Action Item: 10 May. 2011

TO: ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
FROM: RECORDING SECRETARY
PREPARED BY: RECORDING SECRETARY
Action: Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the 26 Apr. 2011 AS Executive Committee Meeting

Present: Jamey Anderson, Dianne Berman, Gregory Brookins, Mary Colavito, Guido Davis Del Piccolo, Tina Feiger, Nancy Hanson, Janet Harclerode, Janie Jones, Amber Katherine, Lucy Kluckhohn-Jones, Vanessa Mejia, Jennifer Merlic, Pete Morris, Melody Nightingale, Eric Oifer, Wendy Parise, Christine Schultz, Gary Todd, Esau Tovar, Carol Womack.

Excused: Laura Manson.


I. Call to Order --meeting was called to order at 11:20 AM
II. Action Items:

   a) Approval of the Minutes for April 5, 2011
       Corrections: Change AB 4300 to AB4350
       Minutes were approved as amended.

   b) 1st Read AR 4410 - Student Conduct, Activities and Programs -
       Greg Brookins, Chair of Student Affairs
       Bob Myers and Judy Penchansky have been working on this- to clarify
       language and condense processes into a more readable format.
       They added language to clarify a preponderance of evidence as the
       standard of guilt, instead of reasonable doubt. Not beyond
       reasonable doubt.
Most of the changes relate to moving things around, not major changes.
AR4410 new wording will move forward to Senate Assembly next week for a first read. Send your thoughts to Greg before the meeting.

c) Global Citizenship and Basic Skills Faculty Leader Positions
Pete and Gary have held positions for 3 years. Eric would like to send call out by end of the week. He will send a minimal description of the positions. Administration will commit to 2 years of 20% reassigned time.

Deadline is the 3rd week of May.

III. Information Items

1. President’s Report – Eric Oifer

   a. Democracy Commitment
      This was presented to the state Senate. It calls for college presidents to sign on for civic engagement. Dr. T has already signed on.
      This is outside of academic matters; it is taking education as a public good.

   b. Budget
      Eric asked all to spread the word that SMC will hire new faculty. The College set aside money two years ago to hire in the face of projected retirements. We can afford to hire. Hiring freeze was instituted the day after faculty hires were approved.

   c. Senate Elections
      Eric is elections Chair this year.
d. Plenary Session

A resolution from SCC (Senate Curriculum Committee) regarding course repetition was brought before the statewide Senate. The intent was to get rid of title "activity" for activity classes. The resolution passed.

A resolution defining repeatability in arts and physical education classes did not pass. The CA Legislature will now make these decisions.

SB1440: the Senate urged colleges to support the TMC. The Legislature wants students who take classes at a community college to be accepted by the CSU.

e. AB 515

Dr. Tsang is very much in favor of this.

Eric's resolution in support for the bill was defeated.

f. Retirement Event

The retirement event will be held June 15, the day after graduation. The District will provide funding.

Janie encouraged everyone to come and to acknowledge our retiree's for the gift of their time.

2. Committee Reports

Janie announced that the Social Committee is planning events at El Torito and the Soup Plantation, which have agreed to send a percentage of money spent to SMC. Janie will announce at the Assembly meeting.

3. Flex Days --Nancy Hanson, Chair of PDC

Planning for these days is overwhelming for the committee. It was suggested that the PDC should do the professional development days for faculty, and that CSEA should have their own day.

This is a topic for discussion at a later meeting. Eric and Nancy will discuss alternatives and come back to senate.
IV. Announcements --none

V. Adjournment -meeting adjourned at 12:32 pm.