student affairs and student rep. We are making sure that all groups are connected to a shared governance process and improving communication in and out of our committees. The end of this month a

first draft will go out for review, a second draft review would come out more broadly for a campus wide conversation. Then May would hopefully we have a vote. This does not mean we are moving directly to the new structure but rather a process over time.

#### **ISLO Rewrite**

We are in the process of rewriting ISLOS. Denise Schulmeyer is leading that work. They are just in the stages of finalizing a new draft. Then we will move those as a recommendation from the task force through voting and approval processes. This will be done this term. They are making them much simpler and easier align with and assess..

#### **Program Map**

Bonnie Ripley has been leading this effort but it is now time to move the effort out to a committee or task force of people that would take the lead in their divisions.

#### **One Campus, One Theme**

We are moving to a new theme. This went out for a vote with over 50 suggestions. The taskforce met and decided to think carefully about what would be accessible. This new theme will begin in the fall. This will be the last semester of water.

### **III. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A. Safe Haven Resolution**

We have decided to separate our safe haven resolution from Cuyamaca due to Cuyamaca needing more time and wanting to produce their own new language. We already approved the resolution so the only wording that will be changed will be anything referring to two colleges and stating as Grossmont College.

It was moved to approve the change of changing from a district resolution to a Grossmont College Resolution.

50 approved, 1 Opposed, 1 Abstention  
Motion Passed

## II. COMMITTEES

### A. **Basic Needs Task Force – Michael Copenhaver and Barbara Gallego**

Michael was asked to co-lead a basic needs task force with Barbara Gallego. This started out as a homeless taskforce because of the fact that there is new legislation that came out last fall (Assembly Bills AB 801, and AB 1995) This legislation helps support homeless students and student who may become homeless. AB1995 says if a college has showers on campus they must be accessible by homeless students. AB 801 provides priority registration, eligibility for BOG waivers and mandates colleges to provide liaisons for those students.

The task force wants to build on these bills to provide additional support to students who are homeless or at risk. This includes food and housing. In addition the task force wants to initiate a financial literacy education initiative and establish a formal campus referral process. They also want to increase campus and community awareness, publicize who are the homeless liaisons and implement training to ensure a safe and welcoming environment to our homeless students. The taskforce is looking for members to help out with all of these objectives.

A question was asked about transportation for these students as it can be a big issue for these students. Michael will bring this back to the task force to discuss.

We hope to create an environment that has the greatest potential to create feelings of safety and welcome. They have collected many items for a food pantry and items that can help these students. They will take monetary donations specifically for food party and direct student support in emergencies. It could possibly be used towards the campus food court as well. Barbara is also coordinating with colleges in the area and how they manage their students.

### B. **Elections Jeff Lehman**

The Senate Officers elections are offset from the President by a semester so all the officer positions are up for election. We will form an election committee to handle the voting and the results.

It will be electronic voting. We will be voting for 3 at-large senate officers, a

part-time senate officer, and a VP of Senate. Liz Barrow volunteered to lead the election coordination work and Oralee Holder and Ray Funk will help with the process. There will be a call for nominees. Nominees will submit a statement and it will be placed on the website.

### **III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

#### **A. One Campus, One Theme**

A taskforce got together to look at the new ideas. They looked at themes submitted by faculty and staff that could be looked at across all disciplines, what could draw larger conversations, and discussions that would include current and relevant social issues, but also neutral enough to engender open-minded discussion and learning.

The three final choices were

- a) Migration
- b) Food
- c) Trash

Be on the lookout for an email invitation to vote.

#### **B. Professional Mediations Committee**

There is a committee of the senate called the professional mediation committee. The former chair of this committee came to our last SOC meeting to discuss what this committee was about. This committee served as a mediation group between Faculty/Faculty, Faculty/Staff, Deans/Faculty. These are not union issues but designed to create a group of trained faculty mediators to help faculty and staff navigate tough issues before they rise to the level of impasse or formal complaint. It is a good faith conversation among volunteers.

- C.** Members of this committee you would go through the mediator training and the chair would be the point of contact. They would decide if the issue fell into this category (or elsewhere, such as Union). The training is about \$1000 and we are hoping to train 6 people. The proposal also includes a request for a .1 release for the committee chair. Tate will be bringing this to a vote in our next senate meeting. He would like to find out if this is a committee that faculty would be interested in having the Senate revive.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:16 pm.**  
**Next Meeting: March 30, 2017 11am**