

Senate Nanoseconds

A Summary of the 3 November 2014 Senate Board Meeting

Standing/Ad Hoc/Campus-Wide Committee Reports

1. Student Equity Committee Report – Bianca Richards reported that at its last meeting the Equity Committee reviewed data addressing equity gaps in Basic Skills for Math and English and transfer for Latinos and African American students.
2. Accreditation Steering Committee Update – Co-Chairs Stephanie Fleming and Matt Jordan reported that the submission of the Accreditation Self-Evaluation to the Board of Trustees by 10 November had been approved by the Planning and Priorities Committee at its 20 October morning meeting. Based on feedback from the public and all constituency groups, the ASC is revising each of the standards and introductory portions. Standards 1A, 1B, 4A, 4B and two of the introductory sections have been approved. The online grid is being worked on.

Executive Committee Recommendations

1. Voted to approve Asher Shaman (Mathematics) to the Distance Education Committee.
2. Voted to ratify to the Shared Governance Planning and Priorities Committee: Melissa Michelson (Languages).
3. Voted to approve Kris Pilon (CTE: E&T) to the Educational Master Plan Committee.
4. Voted to approve Rod Foster (VAMS) and Lynn Wright (English) to the Shared Governance Enrollment Committee.
5. Voted (written) to approve Roger Marheine (English) to the Shared Governance Calendar Committee.

Information Items (no action taken)

1. Academic Senate Treasurer Manny Perea asked Administration to clarify why it had reported to the Senate Executive Committee at the 15 Oct. CAPM that minimum FT faculty hire numbers would be 5-10 but later reported to Senate Board that the FT faculty hire numbers would be 11-24. The Administration explained that it had received an additional state report (dated 4 September) after CAPM with correct/revised number.
2. Distance Education Committee- Lauren Arenson reported on proposed committee policy revisions which include revision of online faculty office hours. L. Arenson also reported that the Educational Policies Committee is considering having 2.5 faculty hours on line to increase student access. At present training is not required for faculty wishing to hold on-line conference hours. Currently all paperwork not returned to students is to be kept a minimum of 2 years.
3. Katie Rodriguez proposed that each school/division should have its own Learning Assessment Coordinator. K. Rodriguez' power point presentation outlined the current challenges using E Lumen and the goals, job description, and duties of Learning Assessment Coordinator.
4. Section B Certificate Proposal – VAMPA Dean Jim Arnwine reported that VAMPA faculty, after course review, feel that Journalism-Public Relations course should be deactivated/discontinued. This item will be presented for a vote on the next Senate Agenda.
5. Basic Skills Coordinator Beverly Tate provided a handout on the rationale for adding a diversity question on Faculty Self- Evaluations. B. Tate proposes that the College Diversity Initiative Committee encourage PCC to include a question on the self-evaluation form for faculty to reflect on how instructors are infusing their courses with readings, assignments, and/or activities on issues of diversity.

Information Items (with action taken)

1. Academic Senate Committee Housecleaning to be moved to 17 November Senate Board Agenda: Handouts of Committees with New and Current Mission Statements and of Committees without Mission Statements will be forwarded for discussion.

Executive Committee Reports

1. President E. A. Cairo reported that the Administration and Executive Committee agreed to an exhibit by Jaime Escalante in the Circadian, Spring of 2015. During the exhibit, Senate Board meetings will be held in Creveling.
2. At CAPM, President Cairo reported that he was unable to sign the SSSP Report because he had been given insufficient time to read and review the document which inaccurately states that the Senate President had participated in its creation. The majority of the Senate voted that the SSSP Report be forwarded to the Senate Board for review and discussion at a special meeting to be held on 10 November, 3-4:00pm.
3. Executive Committee reports from Vice President Kris Pilon, Secretary Pat Rose, and Treasurer Manny Perea and reports from PCCFA, Adjunct Faculty, and Classified Senate will also be forwarded to next Senate Agenda.