



San Diego Mesa College
Academic Senate
April 21, 2014: H117/H118 (2:15PM-4:00PM)
Minutes

PRESENT:

Becca Arnold, Aulani Chun, Jennifer Cost, Chris Dawes, Donna Duchow, Lupe Gonzalez, Kimberly Hart, Martina Hesser, Madeleine Hinkes, Inna Kanevsky, Terry Kohlenberg, Ken Kuniyuki, Danielle Lauria, Leticia Lopez, Thekima Mayasa, Joe "Mac" McKenzie, Jonathan McLeod, Phyllis Meckstroth, Devin Milner, Dina Miyoshi, Val Ontell, Francisca Rascon, Jim Romeo, Ron Ryno, Robert Sanchez, Marilynn Schenk, Steven Siegel, Chris Sullivan, Judy Sundayo, Lois Wittner and guest Juliette Parker

ABSENT:

Mark Abajian, Kris Clark, Leslie Cloud, John Crocitti, Michael Fitzgerald, Erika Higginbotham (Excused), Bill Hoefer (Proxy to Martina Hesser), Katie Holton, Laleh Howard, Angela Liewen, Guillermo Marrujo, Susheela Narayanan, Michelle "Toni" Parsons, Mayra Preciado, Barbara Sexton, Leslie Styles, Walter "Duane" and Wesley Farshid Zand

I. CALL TO ORDER and WELCOME by Academic Senate President Terry Kohlenberg @ 2:22PM.

II. APPROVAL OF TODAY'S AGENDA: Approved without changes.

III. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

A. Associated Student Government (ASG) Representative: (Secretary Mayra Preciado) No Report

B. Classified Senate Representative: (President Angela Liewen) No Report

IV. GUESTS: Chris Sullivan (Midterm Accreditation Report)

A. Mesa College is fully accredited.

B. 2010 Accreditation Team Visit Commendations:

1. Mesa College and the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) Board of Trustees (BOT) received commendations for prudent oversight of fiscal resources.

C. 2010 Accreditation Team Visit Recommendations:

1. In order to achieve a sustainable program review, planning and student learning outcomes process, the college should develop and implement an integrated process that links all components within program review and ensures that an integrated planning process directs resource allocation.
2. In order to fully meet the standards, the team recommends that the college accelerate the development and assessment of course level Student Learning Outcomes, and in order to meet the 2012 deadline, the team recommends that the college assess and align Student Learning Outcomes at the course, program, and institutional levels, and use the results to make improvements (Standard II.A.1.c, II.A.2.b, II.A.2.e-f, II.A.2.h-i).
3. The team recommends that the college improve communication concerning the process used for technology planning to all campus stakeholders, develop a method to engage non-users in technology and also secure stable funding sources for technology resources (III.C.1.a & d)
4. The team recommends that the college develop an adequate system for program review of Administrative Services which integrates planning and resource allocations and assures the linkage between program review and resource allocation (III.D.1.a)

D. Mesa College 2016 Accreditation Timeline:

1. 2013 – 2014 (Midterm Report Due) - The report has been accepted without recommendations.
2. 2014 - 2015 (Self- Evaluation – 1st Draft Due)
 - a. Mesa College self-identified 17 improvement plan items that needs to be pared down to a more manageable number.
3. 2015 – 2016 (Self- Evaluation – 2nd Draft Due)
4. 2016 (Accreditation Team Visit)

E. Accrediting Body:

1. The Academic Senate for CA Community Colleges (ASCCC) is beginning to look at alternate accrediting bodies to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC).

F. Proposed ACCJC Accreditation Standards Changes:

1. Mesa College is one of the first community colleges responsible for responding to the proposed changes.

G. We need to document what we do well during the accreditation process.

V. Approval of the Senate Minutes: April 7, 2014

Motion to approve with changes from Lupe Gonzales, Val Ontell and Marilyn Schenk:

M/S

Ontell/Velez

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VI. Round Table Topic: None

VII. Old Business:

A. Resolution 14.3.3 - Faculty/Staff Advisory Committee on Threats (FACT): (Becca Arnold)

1. Proposal to create and adopt FACT as a Senate committee:
2. FACT will not be a repository for information about students.
3. President Luster asked Becca to look at what other CA community colleges are doing.
4. Thekima Mayasa asked what student behavior is considered "Potentially Threatening".
 - a. Becca said behavior that is out of the norm that concerns Faculty and other students.
5. Thekima also asked how FACT is different from the Crisis Response Committee (CRC) that is chaired by Dean of Student Affairs Ashanti Hands.
 - a. Judy Sundayo said the intent behind FACT to put emphasis on research is a good idea.
 - FACT can conduct research and make recommendations to the CRC in order to inform decision-making.
 - b. Chair of Chairs Jennifer Cost reported there has been a meeting with the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) regarding FACT.
 - A meeting with Dean Hands to develop a system of checks and balances is also a good idea.
 - c. Becca reported Policy 3100 does not account for the rights of Faculty and the other students.
6. Marilynn Schenk asked about membership for FACT.
 - a. The original proposal for membership includes the following members:
 - Administrator
 - College Police Personnel
 - Faculty
 - Staff
 - Students
 - b. Val Ontell recommends that Dean of Student Affairs Ashanti Hand serves as an Ex-Officio Member.

Motion to approve:

M/S

Arnold /Holton

9 Abstained

B. Resolution 14.4.1 - Summer 2014 Responsibilities/Senate Executive Committee: (Terry Kohlenberg)

Motion to approve:

M/S

McLeod/Miyoshi

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II. New Business:

A. Black Studies (BLAS) Official Discipline Designation: (Black Studies Dept. Chair Thekima Mayasa)

1. Thekima reported she has begun the process with the Academic Senate for CA Community Colleges (ASCCC) for approval of Black Studies as an Official Discipline designation and will follow the same process as the Mesa College Chicano Studies Program did last year.
 - a. Black Studies courses are currently listed under Ethnic Studies.
 - African American/Black Studies was established in 1968, making it the oldest Ethnic Studies Discipline and warrants its own Official Discipline Designation.
 - b. Degree programs are offered for Blacks Studies and Chicano Studies.
 - c. Minimums Qualifications (MQs) have been establish for Faculty who teach Black and Chicano Studies.
 - d. Mesa College Chicano Studies Chair Cesar Lopez said Chicano Studies supports Black Studies receiving its own Official Discipline Designation.

Motion to bring the resolution forward for discussion and approval at the May 5, 2014 Senate meeting:

M/S

Velez/Cost

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B. Resolution 14.4.2 - Reaffirming the Local Academic Senate's Responsibility for Discipline Assignment: (Thekima Mayasa and Manuel Velez)

1. Thekima Mayasa said the resolution represents a proactive stance by the Academic Senate.
2. Chicano Studies Department Chair Cesar Lopez reported the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) Curriculum Instructional Council (CIC) and the Mesa College Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) have informed him that they cannot approve Chicano Studies courses under the CHIC course designation, although the Academic Senate

for CA Community Colleges (ASCCC) has approved the CHIC designation and CHIC is listed in the drop-down menu in the SDCCD CurricuNet system.

- a. The Board of Governors (BOG) approved Chicano Studies as an Official Course designation in November 2013.
 - Chicano Studies is now on the Disciplines List.
- b. The Mesa College Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) is a subcommittee of the Mesa College Academic Senate.
3. Accreditation Officer Juliette Parker said the resolution is based on the Mesa College Academic Senate discussions that have taken place this academic year.
 - a. The CIC and CRC approved their document on Assigning Courses to Disciplines in 2011 without bringing the documents to the Mesa College Academic Senate for a vote.
 - Inna Kanevsky said the CRC is a subcommittee of the Academic Senate.
 - b. San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) Board Policy 2510 excludes curriculum from the responsibilities of the CIC and CRC.
4. Chair of Chairs Jennifer Cost agrees that the Academic Senate needs to fight to keep curriculum under Faculty purview and suggested clarification of some of the content of the resolution.

Motion to bring the resolution forward for discussion and approval at the May 5, 2014 Senate meeting:

M/S

Velez/Mayasa

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IX. Senate Exec Committee Reports:

A. Vice President: (Donna Duchow) No Report

B. Secretary: (Becca Arnold) No Report

C. Treasurer: (Ken Kuniyuki) No Report

D. Senator at Large #1: (Position is Vacant)

E. Senator at Large #2: (Katie Holton) No Report

F. President: (Terry Kohlenberg)

1. REMINDER - Joint SDCCD Academic Senates Meeting: City College/Room MS140 (April 28th @ 3:00PM)
 - a. 11 Mesa College Senate members reported they will attend the joint meeting.
2. Spring 2014 Plenary - Academic Senate for CA Community College (ASCCC) Resolutions:
 - a. Approaching Academic Integrity as Instructional and not Punitive.
 - b. Assembly Bill 86 – Adult Education (English & Math - Community College/Continuing Ed./High School)
 - Basic Skills Committee Chair Chris Sullivan reported he attended the first meeting and said it is the “Real Deal”.
 - c. Senate Bill 850 – Baccalaureate Degrees: Three resolutions were on the agenda.
 - Only the resolution regarding the need for additional research on the topic passed.
 - Programs in the Mesa College School of Health & Public Service want to be part of the conversation.
3. The Faculty Hiring Prioritization Committee (FHPC) will announce the 2014 -2015 list on Wednesday.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Academic Affairs: (Co-Chair Inna Kanevsky)

1. Inna reported the committee is going through an identity crisis.
 - a. The committee was tasked by President’s Cabinet to research Learning Communities (LCOMs).
 - The committee members feel LCOMs is not a current issue.
 - b. The Vice President of Instruction (VPI) does not understand why he is the administrative Co-Chair.
 - c. The committee does not have representatives from two of the schools on campus.
 - The members agree having more than one representative from one school is acceptable.
 - d. The committee would like to research and make recommendations regarding current and relevant issues and topics.

B. Professional Development Committee (PDC): (Chair Lupe Gonzalez)

1. Lupe reported the 2014 - 2015 sabbatical applications selected by the PDC have not been approved.

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

1. The chairs are meeting this Wednesday.
 - a. Two of the agenda items are:
 - Raising Class Caps - Process must adhere to the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA).
 - Enrollment Management System (EMS)

D. Curriculum Review Committee (CRC): (Co-Chair Toni Parsons) No Report

E. Program Review Committee (PRC): (Co-Chair Dina Miyoshi) No Report

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

1. The committee will meet Friday, May 2nd.
2. A four hour workshop with Continuing Education at North City Center is scheduled for Friday, April 25th.

XI. Announcements:

- A.** The next Academic Senate meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2014 in H117/H118 @ 2:15PM.
- B.** The next Committee of Chairs meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2014 in H117/H118 @ 2:15PM.
- C.** The 2014 Mesa College Commencement Ceremony is Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 4:00PM – 6:00PM at the University of San Diego (USD) Jenny Craig Pavilion.
- D.** Val Ontell encouraged the Senators to attend the 2014 Mesa College Scholarship Awards Ceremony and Banquet.
- E.** Counselor Lupe Gonzales announced that continuing students will receive summer 2014 semester registration dates and students can enroll in nine (9) units maximum.

XII. ADJOURNMENT @ 4:01PM.

Submitted by Sue Saetia

Approved by the Senate: May 5, 2014