

Minutes
Miramar College Academic Senate

Location: M-108

November 1, 2011 3:30-5:00pm

Senators Present: Daphne Figueroa, Angela Romero, David Buser, David Navarro, Mark Manasse, Lawrence Hahn, Mark Hertica, Rebecca Bowers-Gentry, Peter Elias, Isabella Feldman, Bob Fritsch (also proxy for Darrel Harrison), Naomi Grisham, Buran Haidar, Jeff Higginbotham, Yolanda James, April Koch, Andrew Lowe, Eric Mosier, Wheeler North, Cheryl Reed, Ken Reinstein, Dan Willkie, Ric Matthews, John Egidio

Other Attendees: Dan Igou, Linda Lee, Rich Halliday, Joan Thompson, Wayne Sherman, Juli Bartolomei

Absent: Darrel Harrison, Otto Dobre, Laura Gonzalez, Jordan Omens

Meeting called to order at 3:31pm.

A. Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes

The agenda was approved unanimously with a reordering of items Ei, Eii, Dvi and F to follow the President's Report. The minutes from the October 18 Academic Senate meeting were approved with two minor corrections from Lawrence Hahn, changing BUSI to BUSE and having the last line of Ci1 read "even though BUSE and Business Management program have no contract faculty."

B. Senate Reports

- i. Treasurer – David Buser reported a balance of \$1011.70. Since this amount will barely cover the barbeque (which was \$428 last year) and two \$300 student scholarships, Buser encouraged yet-to-contribute faculty to contribute to the Academic Senate (\$20 for contract faculty; \$10 for adjunct). Since Senate dues have not changed in over 20 years, faculty are welcome to contribute a few additional dollars. Daphne mentioned that the Senate Executive Committee has committed \$92 to sponsor 10 faculty members in the event that Miramar is selected to host the regional SLO meeting.
- ii. President's Report – Daphne reported on:
 - a) All committee slots have been filled. A few subcommittees and task forces have yet to be filled.
 - b) The Board meeting on the high speed rail issue went extremely well and the Board passed their resolution. Three community members, Wheeler North, Daphne and five ASC students spoke passionately about the effects of the project on the college and the community. The Board's resolution has gone out to the media. Hopefully, there has been enough community opposition to the proposed rail project that it will not go through Miramar, but everyone should stay tuned to this important issue.
 - c) Spring Plenary Session is Nov. 3-5 in San Diego.
 - d) Integrated planning posters are in mailboxes; additional posters are available for adjunct faculty. Daphne welcomes suggestions on where to post planning posters for adjunct instructors.
 - e) At the joint meeting of the SDCCD and SD Unified Boards, there was discussion of college – high school partnerships. There is a preliminary push for each college to have an "early middle college" program. Mesa and City Colleges both have such programs. At the last Chancellor's Cabinet meeting, the Chancellor asked Patricia whether Miramar was discussing plans for similar programs (perhaps with Mira Mesa High School). Peter Elias pointed out that Miramar "froze out" all high school students wishing to take Miramar College classes last Spring. David Navarro noted that such partnerships are protected as "Memos of Understanding." San Diego Unified indicated both that they would like to see 10,000 SD Unified high school students concurrently enrolled over the next five years, and that they would like to have more community college professors teaching on their campuses. Daphne noted that CCCs are connected to higher education, referencing the previous connection to K-12. There will likely be further discussions on this matter, particularly once the new VPI starts.
 - f) There is a Democracy Commitment that has been supported by the State Academic Senate and is moving forward. The Chancellor indicated that student leaders would work on this, and faculty have not yet been enlisted to work on related projects. While this is a worthy initiative, it cannot be a large commitment.
 - g) The Holiday barbeque has been moved back to December 1 to accommodate the concerns of the classified staff who will be occupied with student enrollments the following week.

iii. Past President – None

C. Special Reports

- i. (None)

D. Committee Reports/Information

- i. Basic Skills Update – Mark Manasse reported that Basic Skills will be investigating issues with the Accuplacer test. The Teaching Institute continues each Friday. Basic Skills will be presenting at the March 2012 Board Meeting to be held at Miramar.
- ii. District Classroom Standards Committee Update – No report.
- iii. PLACe Update – No report.
- iv. ACCJC Recommendation Progress & Update – Follow-up visit is Monday, November 7.
- v. Chairs Committee – No report.
- vi. Faculty (Contract) Hiring Committee – A Math Emergency Hiring Proposal was presented. In less than 8 months, Math has unexpectedly lost 45 percent of their contract faculty. Data was distributed showing adjunct – contract ratios in the Math Department. An amendment was unanimously approved to add the words “at least” (one contract hire) to the Math Department’s request for an emergency hire and the Senate voted to approve the motion.
- vii. Staff Development/FLEX Report – There will be a proposal on AFT travel at the first Senate meeting in December.

E. New Business

- i. Resolution: Concerns Regarding English 47 Course Proposal Circumventing Prerequisites & Placement (First Reading) – Daphne passed the gavel to Dave Buser and presented the resolution. At a District-wide meeting of interested constituencies, concerns were expressed that neither English 265B, the experimental course that is the predecessor to English 47, nor English 47 had gone through the regular prerequisite scrutiny process and, consequently, could change the prerequisites for all courses in all disciplines where English 48 and 49 are prerequisites, and in courses with English 48 and 49 advisories. The approval of English 47 is on Mesa’s Curriculum Committee’s agenda for this Thursday, although there has not been District-wide review of the data concerning English 265B. If English 47 substitutes for English 48 and 49, how do the sister colleges, where curriculum should be aligned, treat this innovative/experimental course? The resolution asks that English 47 not progress further in the approval process until it has gone through the regular prerequisite scrutiny process. General discussion followed Daphne’s presentation of the resolution. English faculty pointed out that English 47 is outside the current assessment process that has served students well for 10 years and further emphasized that the resolution deals specifically with the issue of process. A motion to suspend the rules to allow a vote without a second reading was passed. The resolution was also passed and will be forwarded to the Curriculum and Instructional Council Chair.
- ii. Nomination for Exemplary Program Award (from the State Academic Senate) – David Navarro and Mark Manasse presented on behalf of the Counseling Department and the Basic Skills Subcommittee. The Counseling Department’s “Freshman Year Experience” program was nominated. Selected programs will be recognized at the Board of Governors meeting in the Spring. The nomination was subsequently endorsed by the Senate.
- iii. Discussion of Resolutions for State Plenary – Due to the limited time remaining, Daphne suggested sending out the summary of her presentation on the ASCCC plenary resolutions and asked Senators to please discuss with their departments and give feedback on any positions that they wish her to take by no later than Friday evening, as voting begins on Saturday morning.

B. Old Business

- i. Resolution: Reaffirming Exclusive Faculty Access to Miramar’s Course SLO Tracking Database, SLOJet (Second Reading) – The resolution was passed following a short discussion about the expectation of privacy regarding SLO assessment results and faculty evaluation. B. Haidar pointed to the role of the Academic Senate in setting policy and the distinction between submitted grades as public information and SLO assessment data, which is more akin to faculty grade book information. She emphasized that faculty are not currently evaluated on the basis of course student success rates and, as such, SLO assessment results are to be viewed in the same light.

C. Announcements

- i. There will be two fundraisers for Environmental Stewardship: Souplantation on Nov. 1st and Rubio’s on Nov. 2nd.
- ii. ASCCC Plenary Session – Nov. 3rd–5th. Daphne has emailed the packet of resolution information to all constituencies, and reiterated that she has to vote on these on Saturday and welcomes info from Departments.
- iii. Accreditation Visit – Monday, Nov. 7th.
- iv. Parking Structure & Police Substation Grand Opening – Monday, Nov. 28th, 10am.
- v. President’s Holiday Luncheon – Monday, Nov. 28th.
- vi. Holiday BBQ – Thursday, Dec. 1st.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm. The next meeting will be on November 15th, from 3:30-5:00pm in M-108. Please submit agenda items by 11/09/11.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Romero and Juli Bartolomei