



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE

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**MESA ACADEMIC SENATE
March 14, 2011: H117/H118 (2:15PM-4:00PM)
Minutes**

PRESENT:

Anar Brahmhatt, Aulani Chun, Jennifer Cost, Chris Dawes, Nelly Dougherty, Rob Fremland, Dwight Furrow, Martina Hesser, Madeleine Hinkes, Holly Hodnick, Bill Hoefler, Sharon Hughes, Jill Jansen, Ken Kuniyuki, Danielle Lauria, Susan Lazear, Guillermo Marrujo, Joe "Mac" McKenzie, Jonathan McLeod, Laurie Mackenzie, Phyllis Meckstroth, Devin Milner, Toni Parsons, Cynthia Rico-Bravo, Francesca Rascon, Angela Romeo, Mike Sanchez, Marilyn Schenk, Barbara Sexton, Shannon Shi, George Svoboda, Terrie Teegarden, and Daniel Tjandra

ABSENT:

Mark Abajian, Becca Arnold, Kris Clark, Leslie Cloud, Michael Crivello, Katie Holton, Geoff Johnson, Leroy Johnson (Proxy to Guillermo Marrujo), Peter Jacoby, Georgia Laris, Thekima Mayasa, Tricia Mendoza, Ron Ryno (Proxy to Laurie Mackenzie), Sabrina Santiago, Michelle Tucker, Manuel Velez, and Duane Wesley, and Farshid Zand

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME by President Cynthia Rico-Bravo @ 2:16 PM.

II. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

A. ASB Representative: (Daniel Tjandra)

1. The ASB is working on the following events for spring 2011:

a. Career Fair (Four Days):

i. The first three days will only be open to SDCCD students.

ii. The fourth day will be open to the public.

b. Conference in Washington D.C. on March 15th.

i. Mesa student representatives will attend the conference tomorrow.

c. Festival of Colors in May

d. Hands across California on April 17th

e. March in March being held in Sacramento today.

i. Mesa student representatives are attending the march.

f. Student Appreciation Day

e. Student Athletic Awareness Day:

i. The ASB will try to help students adopt a healthier lifestyle through exercise and nutrition.

B. Classified Senate Representative: (Angela Romeo)

No Report

III. GUESTS: None

IV. APPROVAL OF SENATE MINUTES: The Minutes of February 28, 2011 were unanimously approved.

M/S

McLeod/Hinkes

Unanimous

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Academic Affairs: No Report

B. Professional Development: Chair Sharon Hughes reminded the senate that the salary advancement application deadline is April 1st, Sabbaticals will be announced on April 25th, and the last deadline for the spring semester is April 29th. Please make sure courses that need pre-approval are submitted by then.

C. Committee of Chairs: Chair Rob Fremland reported the chairs discussed the ethics issue that Jonathan McLeod will introduce today and reported a date will not be set for faculty hiring priorities until the budget is finalized.

D. Curriculum Chair: Chair Toni Parsons reported on the following:

1. Toni reported the Board of Governors (BOG) has approved the current Title V Language for Prerequisites.

2. Toni will attend the Curriculum events at the spring 2011 plenary in April.

3. Toni will also attend the Curriculum Institute this July, 2011

4. SB 1440 Transfer Model Curriculum (TMCs):

a. Toni reported SDSU has rejected our first three TMCs.

b. Cynthia reported our District must be compliant with SB 1440 and by at least approving two TMCs which are Psychology and Sociology.

c. Toni also reported we will continue to have conversations regarding TMCs with other local community colleges and SDSU in the future.

d. Toni also reported there is a community college in L.A. that is not working on TMCs at all because they know CSU Los Angeles will not accept their TMCs.

5. Content Review Model:

a. A draft proposal on implementing Content Review for Communication and Computation Prerequisites will be discussed at the State Plenary Session. All Mesa Senators have been asked to please review the documents and provide your feedback by e-mail to Cynthia.

6. Disciplines List:

a. Minimum Qualifications (MQs) and requirements to teach courses are being updated.

i. The updated list will be sent to the chairs and departments.

E. Basic Skills: No Report

VI. SENATE EXEC REPORTS:

A. President-Elect: (Madeleine Hinkes)

1. The selection committee for Vice President of Student Services (VPSS) needs members from English and Math.

2. President's Cabinet sent questions to the Mesa College Public Arts Committee (MCPAC) and suggested the MCPAC should include temporary members representing the new building committees for Behavioral/Social Sciences, Business, Math/Natural Sciences, and the Student Services.

B. Treasurer: No Report

C. State Senate Representative: No Report

D. Senator at Large: No Report

E. Secretary: No Report

F. President: (Cynthia Rico-Bravo)

1. Spring 2011 Plenary:
 - a. Initial Draft Resolutions:
 - i. The academic senates from all areas (SDCCD is part of Area D) of California will meet on March 30th to vote on the draft resolutions before the plenary.
2. Budget:
 - a. The state budget is still tentative right now.
 - b. We need to contact the legislators that are holding up efforts to put the five year extension of the temporary tax increases on the June ballot.
 - i. We must advocate of behalf of the measure to these legislators.
 - a. Jim Mahler had emailed the list of legislators to everyone.
 - ii. The district will hold a voter registration drive to ensure as many of our students can vote for the tax increase extension as possible.
3. UCSD Transfer Grade Point Average (GPA):
 - a. Monica Romero from the Transfer Center has sent out an email that UCSD will raise its guaranteed transfer GPA to 3.5.
 - i. Counselor Guillermo Marrujo asked the senators to encourage their student to apply to UCSD, even if their GPA is below 3.5.
 - a. The applicant pool may still allow them to be accepted.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Freedom of Speech Draft Policy 3925: (Cynthia Rico-Bravo)

1. Item tabled pending additional information from Assistant Chancellor Neault and Associate Dean Hands (Student Affairs).

B. Resolution 11.02.01: Inclusion of the Communications Department in the new Behavioral and Social Sciences Building:

1. The resolution was rescinded after the department met with Interim President Armstrong.
 - a. Interim President Armstrong was able to request additional square footage for the building that will be assigned to Communication Studies.
 - i. The other departments already slated to be in the building will not lose any square footage.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discussion: Are financial inducements in the adoption of course materials appropriate and consistent with professional ethics?

1. Jonathan McLeod received a letter from a history textbook publisher that offered a financial stipend of up to \$12,000 for a faculty member and up to \$20,000 for a department and feels that it is important to bring this issue forth to the Academic Senate and Committee of Chairs.
 - a. Jonathan looked for local, state, and national discussions, but he could not locate any standard guidelines regarding this issue.
 - b. Several chairs reported they had received financial inducements at the March 9th Committee of Chairs (COC) meeting.
 - c. Jonathan wants to adopt a policy that bans all inducements from free bagels and sandwiches to free dinners and trips, and any financial stipends.
 - d. Jonathan would like Academic Affairs to work on developing a policy.
2. Comments from the Senators:
 - a. Terrie Teegarden reported the Textbook Affordability Committee has worked to ensure that we give our students the option to purchase the lower priced textbook, if the textbooks are comparable.

- b. Terrie also reported the Textbook Affordability Committee did try to deal with this issue by placing a rule barring publishers from offering financial inducements, but the rule was removed by members from City College.
- c. ASB representative Daniel Tjandra reported that he spends \$500 each semester for textbooks and inducements from publishers that would contribute to increasing the price of textbooks concerns him.
- d. Laurie Mackenzie feels publishers will continue to provide incentives whether there is a rule in place or not.
- e. Danielle Lauria reported this practice is barred by most hospitals, but this still occurs. Inducements occur in every industry whether in the public or private sector.
- f. Jill Jansen feels we cannot control or monitor the personal ethics of others.
- g. Guillermo Marrujo asked if the Bookstore should stop hosting year-end luncheons with door prizes for the faculty.
- h. Francesca Rascon feels the district needs to issue a more solid policy on this issue.
- i. Susan Lazear feels every possible scenario would need to be identified and listed.
- j. Chris Dawes said enforcement would be against faculty, not the publishers.
- k. Rob Fremland feels we should bring the Textbook Affordability Committee's rule to Academic Affairs for refinement.

3. President Cynthia Rico-Bravo asked the senate to vote on a motion to bring the issue to Academic Affairs for policy development:

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McLeod/Furrow

Unanimous

- B. AB 661 (Assemblyman Marty Block):** (Cynthia Rico-Bravo)
 - 1. Marty's bill would create is seeking to allow a pilot baccalaureate program only at SDCCD City College without identifying a funding source.
- C. Summer 2011 Counseling Services:** (Cynthia Rico-Bravo)
 - 1. Assistant Chancellor Lynne Neault informed Cynthia that adjunct funding will be available to provide counseling services for our students this summer.
- D. Summer 2011 Sessions:** Cynthia Rico-Bravo)
 - 1. There will be no second 8-week session this summer.
 - 2. Rob Fremland reported that some sections may still need to be cut from the summer schedule due to budget cuts.

VIII. Announcements:

- A.** Cynthia Rico-Bravo announced the annual presentation of the Prop S & N projects will be held in G101 on April 6th from 2:30PM-4:00PM and on April 7th in H117/H118 from 9:00AM-10:30AM.
- B.** Cynthia Rico-Bravo reminded the senate that the Chancellor will hold her open office hour at Mesa on March 17th in room A104a. Please contact the Chancellor's executive assistant @ ext. 6957 to schedule an appointment.
- C.** Cynthia Rico-Bravo also announced the CACCJC's Call for Applications for Faculty Commissioner is due on April 15, 2011.
- D.** Cynthia Rico-Bravo asked the senate to VOTE ON-LINE for Mesa College Senate Positions
- E.** Cynthia Rico-Bravo reported that we need more faculty participation in the commencement ceremonies. Cynthia will check on the faculty on-line registration process for commencement for Danielle Lauria and the senators.
- F.** Nellie Daugherty reported there is a large card/notebook for students to sign that will be sent to Japan for the Earthquake and Tsunami victims.
- G.** Student Health will host an event this Thursday morning in H117/H118 to support the Japanese Earthquake and Tsunami victims and help our students deal with this tragedy.

H. Susan Lazear reported the "Repeat Boutique" raised \$2,500 and the 30th Annual Golden Scissors awards will be held on May 13th.

I. Terrie Teegarden announced there are two free FLEX events scheduled. There will be one for Accelerated ENGL/MATH at Miramar on March 25th and one for Accelerating Curriculum across all Disciplines at Mesa on April 8th.

J. Rob Fremland announced there will be Science Festival events, including a Science Career Fair, this weekend at Petco Park.

K. Laurie Mackenzie announced the various Women's History Month events on campus.

L. Danielle Lauria informed the senate that the Program Directors will be meeting to discuss the crisis the Allied Health department is facing in locating clinical placements for students in their programs. The precious few spaces are being given to privately run programs that are providing financial inducements to the medical facilities. The inability to place our students as part of their program certifications seriously threatens the future of the Allied Health programs. The department needs assistance and support from our new president and other administrators.

M. Nellie Daugherty announced the upcoming Festival of Colors in May.

N. Holly Hodnick announced the open house for the Design Center will be on May 24th.

O. Jill Jansen informed the senators that we are accepting contributions for the Academic Senate Gift Basket for the Scholarship Awards Banquet. Please bring \$10 in cash or a \$10 gift card to the Academic Senate office in room A117.

P. The Writing Contest deadline is May 27th. Please contact Joe Safdie and Wendy Smith.

Q. The next Academic Senate meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2011 in H117/H118.

IX. ADJOURNMENT @ 3:17 PM

Submitted by Madeleine Hinkes