

ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

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Thursday, February 02, 2012

I. Opening Business

A. Call to order and roll call –

- Alfred Hochstaedter, President (AH)
- Kathleen Clark, Vice President and ASCCC Representative (KC)
- Mark Clements, COC – (MC) – arrived after minutes approved
- Stephanie Tetter, Secretary (ST)
- Steven Belding, ASMPC
- Alexis Copeland – (AC) arrived after minutes approved
- Anita Johnson (AJ)
- Brian Brady (BB)
- Catherine Webb (CW) –
- Chris Calima – (CC) ABSENT
- Jamie Dagdigian/Robynn Smith – RS present (RS)
- Kelly Fletes (KF)- ABSENT
- Kevin Raskoff/ Andres Durstenfeld – KR present (KR)
- Mike Torres (MT) - ABSENT
- Steve Albert (SA)
- Sue Hanna (SH)
- Susan Joplin (SJ) - ABSENT

Guests:

- Denise Moss, a Doctoral student at UCSC, whose Ed.D. thesis topic is “Effective Practices in Shared Governance Surrounding Program Review.”
- Doug Garrison, President
- Marty Johnson, interim VPAA (arrived during II A)
- Carsbia Anderson, VP Student Services
- Rosaleen Ryan

B. Approval of Minutes from November 17 and December 1, 2011 –

Corrections:

- AJ noted use of word “ears” rather than “years.”

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- ST noted this was corrected in version 2.
- Motion to approve with corrections (KC)
- Second (AJ)
- Approval –unanimous , with two abstentions (KR,SA)

II. Reports

A. President/SLO Coordinator/Committee report:

- **College Council**
 - “Planning Assumptions” have not yet been discussed.
 - Dr. Garrison responded to Alan Haffa (Co-chair of College Council) about the issues of repetition, repeatability and related enrollment issues. (message in Notes on Senate website)
 - Rosaleen Ryan is studying the data and will present her first report to Senate today. On 2/16 she will report on the effect/impact of the change related to the repeatability of repeatable courses.
- Budget Committee:
 - VP Steve Ma has asked for input on the need to cut 700K during this fiscal year.
 - Amount will be more if the issue on the November ballot fails.
 - FH has interpreted the Senate’s position to be that, due to the diverse areas of representation among the membership, the Senate declines to prioritize in ways that pit one division or area of the college against another.
 - AJ suggested that we might look at college-wide issues (such as technology and whether early spring is worthwhile).
 - SA suggested we thank Steve Ma for asking us. Consensus to have FH as Senate President do so.
 - KR asked about early spring, and what the controversy was; clarification that in prior years there has been discussion of possibly ending early spring, and due to very low enrollment this year, that might be a topic for discussion). FH noted a longer summer session would be a good idea.
- **AAAG**
 - MPC Tech committee made a presentation to AAAG on their desired membership.
 - KR asked where we should send comments about the composition of the proposed committee; Life Science has concern re lack of attention to many Mac users.
 - ST reported that Sharon Colton’s response to this is that “alternative platforms” includes Macs.
 - FH suggested he send them to College Council.

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- ST asked what FH meant about the Senate “contributing to the dialog” about the position of Dean of Technology.
- Doug noted we need to examine the organizational structure, and Sharon’s departure forces a catalyst for dialog about this.
 - We need a product (e.g. revised job description) to the Board by March, possibly could be as late as April. ST noted our next meeting is very close to March and wondered if we have time to postpone the discussion.
 - Discussion as to the relationship of the “focus group” Steve Ma has assembled to the Strategic Initiative on Technology and the Tech Triage effort Marty undertook last fall
 - Resulted in clarification that the focus group is not the same as the other two things (Tech Triage information went to the Educational Master Plan group).
 - Agreement to agendize the item for next meeting
 - Alexis as a member of the focus group will report to Senate in the interim as to any meetings.
 - Senators should go to Divisions and return at next meeting with what we would like to see as structural changes in the Dean of Technology position.
 - KR asked for the current job description; AC will provide this
- Educational Master Plan group needs someone from Arts.
- Community Education group needs another community member
- SLO accreditation draft response is pending
- Senators and elections:
 - Terms expiring for Social Science, PE, Life Science and Creative Arts
 - Two at-large positions
 - Susan Joplin resigned last semester, her term expires this year
 - Stephanie Tetter leaving Senate and CW will move from at-large to Library representative, opening another at large seat
 - Elections happen in March
- Distance Ed
 - Discussion as to what “fully online” is.
 - ST suggests we agendize DE topic, and get definitions regarding online, hybrid from official sources.
 - SA asked why we are looking at this, and noted the distinction between an online class and an online program
 - SH noted that from a student’s view, a fully online class is 100% online
 - KR noted in Life Science, it is confusing if one is asked to have science classes as “online” what that actually means; definitions matter.
 - Two questions:

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- What are we talking about?
- Is that what we want?
 - Agreement to agendaize and invite Judee Timm, Lynn Iwamoto
- Draft Ed Code language resulting from the SSTF recommendations was forwarded to the Consultation Council today related to enrollment limits.
 - RS observed the language was being changed to accomplish the intended effect.
 - AJ noted this is a first draft, there will be multiple drafts
 - New name the “Seymour-Campbell Student Success Act of 2012”

B. COC –

- College Council
 - Jonathan Osburg recommended
- Hiring Committee for Registrar
 - Lyndon Schutzler, Alethea DeSoto
- Educational Master Plan
 - E. Bishop, A. Hochstaedter, Andres Durstenfeld and Heather Faust recommended.
 - ST asked if these are in addition to AJ and KC from Senate, Diane B., DJ Singh and Todd Ritsema, noting heavy on science, business and humanities, limited or lacking in other areas (arts). AJ and KC represent Senate, not Humanities and Business.
 - Agreement after discussion with Marty and assuming this is acceptable to those involved to delete Faust, Bishop and Hochstaedter
- Motion to approve: KR
- Second : AC
- Approval: Unanimous
- New Needs:
 - 2 faculty for Student Grievance Committee
 - 1 faculty for Academic Council (meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1:30)

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C. Flex Day Committee Report – NO REPORT

III Old Business –

- A.** Update on Student Success Task Force (VPs Carsbia Anderson and Marty Johnson, Director of Institutional Research Dr. Rosaleen Ryan)
- MJ noted we are getting data on repeatability
 - Not much impact on transfer courses
 - CA noted counselors need to be more proactive with students after a first unsuccessful time taking a class. We will need more “people resources.”
 - MJ noted we are in the implementation phase and task forces are being formed statewide to look at best practices.
 - One benefit is that earlier instance of an Ed plan may mean students in Basic Skills classes will start them sooner rather than waiting until they have been unsuccessful in a class.
 - CA noted CSSOs are discussing implementation, and that Senate could look at what is happening on our campus, noting successful work by PASS program.
 - RS asked if counting instances of enrollments related to repeatability will be retroactive, noting that the counting for instances of enrollment related to repetition is retroactive. MJ replied we don’t know yet; this is not yet on the Consultation Council’s agenda.
 - RS asked if there is any method to notify students, noting they don’t know and the impact particularly in large programs in Creative Arts and PE will be huge. How do we get the conversation going?
 - RS noted there is common misperception re Creative Arts that their enrolled students are either younger transfer-bound students or older lifelong learners. She explained they have a huge number of students in between these two extremes.
 - CA spoke of SB 1440 and the alignment with CSUs, and the confusion that exists in this area. MPC has sent All Users email, put information on the student portal, and Student Services staff are working on “interventions.”
 - R. Ryan explained the two halves of her printout listing the instances of students repeating courses 1, 2, and 3 times without success. The chart shows the 50 courses with the highest number of “W”s plus some added at Mike Gilmartin’s request.
 - CA noted this is not just statewide, it is nationwide.

IV. New Business

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A. Adjunct Faculty Hiring

- i. Doug presented community perspective
 1. Our adjunct hiring is perceived as a closed process
 2. Hiring is seen as not accessible to general population
 3. Reality is our adjunct staff is not diverse
 4. Access to hiring process is critically important
 5. Need to have diversity among adjuncts; out student population has large instances of working with adjunct faculty
 6. Issue of instructional quality highly important
 - ii. KC asked if this is a manageable process
 - iii. KC noted there is nothing about Deans in the appendix (noted to be corrected as an oversight)
 - iv. Discussion about "adjunct pool," frequency of recruitment, definitions
- Motion to send on to shared governance groups: SA
 - Second: SH
 - Approval: Unanimous

B. Plus and Minus Grading (SA)

- Committee (SA, Andres D., MC, RS and MT) worked on questions and proposed next steps.
 - Survey
 - Attendance/presentations at division meetings
 - Discussions/research with other colleges
 - Report to Senate on research and analysis
- Approval to move forward

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 PM

Future agenda items:

Distance Education

Reducing the \$700K deficit

R. Ryan report on repeatability of repeatable courses

Focus Group on Dean of Technology replacement position

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