

Academic Senate
MINUTES
October 24, 2007
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. BC214

Members Present: Ignacio Alarcón (Chair), Armando Arias, Barbara Bell, Susan Broderick, Cathie Carroll, Tom Fitzgerald, Jack Friedlander, Tom Garey, David Gilbert, Kelly Lake, Ray Launier, Linda Lowell, Kathy Molloy, Kim Monda, Marcy Moore, Mimi Muraoka, Dean Nevins, Kathy O'Connor, Jan Schultz, Dan Wrentmore, Ana Maria Ygualt, Oscar Zavala.

Guest(s): Alice Scharper, Marilynn Spaventa

1.0 Call to Order

- 1.1 Approval of Minutes – October 10, 2007
M/S/C To approve the meeting Minutes of October 10, 2007 (Nevins/Launier)
- 1.2 Approval of Agenda – so approved

2.0 Information 3:05 – 3:15

- 2.1 The Partnership for Student Success has received the “Best Practices in Student Equity” Award and will be honored by State Chancellor Diane Woodruff , at the 2007 Community College League Conference in San Jose.
The Chancellor's award honors districts or colleges that have notably succeeded in advancing student equity in the California Community Colleges. The award celebrates outstanding achievement in promoting increased enrollment and success of women, persons with disabilities, the economically disadvantaged, ethnic minorities and all others in California's diverse population. Kathy Molloy will be accepting the award on behalf of the college and the Partnership for Student Success. John Romo and Chancellor Woodruff will be distributing the awards at a luncheon held on November 16.
- 2.2 The Board of Trustees has endorsed Proposition 92, by a 6-1 vote, on Oct. 18.
- 2.3 The California Community College Initiative on the statewide election 2/5/08:
 - Would require minimum levels of state funding for community colleges. It allows community college funding to increase with the growing student population without raising taxes
 - Would provide stable, affordable and predictable student fees by setting fees at \$15 per unit and limiting future fee increases to no more than the cost of living
 - Guarantees a stable system of independent public community college districts and Board of Governors.
- 2.4 AB 194 Basic Skills funding stipulations
The attached information detailed some of the provisions of AB194.
- 2.5 Updated Academic Senate Schedule
The Senate will not be meeting October 31 and will have two consecutive meetings November 7 (new faculty positions hearings) and November 14 (new faculty positions ranking). Steering Committee will meet November 28. The last Senate meeting of 2007 will be December 5.
- 2.5 New and Modified Courses beginning Fall 07, Winter Intersession, and Spring 08 submitted to BOT Oct. 18.
- 2.6 Other
 - 2.6.1 Ignacio Alarcon announced that Peter Rojas, Professor of Mathematics, has been named Teacher of the Year by the California Association on Postsecondary Education

and Disability (CAPED). The award recognizes an outstanding instructor or teacher (outside DSS/DSP&S) who recognizes his or her responsibility for the education of all learners and has made extraordinary efforts to meet the needs of all learners in the classroom through the use of innovative instructional techniques and accommodations. Professor Rojas completed his sabbatical leave project on the topic of improving the learning of math, with a focus on students with learning disabilities. He visited five campuses, collected best practices, and collaborated with many professionals in the state and the college.

2.6.2 Tom Garey informed that the Best of Santa Barbara has awarded top honors to the Santa Barbara City College Theatre Group. SBCC Theatre season's subscriptions have steadily increased for the last seven years and almost all of the shows in the Jurkowitz Theatre are sold out before they open.

2.6.3 Tom Garey reported that although the Senate has twice taken a position on the completion of the Drama/Music project as a full project, President Romo will be recommending that the funding for the Drama/Music project be limited to Phase 1. The Board of Trustees Facilities Committee will be meeting on November 8. At the next Senate meeting a follow-up report will be given, with a possible suggested action.

3.0 Hearing/Discussion 3:15 – 4:40

3.1 CNA full-time replacement position (after Kelly Graves' resignation), and Director of Student Health Services replacement position (after Susan Broderick's retirement)

M/S/C To move to Action (O'Connor/Molloy)

M/S/C To move that both full-time position replacements be exempt from hearings (Garey/Nevins)

3.2 Possible bond measure November 2008

- a. BOT Study Session received senate's resolution about bond Oct. 11
- b. Board has voted on hiring of consultant to conduct survey about bond Oct. 18
- c. Cost estimates of items considered for bond (pg. 18)
- d. District workgroup to work with consultant on survey's content (Kathy Molloy and Tom Garey representing Senate and IA, respectively). Their first meeting is October 22

It was noted that it would be beneficial to have the bond measure be on the same ballot as the Presidential election. The estimated cost will be around \$20 per \$100,000 in assessed property valuation, and the median assessed property value in the college service area is \$300,000.

The EVP commented that once the survey is complete the next step is to see which items on the priority list resonate with the voters. Bond funds can be used to leverage funds from the state, which can be presented to voters as an attractive feature.

3.3 CCCOER (Open Educational Resources, Foothill-De Anza initiative)

The commitment would be to foster an atmosphere to develop and share instructional materials, as a response to the rising costs of the already expensive textbooks. The Foothill-De Anza initiated consortium is trying to decide how to promote this, and working on strategies. The proposed MOU does not represent an onerous commitment for the college.

Does this mean the college will support the development? Possibly with release time? The MOU is not explicit about this. The only commitment they request is some support for travel to a few meetings during the year. The consortium is actively searching for grants that may sustain this effort.

Ms. O'Connor noted that we have had similar discussions before when developing online courses with regard to materials developed for the course. Some wanted to share others didn't. The question arises: if MOU is signed, is the college somehow compelled to commit some instructors to this task?

The EVP explained that signing the MOU would mean we are going to encourage instructors on a voluntary basis to develop and share their materials with others. With no hope of publishers reducing text book costs: What is being asked is that we actively encourage and support faculty to help build a robust public domain data base.

Some specific questions:

- What kind of support is locally available, for example from the president?
- See samples of what is already available through this consortium and other entities.
- When materials are developed and released as open educational resources, does the author get credit?
- Legal issues are involved, even with the use of public domain materials.

Ignacio Alarcon and Kathy O'Connor will be having conversations with the P.I. of the Foothill-De Anza consortium, Barbara Illowsky, as they will be attending the statewide Academic Senate Plenary November 1-3. They will report back to senate.

4.0 Action

4.1 Senate resolution of commendation for Beverly Schwamm and Agnes Kalisher. The Senate President read the commendation for both Beverly Schwamm and Agnes Kalisher respectively. Rounds of applause and standing ovations followed.

Whereas, Ms. Beverly Schwamm

continually gives extraordinary energy and talent to demanding tasks;

Whereas, She demonstrates high professionalism, humor, and grace, even under very stressful circumstances;

Whereas, Faculty and Administration at Santa Barbara City College depend on her expertise and good nature;

Whereas, She has extended herself far and above the call of duty simultaneously adapting to new payroll and teacher load protocols, new computer processing requirements, and new contract load provisions; and

Whereas, She has done so with skill, timeliness, and great good humor:

Be it resolved, that the Academic Senate for Santa Barbara City College, on behalf of the entire faculty, extends its thanks and heartfelt commendation to Ms. **Beverly Schwamm** for her dedication, perseverance, and service to the faculty and the College.

(signed by President, Ignacio Alarcón and Vice President, Susan Broderick.)

Whereas, Ms. Agnes Kalisher

demonstrates high standards of professionalism and a keen sense of responsibility;

Whereas, She provides timely and expert service;

Whereas, She welcomes everyone with a radiant smile;

Whereas, She has extended herself far and above the call of duty simultaneously adapting to new payroll and teacher load protocols, new computer processing requirements, and new contract load provisions; and

Whereas, She has done so with skill, timeliness, and great good humor:

Be it resolved, that the Academic Senate for Santa Barbara City College, on behalf of the entire faculty, extends its thanks and heartfelt commendation to Ms. **Agnes Kalisher** for her dedication, perseverance, and service to the faculty and the College.

(signed by President, Ignacio Alarcón and Vice President, Susan Broderick.)

M/S/C To approve the commendation for Ms. Beverly Schwamm (O'Connor/Molloy)
Unanimous

M/S/C To approve the commendation for Ms. Agnes Kalisher (O'Connor/Molloy)
Unanimous

4.2 Partnership for Student Success recommendation for year 3

Ms. Molloy provided the Senate with the information requested to endorse the recommendation.

M/S/C To approve the PSS recommendation for year 3 (Monda/O'Connor) Unanimous

4.3 Academic Year 2008-2009 Calendar/Intersession

The proposed intersession dates have been included.

M/S/C O'Connor/Molloy) 1 abstention

4.4 ISLOs

With additions and revisions and after deliberation by the Academic Senate, the Institutional Student Learning Outcomes document was approved. (Attachment)

M/S/C To approve, with a friendly amendment, the ISLOs as modified (O'Connor/Molloy)
(Broderick/Zavala) 1 abstention

5.0 Reports (4:40 – 5:00)

5.1 President's Report

Reported on the Area C meeting. Santa Monica College has completed their Midterm Report for Accreditation. They received two commendations on their SLO process. Ignacio Alarcon reported that when comparing our process to theirs, we have significant parallels. Ignacio has requested the SMC Academic Senate president to provide us with their report, for our reference. The Basic Skills allocation will be available soon.

5.2 Liaison Reports

Kim Monda – Planning & Resources Committee:

- The committee has been working on how they can contribute to the elaboration of the College Plan.

- The Committee has received a response on the proposed BP 4560, which was an effort to create a way to ensure that faculty get more opportunity for input and feedback in the long-term planning of facilities.

There are two major concerns expressed by the president. The proposed policy calls for an annual revision of long-term plans, which is not the timeframe in which college has conducted its long-term planning. The second concern is that the proposed policy would in fact elevate the Planning and Resources Committee to a separate consultative body. The Planning and Resources Committee is a senate committee, and as such it can report to senate all their recommendations. The senate representatives in the College Planning Council can then act when planning takes place at this college-wide consultative body.

The committee still sees a problem: when CPC has undertaken major revisions to the long-term planning, there hasn't been much opportunity for input from faculty. P&R is awaiting direction from the Senate on how to proceed regarding long-term planning policy at the college.

Kelly Lake:

Sabbatical Leave Committee: There are 8 proposals for sabbaticals: five year-long requests and three one-semester. Darin Garard and Leslie Griffin will determine available resources.

Committee on Teaching and Learning: Work on DLAs is continuing. Now that the ISLOs have been approved the committee needs guidance on what their role will be relative to ISLO-Program SLO-Course SLO

Faculty Professional Development Committee: With the extended deadline, there are more proposals to be reviewed.

Faculty Recognition Committee: The Exemplary Program Award nomination is near, and awaiting the final details from the state office before requesting nominations. Look for the Hayward award requests sometime in December.

Faculty Lecturer subcommittee: They plan to request nominations for the new lecturer this spring.

Tom Garey – College Planning Council: Work on new College Plan has started, one of the first steps being the evaluation of the current College Plan. The EC has brainstormed Challenges and Priorities and CPC has taken up those ideas. A sample of the challenges being considered:

- As the college has grown and programs have become more complex it has not kept up with support staff
- Increased costs in commuting and time as increasing numbers of staff/faculty live away
- Improve shared governance: participation, information and timeliness for decision making

Kathy O'Connor:

Matriculation Committee: Working on the matriculation plan. Prerequisites and co-requisites will be enforced Fall 2008. There is a difference in current language/definition and practice with Banner. Can this be fixed in the system? Or can we turn off the block? In order to fix the issue for fall faculty may need to make some adaptations. EVP: This is a crisis, not business as usual.

Instructional Technology Committee: The committee has been working on writing a resolution to bring to the Senate. There are needs for which funds need to be released, according to initiatives that were ranked by ITC two years ago.

Jan Schulz: Academic Policies Committee: No report.

5.3 EVP Report

The EVP spoke about the handout from John Romo's office on Proposition 92. Three groups oppose this: California Teachers Association, California Chamber of Commerce and Tax Payers Association of California, Reason: lacks accountability, no focus on how the money is spent.

Suggestion: We need better handouts in support of Proposition 92. A short document with talking points is needed. The document should be easy to reproduce, without frills.

6.0 Adjourn