



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
November 17, 2014: Room H117/H118 (2:15PM – 4:00PM)
MINUTES

Present:

Becca Arnold, Angela Arreaga, Christine Balderas, Jennifer Carmichael, Aulani Chun, Leslie Cloud, Jennifer Cost, John Crocitti, Nellie Dougherty, Sarah Eighraoui, Rob Fremland, Veronica Gerace, Lou Ann Gibson, Kimberly Hart, Erika Higginbotham, Laleh Howard, Terry Kohlenberg, Ken Kuniyuki, Guillermo Marrujo, Thekima Mayasa, Jonathan McLeod, Phyllis Meckstroth, Dina Miyoshi, Ron Ryno, Robert Sanchez, Marilyn Schenk, Leslie Seiger, Shannon Shi, Judy Sundayo, George Svoboda, Akunna Winston and guests Sam Farahani and Chris Sullivan

Absent:

Mark Abajian, Kris Clark (Excused), Bill Clary, Guadalupe "Lupe" Gonzalez, Martina Hesser, Bill Hoefer, Inna Kanevsky (Excused), Devin Milner, Michelle "Toni" Parsons, Francisca Rascon, Steven Siegel, Manuel Velez (Proxy to Cesar Lopez), Walter "Duane" Wesley and Farshid Zand

- I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME** by Academic Senate President Terry Kohlenberg @ 2:20PM.
Parliamentarian – Jonathan McLeod/Timekeeper – Rob Fremland/Speaker Coordinator – Becca Arnold

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve:

M/S

McLeod/Gibson

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III. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: (Presentation Only – No Discussions)

A. Associated Student Government (ASG) Representative: Senator Angela Arreaga (3 Minutes)

1. Angela reported the ASG went to the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) event in Los Angeles over the weekend.
 - a. Mesa College ASG's resolution for providing counseling, financial and housing support services for International Students was passed.
 - This was the first Mesa College ASG resolution passed by the SSCCC.
2. The deadline for student clubs to request matching funds is today.
3. The ASG will start the "Random Acts of Kindness" campaign after Thanksgiving.

B. Classified Senate Representative: President Angela Liewen – No Report

C. Sam Farahani – Political Science Faculty:

1. Sam expressed concerns regarding Faculty participation in the Contract Faculty Hiring Process and his last Faculty Evaluation (Peer Evaluator Assigned and Evaluation Scores).

IV. GUEST: None

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 3, 2014

Motion to approve:

M/S

McLeod/Gibson

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VI. ROUND TABLE TOPIC: Academic Affairs Committee's Research Paper on Learning Communities

A. The Academic Affairs Committee's Position Paper on Learning Communities (LCOMs) was approved by the Academic Senate on October 6, 2014.

1. Inna reported the committee was asked to conduct research to find out if LCOMs would be beneficial for Mesa College students after the issue arose at a President's Cabinet Retreat last year.
2. The committee looked at paired cohorts.
3. The committee found that gains are generally limited to Basic Skills level courses.
 - a. Hispanic students benefit the most from taking LCOM Basic Skills level courses.
4. Successful LCOM programs require a great deal of financial and human resources.
 - a. LCOMs must be institutionalized in order to be successful.
5. Students report they like the LCOM courses they enrolled in, but do not express interest in enrolling in additional LCOM courses.

6. Mesa College may benefit from LCOMs for First Year Experience (FYE) students.

B. Learning Communities Round Table Discussion:

1. Counselor Judy Sundayo expressed the following criticisms regarding the Academic Affairs Committee's research paper:
 - a. Judy does not feel the Academic Affairs Committee should have researched Learning Communities for the colleges the committee researched.
 - b. Judy said Academic Affairs only looked at quantitative data and did not look at qualitative data.
 - c. Academic Affairs did not consult with Mesa College's current Learning Communities Program Faculty for Puente and Mesa Academy.
 - d. Academic Affairs did not address equity.
 - e. Academic Affairs did not make recommendations.
2. Veronica Gerace said she reads the paper as Academic Affairs does not support Learning Communities.
3. Former Academic Affairs Faculty Co-Chair John Crocitti said the reassigned time is only .1 for the Faculty Chair of Academic Affairs which provides very little time to attend the Academic Affairs, Academic Senate, Academic Senate Exec and President's Cabinet meetings, much less conduct research.
 - a. The current Faculty Chair was also assigned to serve on the Faculty Hiring Prioritization Committee.
4. Laleh Howard and Leslie Seiger expressed support for Academic Affairs' ability to independently conduct research and draw objective and unbiased conclusions.
5. Jennifer Cost said she spoke to Counseling Department Chair Ailene Crakes, Academic Affairs Chair Inna Kanevsky and Academic Affairs Committee Member Kim Perigo extensively regarding the research paper and found that Academic Affairs does not want to alienate or offend anyone.
 - a. The discussions must be collegial.
6. Jonathan McLeod said the Academic Senate is accepting the paper itself as advisory and not endorsing the findings.
7. Academic Affairs Committee - Fall 2014 Meeting Discussions:
 - a. Ailene Crakes rescinded her acceptance of Academic Affairs invitation to be a guest speaker.
 - Ailene opted to meet with just Inna instead.
 - * Ailene told Inna that the position paper should have been approved by the three former Learning Communities Coordinators (Jan Ellis, Leroy Johnson and Tracey Walker) during their meeting.
 - b. The previous Mesa College Learning Communities Coordinators did not provide any data, documentation or recommendations regarding Learning Communities at Mesa College when they met with the Academic Affairs Committee in spring 2014.
 - c. Inna reported to Academic Affairs that she could not locate any data regarding Mesa College's Learning Communities on the Mesa College web site.
 - d. Inna said she was told on October 20, 2014 by Guillermo Marrujo that he can provide data regarding Puente after he receives the information from the state.
 - e. The Academic Affairs Committee members agree that it is not collegial for the committee to evaluate the departments or programs of their colleagues at Mesa College.
9. The Senate Recording Secretary observed that the recent availability of Equity and Hispanic Serving Institute (HIS) funding provides a great opportunity for proponents to write a resolution that reports the successes of Learning Communities at Mesa College and advocates for future funding for Learning Communities.

Motion to ask the Academic Affairs Committee to reconsider the paper:

M/S

McLeod/Sundayo

**2 Abstained
Howard
Seiger**

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Statewide Resolution on Adjunct Faculty: Jonathan McLeod

1. Jonathan said AFT wants Governor Brown to put the money for Adjunct Faculty in California's annual budget.
2. Jennifer Cost said Adjunct Faculty Members teach 2/3 of the classes scheduled at Mesa College.
 - a. One of the English Adjunct Faculty Members informed her that he only earned about half of what Mesa College Contract Faculty members earned last year while having to work at more than one college.
3. Parity Pay for Adjunct Faculty can be a percentage of the pay for Contract Faculty.
 - a. Jennifer Carmichael reported she received separate checks for Parity Pay during past adjunct assignments.
4. Jonathan McLeod said the hourly pay Adjunct Faculty receives for holding Office Hours can be very low.
 - a. The pool of money for Adjunct Office Hours is divided by the total number of Adjuncts who hold office hours during the semester and the hourly rate can be as low as \$12.00 per hour in our district.

Motion to approve:

M/S

Fremland/McLeod

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B. Curriculum and Instructional Council (CIC) Documents: Toni Parsons (5 Minutes)

1. Waivers for Major Requirements:

Motion to approve with the removal of item #3 that was added by Interim Vice Chancellor Shelly Hess:

M/S

McLeod/Ryno

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VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Draft Policy and Procedures - Assigning Courses to Disciplines: Terry Kohlenberg

1. Terry asked for feedback regarding the draft document.

IX. SENATE EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

A. President Elect: Rob Fremland

1. We need to make sure we do not have redundancy of committee work in order to use our time efficiently.

B. Secretary: Becca Arnold (No Report)

C. Treasurer: Ken Kuniyuki

1. Ken reported that our 2014–2015 student scholarships are funded.

D. Senator at Large (1): Leslie Seiger (No Report)

E. Senator at Large (2): (Position is Vacant)

F. President: Terry Kohlenberg

1. Diversity Committee:

a. The committee is reorganizing this year.

- The membership increased from seven (7) to 19 members to increase inclusiveness and diversity.
- The committee now has consultants.
- President Luster feels the committee should report to the Academic Senate and have representation from the Academic Senate's Committee on Committees.
- The committee has contacted the Classified Senate to recruit more classified members.

2. Academic Senate for CA Community Colleges (ASCCC) Fall 2014 Plenary Session:

a. Resolutions:

- There were resolutions on the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), Baccalaureate Degrees, Online Education and Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)
<http://www.asccc.org/sites/default/files/Final%20Fall%202014%20Resolutions.pdf>

b. Black Studies Official Discipline Designation:

- Mesa College's proposal received positive feedback and will be used as a model.
- The ASCCC will vote on the Official Discipline Designation during the spring 2015 Plenary Session.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Academic Affairs Committee: Chair Inna Kanevsky (No Report)

B. Professional Development Committee Chair: Lupe Gonzalez (No Report)

C. Committee of Chairs (COC): Chair of Chairs Jennifer Cost

1. Jennifer asked the Senators to inform their Lead Writers with Curriculum issues that they can contact Curriculum Review Committee Faculty Co-Chair Michelle "Toni" Parsons directly for assistance.

D. Curriculum Review Committee (CRC): Co-Chair Toni Parsons

E. Program Review Committee (PRC): Co-Chair Dina Miyoshi (1 Minute)

1. Dina reminded the Senators that the final Program Review submission deadline is January 30, 2015.
2. Lead Writer training is still available.

F. Basic Skills Committee (BSC): Coordinator Chris Sullivan

1. Chris reported we are making real headway with our students.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. The next Academic Senate meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2014 in H117/H118 @ 2:15PM.

B. The next Joint Chairs and Deans meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2014 in LRC 435 @ 2:15PM.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn @ 4:03PM:

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McLeod/Cost

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Submitted by Sue Saetia

Approved by the Mesa College Academic Senate on: December 8, 2014

The votes are delineated on the following page:

Becca Arnold
Christine Balderas
Jennifer Carmichael
Jennifer Cost
John Crocitti
Nellie Dougherty
Sarah Eighraoui
Rob Fremland
Veronica Gerace
Lou Ann Gibson
Kimberly Hart
Martina Hesser
Bill Hoefer
Inna Kanevsky
Devin Milner
Erika Higginbotham
Laleh Howard
Terry Kohlenberg
Ken Kuniyuki
Guillermo Marrujo
Thekima Mayasa
Jonathan McLeod
Phyllis Meckstroth
Dina Miyoshi
Ron Ryno
Robert Sanchez
Marilynn Schenk
Leslie Seiger
Shannon Shi
Judy Sundayo
George Svoboda
Akunna Winston
Farshid Zand