

Minutes:MSP

Ventura College Academic Senate Thursday, October 18, 2007

I. Call to order at 1:35

Present: Terry Morris (PE/Athletics), Lauri Moore (Treasurer), Dave Oliver (Math/Science), Ann Bittl (Art), Edith Conn (Senator Emeritus), Joe Selzler (Secretary), Kathryn Schoenrock (President), Paula Munoz (Student Services), Nancy Mitchell (Nursing), Mark Pauling (Social Sciences), Angelica Gonzales (Student Services), Karen de la Pena (Business)

Guest: Susan Bricker, Registrar

II. Approval of the minutes

Approved 6-0 with 3 abstentions

III. Guest Susan Bricker- Minors on Campus Susan Bricker spoke to the Senate about minors on campus. Community Colleges can admit students from kindergarten age and on. K-8 age students need written permission of the instructor, and register last. Minor students are subject to the same rules as all other students although parents can be involved in discipline problems in some cases. Instructors are supposed to report signs of abuse although this is not clear to most instructors. Concerns raised by senate members include what types of information can be told to parents, and liability if something happens to a minor. The parents of minors on campus must sign a statement advising them that the college is an adult environment and that students will be treated as adults. The major code on course rosters identifies students who are still in high school although this wouldn't necessarily indicate all those in class who are under 18. The Senate President will provide Susan Bricker input from the State Senate about these issues and bring a paper from the State Senate to the next meeting.

IV. Action Item

A. Diversity Facilitators The President met with Becky Hull and Peter Sezzi who have served as faculty diversity facilitators to discuss their replacement by classified diversity facilitators. The Senate Exec drafted a resolution opposing this change. The resolution was presented for discussion and input. It will be voted on at the next meeting. Moorpark is also working on a resolution.

B. ORAP Review – Tabled until next meeting. Approved 9-0.

C. Faculty Professional Development Committee. The Senate Exec met with current faculty members of the Staff Development Committee to discuss its relationship to the Faculty Professional Development Committee. The Faculty Professional Development Committee will have up to 10 faculty members. The Faculty Professional Development was encouraged to carefully manage funds provided by the State for faculty professional development as there are concerns that the District might try to use some of the money. The first meeting of the Faculty Professional Development Committee will be in mid-November.

D. Ethics Statement The Senate is considering going with the AAUP Statement on Ethics. This issue will be discussed further at the next meeting.

E. Elections Subcommittee There will be an election for Academic Senate President. Joe Selzler, David Oliver, and Karen de la Pena will be the election subcommittee.

V. President's Report

A. Administrative Council Report No report. It was a short meeting.

B. Board Report The WASC accreditation report was presented at the last board meeting. The Board should not micromanage policy according to the accreditation report. The Board is also not supposed to represent the interests of the entire district and not one constituency.

C. Technical Assistance Visit Report The Technical Assistance Visit was last Tuesday. It was not well attended due to the meeting taking place when most instructors were still in class. It was a short visit mainly for the Board Members and accreditation. A level two visit might have been more appropriate which involves getting recommendations for solving issues in the district.

D. Curriculum Committee The Curriculum Committee was looking into forming a subcommittee on distance education. Discussions were held and it was decided to not form a distance education subcommittee, but rather have the curriculum committee as a whole vote on distance education curriculum by removing items from the consent agenda when appropriate. The committee will also look at ensuring that the departments as a whole approve distance education courses. This will be discussed at the department chairs meeting.

E. Resignation of President of the Senate Effective end of Spring Semester 2008 Kathryn Schoenrock will be resigning at the end of the Spring 2008 Semester. There will be an election to fill her place. Kathryn Schoenrock thanked the Senate for their support.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Division reps on college committees

VII. Items for Information/Discussion

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B. Other EAC will have a dance program on Thursday October 25, at 10:30. There will be food.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00.