

Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting

Tuesday, May 10th, 2011

Members present: Nancy Schur, Larry Adams, Janet Pessagno, Sunita Lanka, Tony Anderson, Kelly Locke, Jennifer Fellguth, Chris Moss, , Alejandra Gutierrez, Ann Wright, Liz Estrella, Elsa Brisson, Hermelinda Rocha.

Guests: Suzanne Flannigan, Maria DeLeon, Cohort #3 Ace Students : Vanessa, George, Lucia, Valerie and Juan.

1. Call to Order: 3:08
2. Adopted Agenda at start of meeting. A request to move the ACE presentation to the top of the agenda was made and was approved by the Senate. Hermelinda gave a presentation on the ACE program. The program is in the fourth semester at Hartnell. It is geared towards assisting underprepared students for college, for an AA and Certification degrees. Students of all ages are welcome to enroll in the program. ACE is a cohort model endeavor to help build community and rapidly prepare students for college level course work. Students Vanessa, George, Lucia, Valerie and Juan gave inspiring accounts of how the program has been a life changing support as they feel prepared to continue to pursue college education.
3. Approval of the Minutes 4/26/11 : M/S/Passed
4. Public Comments (non-Senators): None
5. President's Report: It was decided to defer the President's report.
6. Reports:
 - A) Updates on Accreditation from the State Plenary session – Elsa Brisson
Elsa stated that the experience was overwhelming and this being her first experience. She also brought back several booklets to share information with the members.
Nancy gave an update on the Resolution discussions which she said were very relevant and engaging. She highlighted a few of the new resolutions and indicated they could be reviewed at <http://www.asccc.org/resources/resolutions>
7. Action Items:
 - A) Appointment to Faculty Development Committee: Val Rodriguez's appointment as a member to the FDC -**M/S/A.**
 - B) Appointments to Hiring Committees for Deans and Alternate pool:
 - **The Motion and Second to approve these faculty to the hiring committees.**
 - Dean of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Accreditation
Ann Wright
Hermelinda Rocha-Tabera
 - Dean of Curriculum and Instructional Support
LaVerne Cook
Melissa Stave
 - Dean of Languages, Fine Arts and Student Support
Dan Petersen
Carol King
 - Dean of Math, Science, Engineering and Library Services
Leti Contreras

- Peggy Mayfield
- Alternate Pool
Lindsey B, Carol Hobson, Teresa Carbajal, Janeen Whitmore, David Beymer, Daniel Perez, Danny Ortega, and Eric Bosler

Discussion: Clarifications were made that the administrative hiring committees have two faculty members while the faculty hiring committees have three faculty members on the committee. Regarding apprehensions about who would approve any committee alternates Nancy clarified that the Alternates to any hiring committee would be done in consultation with the Steering Committee. The motion was approved with one opposing vote from Tony Anderson and two abstentions from Alejandra Gutierrez and Kelly Locke.

- C) Service Dog policy: It was moved and seconded to endorse the new Service Dog Policy M/S/A
- D) Elections: Liz Estrella, as nominations chair, conducted elections to the Steering Committee and the following members were elected:
 President : Nancy Schur
 1st V.P : Larry Adams
 2nd V.P : Tony Anderson.
 Secretary & Treasurer: Sunita Lanka
 Member-at-Large: Chris Moss

8. Discussion Items:

A) Resolution from Distance Education Committee(DEC):

Jennifer Fellguth read the resolution which is about faculty going through the Shared governance process to review our course management system(CMS). The faculty put in substantial time and effort working with vendors and colleges, and after this exhaustive process a recommendation to continue with use of e-college. The IT proposal presented at RAC supported a switch to open source CMS with a timeline that pictured the change occurring as early as Summer. Ann clarified that the change suggested were advantageous because they were cost effective. Conversely the benefit that the Distance Education committee saw with staying with eCollege was 24/7 available support and responsiveness. A RAC meeting is scheduled at 3pm on 11th May and all are welcome. This topic will be discussed further in that forum. Although many question ensued about the IT report, the resolution that the Distance education committee brought to Senate was asking support for shared governance. Nancy said that the senate may chose to accept the resolution, endorse the resolution or draft a similar Senate resolution in response to the resolution the DEC brought forward addressing action probably to RAC or President Helm. Chris suggested a Senate resolution be moved to an Action item. A subcommittee (Lisa/Jennifer/Nancy) will write a resolution based on the DEC resolution and the importance of shared governance for the Steering Committee to place on the Agenda. A motion to bring the resolution back to the Senate as an action item was M/S/A.

B) Policy and Procedure Revisions:

Chris was directed to print the policies and bring them to the senate as discussion was slowed due to not having a Senate account to print copies for all, and senators could not all print from their offices. Posting these draft board policies on-line is not a viable option as we are endorsing policies to take to the Board of Trustees, thus the original ownership is with the Board. 1) The recommendation was to entirely remove the Food and Drink policy. This item was related to our food service program. Now food and drink service is

under Foundation office. The second policy, i.e., the Academic freedom policy is on the R drive. All policies should being reviewed, are also being renumbered to line up with CCCL. The Academic freedom policy was old compared to the current need. Motion to bring the Academic Freedom policy and the Standards of Scholarship policy as Action items for the next meeting was M/S/A.

Chris on CCCL: There was need to rephrase Title V positively. Suggestions to use explicit language to offer clarity and to avoid misinterpretation was welcomed by the members. A motion to bring this issue back next week to endorse it was M/S/A.

9. Announcements (Senators):

10. Adjournment: 5:10 pm.