Ventura College Academic Senate

Minutes
Thursday, May 7th, 2015
2:00-3:30pm
Multidiscipline Center West (MCW) – 312

I. Call to Order at 2:06pm. The following senators were present:

Senator	Division Represented	Initials	Present	Absent
Algiers, Kammy	Mathematics & Sciences	KA	X	
Beatty, Donna	Mathematics & Sciences	DB	X	
Carrasco-Nungaray, Marian	Student Services	MCN	X	
Coffey, Colleen M.	Senate Secretary	CMC	X	
Forde, Richard	Career & Technical Education	RF		
Hendricks, Bill	Social Sciences & Humanities	BH		
Horigan, Andrea		AH	X	
Lange, Cari	Senate Vice-President	CL	X	
Kim, Henny	English & Learning Resources	HK	X	
Kolesnik, Alex	Senate President	AK	X	
Martin, Amanda	English & Learning Resources	AM	X	
McCain, Mike	Mathematics & Sciences	MMc	X	
Morris, Terry or Anglin, Gary	Athletics, Kinesiology & Health	TM / GA		
Mules, Ron	Social Sciences & Humanities	RM		
Joannamarie Kraus	ASVC	JMK		
Sha, Saliha	Mathematics & Sciences	SS		
Wendt, Patty or Paula Munoz	Student Services	PW / PM	PW X	
Zacharias, Mary	Career & Technical Education	MZ	X	

Guests Present: Dave Fuhrmann, Dr. Greg Gillespie

III. Public Comments—None.

IV. Acknowledgment of Guests: Dave Fuhrmann, Dr. Greg Gillespie

V. Technology Plan Presentation (Dave Fuhrmann)—Here to update us. Why do we have this plan? Accreditation requires that all resources be tied to a plan. This plan focuses on district-wide goals/objectives. Previous plan was 2011-2014 and that was the first plan of its type for this district. For the sake of expediency (i.e. accreditation visit), this prior plan was not totally vetted by all constituencies; they are hoping to do better this time. He walks senators through the 18 new initiatives. PW asks about compliance with section 508: DF replies that recent work has revealed a number of non-compliant .pdf documents (i.e. documents that are readable by a screen reader), but this is something they are working on. CL expresses concern re: the security system in place; particularly, the accessibility of personal information (in an environment where we might move to paperless processes). She would like to see additional support from the district to address this particularly. DF answers that they are seeking funding from the BOT to

address this. He says our systems are all compliant, but the hackers that target systems nowadays are much more sophisticated than what our systems (ex. Banner) were designed to fend off.

VI. Approval of Minutes

a. April 16—Motion by: HK; 2nd by CMC. Discussion: None. Unanimous (AM & MMc abstained).

b. April 23—Motion by CL; 2nd by AM. Unanimous (MZ & DB abstain).

VII. President's Report—BOT took no action in closed session. In open session they amended the Chancellor's contract (he distributes copies to anyone interested). Dr. Gillespie answers that they needed to amend her contract to reflect the new termination date (she had 3 years remaining on her contract). Senators briefly discuss the BOT's action. CMC expresses that she believes this "garden leave" reflects poorly on the college.

VIII. Discussion Items

a. College reorganization—Dr. Gillespie begins by saying that overall it appears that the campus supports the move to a 3-VP model. The BOT will be taking action to eliminate the EVP & Dean of Student Services positions. These and other changes (previously covered) will be addressed at the June BOT meeting. Also, they are looking to replace Gloria in the Articulation Officer position. He has spoken to the other two college presidents and they have agreed to cooperate and support VC as we move to fill this job; we can also get—if necessary—extensions on state deadlines. We can also looking at supplementing the work from the other two colleges with someone here; perhaps even the person who retired from the position. Announcement internally to fill this job; if not, then it will go to the public process to hire a new one. He says either he or Dr. Jefferson's office will send out an announcement to this effect to the whole campus. Encourages attendance at the Participatory Governance Forum on Monday 5/11 from 3:30-5:30.

b. Making decisions document—Senators look at revised sample pages from Dave Keebler's office. CL makes the suggestion to indicate where certain faculty membership is coming from (ex: membership on CPC from DE, from Division, etc). AK says that for this particular committee, management are non-voting members. There was discussion to have one dean who was a voting member just so that the deans have a voice. He asks Senators how they feel about allowing one dean to be a voting member. AH asks if the charge was designed to NOT have the dean as a voting position. CL says her concern is that if you look at the current structure of the CPC, the college president already has a lot of power via Admin Council and has had dean input via that body. AK responds that Admin Council is not a votes-taken; it's operational. But CL responds that they (the deans) are nonetheless shaping policy before it appears before the CPC. Dr. Gillespie says that Admin Council will spend some time discussing, but it is more informative. He expresses that this is not an end-all issue for the deans; it was merely suggested to give them a chance to have input. Dr. Gillespie says right now with the document many revisions are in process and faculty should have a revised close-to-final document in time for our first senate meeting in the fall. CL says she does not like the situation on this campus where it seems to be the same people on committees forever; she says that our committees should not be locked down in their membership (ex: FOG committee). Dr. Gillespie replies that they considered a 3-year rotation wherein 1/3 of membership would turn over

every year. Senators discuss this and also the issue of getting all faculty members to participate on committees, and to address issue of other faculty who are "on" committees but never show up for meetings and where is accountability for this. Discussion regarding possibly formulating rules by committee to specify that non-attendance will boot that faculty person off that committee. Senators further discuss this, as well as the possibilities/drawbacks of a "naughty & nice" report that calls out faculty committee membership. AM asks which committees part-timers can serve on? Is this called out in the revised document? AK answers that yes, they are. CL asks if Senate is going to have a chance to look at membership specifically as this document is being finalized. AK answers that yes, this can be further looked at/revised if need be. Further discussion regarding this; need potentially for a meeting devoted solely to this document in fall as it nears finalization.

c. Senate by-laws (and constitution)—Reads Article VI—Amendments to the senators. AK discusses how process can/must proceed depending on whether we are amending by-laws, or the Constitution itself.

IX. Action Items

a. IEPI goals (first and second reading) –AK reviews relevant data from the State Chancellor's Office (both at district & campus level) and senators briefly discuss this information. Motion for approving 73% as target goal for Successful Course Completion (we are currently at 72.2%): Motion by MZ; 2nd by AH. MZ votes in favor; motion fails.
CL asks if AK knows what the state & regional averages are? AK responds no, as it was not clear which goals they had to meet (ex: Scorecard data was what was discussed at Admin Council this week). He realized when he looked at the State Portal, those were not what state was looking for this year. He says we are doing very well compared to like-colleges, but even within our district there are differences in these numbers. AH asks if these should coincide with ISLO's? AK replies that maybe next year we should have that discussion. AH clarifies that if we raise the parameters here, should the ISLO's match? Senators discuss efficacy of this. AK clarifies that this is simply an aspirational goal for 2015/2016 school year. DB asks about where this information was in the senators' agenda packet; AK clarifies and brings the relevant page up on the screen and explains why senators did not know they would be looking at Successful Course Competition, as opposed to Completion Rates. Senators further discuss pros/cons of setting this number.
Motion by CL to set 72.5; 2nd by AH: DB abstains; otherwise unanimous.

b. Articulation officer resolution (first and second reading)—AK asks if there is further discussion re: this. Do we still want to proceed with the resolution? Motion to approve resolution: CL; 2nd by AH: CMC & MZ abstain. Motion passes.

c. Senate Awards and Mace carrier—AK asks if senators will give permission to send a survey by email for awards. Senators concur. AK suggests Gary Anglin (Assistant Football Coach) as a Mace carrier—senators discuss this and other retirees. Gary & Kathryn Scheonrock will be co-mace carriers; if one declines, the other will serve.

X. Announcements for the Good of the Order: none.
XI. Requests for Future Agenda Items: none.
XII. Adjournment at 3:40pm.