

**Academic Senate Council Meeting
February 2, 2006**

Present:

Members of the Executive Committee:

Kathryn Schoenrock, Becky Hull, Luke Hall

Members of the Council:

Nancy Mitchell, Mayo de la Rocha, Judy Garey, Peter Sezzi, Karen de la Pena, Terry Morris, Colleen Coffey, Lauri Moore, Paula Munoz, Marian Carrasco Nungaray, Tesi Lowe

Senator Emeritus:

Edith Conn

ASB Representative:

Matt Richman

Guests:

Joan Smith

- I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Kathryn at 1:40pm. She introduced guests and new Council members: guest - Joan Smith; ASVC rep- Matt Richmond; Interim Parttime rep- Colleen Coffey; and Tesi Lowe, Arts & Sciences alternate rep.
- II. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Under Information: Multi-term Registration information, Campus Open House, Transfer Degree discussion
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: No minutes to present (Bob unable to attend)
- IV. TRANSFER DEGREE DISCUSSION: Kathryn shared that she was not sure if this topic and DCSL's purpose and charge should be an emergency action item for this meeting or call an emergency Council meeting to deal with it. Differing opinions were shared and decided to hold the discussion to later in the meeting under President's Report.
- V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:
 - E. Enrollment Task Force: With consent from the Council, she introduced Joan to give an overview of this TF and how the 525 report was used and discussed. Joan stressed that the handout, "Instruction Data Report, Fall 2004" that Kathryn gave the Council was going to be useful in the Program Review process and could use the numbers to justify the need for more fulltime faculty or for growth in programs or bring in new programs. She noted that the report has some flawed data and has notified District. For particular details on how 5/25 is computed, Joan said that Council members could contact Connie Baker. Joan will be working with the Dept. Chairs on Program Review. Discussion followed.
Per Kathryn, the Enrollment Task Force will not be meeting any more this academic year and could be reconvened in 2007.
 - A. DCAS: Kathryn shared that at Admin Council, T. Kimberling shared that DSC has done a simulation of the anticipated funding for next year. Since the last Board meeting where S. Johnson made a Budget presentation, VCCCD has lost funding. Discussion followed on the Senate's role in requesting the reinstatement

- of programs that were cut last year. She indicated that she has taken this message to the Board already and the Council recommended that we continue to maintain pressure on Administration for more fulltime faculty. P. Munoz also stressed the importance of faculty attending Board meetings to reinforce the message.
- B. DCSL: Kathryn explained why the Transfer Degree issue was not on this agenda, mainly because at the time of the posting of this agenda, there was not an urgency to the issue. Since then, things changed and she reported that an emergency DCSL meeting had been called for Friday, Feb. 3. She believed that she might have to vote on the issue of campus autonomy vs. DCSL charge. There was a lengthy discussion (over 45 minutes) on the feedback from the survey sent out on the issue; reasons to support campus autonomy, reasons to not support it, and overall many questions and comments. In the end, it was recommended that the Council receive more information on “why” DCSL needs to change its charge.
 - C. ADMIN COUNCIL: Kathryn informed the Council that VC administration is interested in purchasing new software to monitor computer use in IDS 100 classes. This program/software would keep track of what websites students are accessing and could lead to the issue of appropriateness of computer use. Discussion followed.
 - D. CHANCELLOR’S CONSULTATION: There has been lengthy discussions on participatory governance and the Chancellor has set the date for the Technical Visit from the state. It is set for April 17 or 18. Kathryn will bring more information on this soon.
 - E. (See above)
 - F. MARKETING TASK FORCE: Becky reported on this TF’s suggestions for marketing, including the use of a “Campus Focus” magazine to market our college and the other colleges programs. Over the next two meetings, the TF will be looking at retention and outreach. Overall, she sees this as a positive group.
 - G. GRANTS: Peter made a brief report on support for grant funding.
- IV. TREASURER’S REPORT: Luke reported that Faculty Recognition Night has been set for April 21 and has secured the Poinsettia Pavillon as the location.
- V. ACTION ITEMS:
- A. Academic Freedom Policy: Kathryn presented a draft copy of the policy written by the Senate Exec as requested by Council at the last meeting. Motion – de la Rocha/ Carrasco: to approved the policy. Discussion followed. Friendly amendment to make the following corrections: In 2nd paragraph change truth to knowledge; in b) take out last sentence; switch a) and b); and work on the wording regarding presentation of controversial topics. Motion passed.
- VI. ADJOURNMENT: Motion – Moore/Morris to adjourn the meeting at 3:40pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted Feb. 9, 2006 by Becky Hull.